

# 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 Union City

## City of Union City Model Mile Poll Session

Question: What is your current association with Union City?		Total votes (8)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Resident	1	12.5%
2	Business Owner	0	0.0%
3	Government Employee	1	12.5%
4	Elected Official	0	0.0%
5	Just Interest in the Trail System	6	75.0%

Question: Do you actively use trails/greenways in Union City or other surrounding communities?		Total votes (6)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Yes	3	50.0%
2	No	3	50.0%
3	I don't know	0	0.0%

Question: What design elements or amenities would you like to see incorporated into the trail?		Total votes (9)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	Lighting	4	44.5%
2	Emergency call box	0	0.0%
3	Signage	1	11.1%
4	Landscape strip adjacent to the trail	2	22.2%
5	Physical barrier adjacent to trail	2	22.2%
6	Other	0	0.0%

Question: Please indicate the level of comfort you have as a pedestrian or bicyclist along this corridor.		Total votes (4)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	1 - Very Uncomfortable	1	25.0%
2	2 - Somewhat Uncomfortable	0	0.0%
3	3 - Neutral	0	0.0%
4	4 - Somewhat Comfortable	2	50.0%
5	5 - Very Comfortable	1	25.0%

Question: What would you like to see along the corridor to bring interest?		Total votes (6)	
No	Answer options	Votes	% of Total
1	New development	1	16.7%
2	Conservation of greenspace	0	0.0%
3	Additional recreation amenities	2	33.3%
4	Streetscapes (additional lighting, landscaping, benches, etc.)	3	50.0%
5	Other	0	0.0%

## City of Union City Model Mile Q & A Session

### **Q: What type of materials are best for a trail?**

A: Materials depend on where the trail is located. In this area, we anticipate concrete or asphalt material being used.

### **Q: What is the timeline?**

A: The feasibility study will conclude at the end of this year. From there, it will be up to each individual partner community to acquire funding and to begin planning for implementation.

### **Q: What about costs?**

A: Once we have a basic concept designed for the model mile segment, we can determine an estimated cost. This is based on materials, enhancements, etc. There are many factors that need to be taken into consideration including planning and engineering costs, potential costs for right of way acquisition, and materials.

### **Q: Can you repeat the start and ending point? Will there be parking?**

A: The trail begins at Royal South Parkway from Feldwood to Buffington Roads. Parking is being considered at either end and near the pond area.

### **Q: What is being done about safety? These trails bring all kinds of elements including homeless and those looking to harm, so what type of ongoing presence will be in place?**

A: Lighting would be a big safety element to be added that will serve as a deterrent to some of the crime. We can work with the City to increase police presence.

### **Q: Will you increase lighting along all of this trail? It's very dark through there at night and I am seriously concerned about safety.**

A: We definitely see lighting as being a part of the trail.

### **Q: A traffic light was slated to be added to Royal Pkwy and Buffington. Is that still happening and will this plan incorporate placement of that light PRIOR to the plan being finalized?**

A: Installation of a traffic light at Royal South Parkway is included as part of the larger Buffington Road improvements project. While the exact timing of the road project is unknown at this time, we can create a concept design for the model mile trail that considers a future traffic light at that intersection. Further coordination would be needed once full design, engineering, and construction plans for the model mile trail are prepared when the City is ready to move forward.

**Q: Without guarantees with regard to lighting and increased patrols, this is a problematic plan.**

A: Thank you for your comment. Your concerns about lighting and increased police presence have been noted.