

# AeroATL Model Mile Feasibility Study

## Virtual Public Forums

### Schedule & Attendance

Municipality	Date	Time	# Attendees
City of South Fulton	4/21/2020	2:00 - 3:00 PM	24
City of East Point	4/21/2020	4:00 - 5:00 PM	35
City of Atlanta	4/22/2020	3:00 - 4:00 PM	28
City of Hapeville	4/23/2020	2:00 - 3:00 PM	22
City of Union City	4/23/2020	4:00 - 5:00 PM	15
Clayton County	4/28/2020	2:00 - 3:00 PM	23
City of Forest Park	4/28/2020	3:00 - 4:00 PM	15
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### Summary

This first round of public meetings was initially scheduled as two in-person meetings. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these meetings were moved to a virtual/dial in format. All meetings were facilitated by a Consultant Team project manager and followed the same agenda:

- Introduction
- Pigeonhole: How To & Poll
- Overview of Goals & Criteria
- Progress to Date
- Existing Conditions
- Virtual Site Tour
- Interactive Poll
- Interactive Q & A
- Next Steps

Each meeting was recorded and can be found at <https://aeroatl.org/special-projects>. A summary of the interactive poll results and questions/answers recorded at each meeting is included below.

# City of Hapeville

## City of Hapeville Model Mile Poll Session

Question: What is your current association with the City of Hapeville?		Total votes (13)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Resident	4	30.8%
2	Business Owner	1	7.7%
3	Government Employee	1	7.7%
4	Elected Official	0	0.0%
5	Just interest in the Trail System	7	53.8%

Question: Do you actively use trails/greenways in Hapeville or other surrounding communities?		Total votes (13)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Yes	11	84.6%
2	No	2	15.4%
3	I don't know	0	0.0%

Question: Please rate the level of comfort/ease you have as a pedestrian or bicyclist along this corridor, with 1 being very uncomfortable/very uneasy and 5 being very comfortable/easy.		Total votes (11)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	1 - extremely uncomfortable	2	18.2%
2	2	2	18.2%
3	3	3	27.2%
4	4	2	18.2%
5	5 - extremely comfortable	2	18.2%

Question: What amenities would make a proposed greenway along N. Outer/Inner Loop Rd comfortable for you?		Total votes (22)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Lighting	7	31.8%
2	Emergency Phone Station	1	4.5%
3	Signage	2	9.1%
4	Landscape strip adjacent to trail	6	27.3%
5	Physical barrier adjacent to trail	6	27.3%

Question: What traffic/operational improvements along Outer Loop Road would increase your sense of safety and encourage your use as a pedestrian or bicyclist?			Total votes (22)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total	
1	Protected pedestrian facilities along Outer Loop Rd.	8	36.4%	
2	crosswalks at intersection of Toffie Terrace and Outer Loop Rd.	7	31.8%	
3	Signalized pedestrian/bike crossings at selected locations	2	9.1%	
4	Reduced vehicular speed limits along Outer Loop Rd.	2	9.1%	
5	Reduced number of vehicular lanes along Outer Loop Rd.	3	13.6%	

Question: Which of the following destinations would you like to see the trail connect to?			Total votes (22)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total	
1	The Delta Flight Museum/Delta HQ	5	22.7%	
2	The Porsche Experience Center	9	41.0%	
3	The Existing cycletrack along Doug Davis Dr.	1	4.5%	
4	Jesse Lucas Y-Teen Park/Hapeville Depot Museum	1	4.5%	
5	Arches Brewery	6	27.3%	

## City of Hapeville Model Mile Q & A Session

### **Q: How can the Hapeville Business Community collectively contribute to this project?**

A: At this stage, we encourage anyone with connections to the business community to spread the word about the model mile feasibility study and these virtual meetings. We would like for business owners to share information with their customers about the project to help get more people engaged. We encourage feedback even after these virtual meetings conclude. The business community can also assist in identifying funding and enlisting political support amongst leadership.

### **Q: What is the targeted timeframe for starting to build out the trail and timeframe for completion?**

A: We do not yet have a timeframe for the construction phase of the project. The model mile feasibility study should be complete by September/October 2020. After the study is complete, the municipalities will need to identify and hire a firm to complete the detailed design and engineering plans which could take from 6 to 18 months depending on the funding source and the complexity of the project. Next, the project can be bid out for construction which could take another 12 to 18 months.

### **Q: How will this project predominately be funded?**

A: There are several opportunities for funding including local municipal funds, state matching funds, state grants, donations, and the Georgia Department of Transportation. The purpose of this study is to identify a preferred route and potential costs associated with that route.

**Q: How much do you expect it to cost? What are the sources of funding?**

A: A basic, simple greenway without complicated crossings can cost between \$1 and \$1.5 Million per mile on the lower end. Once we have the actual preferred route and physical conditions that may impact the route, we will be able to estimate the cost more accurately. There are several opportunities for funding including local municipal funds, state matching funds, state grants, donations and the Georgia Department of Transportation. The purpose of this study is to identify a preferred route and potential costs associated with that route.

**Q: Will there be opportunities for art along the trail?**

A: Yes, there will be opportunities to incorporate art along the trail system.

**Q: What is the ultimate goal for connectivity to other existing/in-process trails? Is the goal to be able to safely travel on foot/bike within the Tri-Cities area, or into Atlanta (PATH, Beltline, etc.)?**

A: The model miles are a part of a larger trail system being planned called the AeroATL Greenway Plan. The goal is to interconnect all of the individual model mile trails as well as tie into other trail systems where possible.

**Q: Will Delta be utilized as a partner since a majority of the area is in/around Delta Headquarters?**

A: Our hope is to engage Delta and create a partnership in this effort. There should be several partners interested in being a part of this effort.

**Q: Will the portion of bike lanes on Doug Davis be tied into this project?**

A: This project is intended to be its own multi-use trail project. It will absolutely need to be connected to Doug Davis, but at this point we are not sure if this will be a part of the finished project. The ultimate goal is for this to be an independent project, ideally and primarily along Loop Road. However, alternate routes can also be assessed. As we go forward, you will see more alternatives and can help us decide the final route of the trail.

**Q: What materials will be used for the trail?**

A: Trail materials can vary but more than likely, either asphalt or concrete will be used. The ideal surface is durable and smooth. Concrete is the more durable surface and lasts longer than asphalt. Pavers could also be used as well as recycled materials. It will not be a soft surface trail.

**Q: Is there a way to connect to the west near the new airport hotel and through College Park?**

A: Yes, there have been some high level discussions about the best way to make that connection. Since this is a part of a larger network, there are plans for greater connections throughout the area.

**Q: Where are the proposed routes in College Park and East Point? We are the “Tri-Cities.”**

A: You can review the overall AeroATL Greenway Plan at [www.aeroatl.org](http://www.aeroatl.org) to see all of the proposed routes that are a part of the larger greenway system. East Point has their own trails master plan. While our focus is on the model miles at this time, we ensure that this is a part of a larger overall plan for connectivity.