



Summary of Comments
Public Meeting: Marietta Street Resurfacing Project
Atlanta Contemporary
August 29, 2017 / 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Renew Atlanta hosted a public meeting to discuss the Marietta Street Resurfacing project at Atlanta Contemporary. Councilmember Cleeta Winslow attended the public meeting, where over seventy (70) citizens to include representatives from Atlanta businesses were represented. All in attendance had an opportunity to view maps that showed Marietta Street and side streets that may be impacted by the resurfacing project followed by a formal presentation and question and answer session. All displays can be found below:

- City of Atlanta "Connect Atlanta" Plan
- Cycle Atlanta 1.0 Study Network Map
- City of Atlanta Freight Routes Map
- Marietta Street Resurfacing Project Roll Plot
 - *This is a large file and will take a few moments to completely download.*

Please call [\(404\) 865-8668](tel:4048658668) or email renewatlanta@atlantaga.gov for any questions regarding this project.

Comment cards and emails were received and compiled in addition to meeting notes following the formal presentation.

Major Concerns/Comments

Based on the drawings, below is feedback that was asked to be considered by a stakeholder:

- Concerned with building access at hotels and private garages
- Safety
 - Downtown Atlanta is where many people live and work
 - Fully support project. Please prioritize enhancing experience for bikes and pedestrians as much as possible.
 - Support bike lanes on Marietta Street. Car lanes should decrease because the wide lanes are causing vehicles to speed especially between Ivan Allen and Means Street.
 - Safety improvements at the intersection with Northside are needed. Add crosswalks between Means Street and Ivan Allen.
 - This project to/from work will make my commute safer.
 - Crosswalks with lights are needed.
- Maintenance to alleviate debris and drained roads to help traffic
 - Maintenance required to keep debris and sand off bike lanes while the 17th Street bike lane is protected by bus lane (it's always sandy)
- Every signal in the city of Atlanta should be connected; i.e., smart signals will help real time traffic.
- Have you considered how the many 5K Runs will be affected



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- The city need to continue maintenance on bike paths
- Convert one-ways: Confusing – Lattimer and Simpson (BW Luckie & Marietta Street)
- I would support the bike lane ending at Ivan Allen rather than continuing down Marietta Street.
- We should not be removing traffic lanes to replace with cycle lanes. Marietta Street is highly traveled at rush hour times (backing up for considerable distance)
- I am generally in favor of the project where it does not unduly impact longstanding businesses and where redundancy issues are addressed.
- Would like to stay abreast of timelines and proposed projects.
 - Scheduled time for construction
 - Cost for the project
- Concerned about increase and accommodations for cyclists without significant reduction or attention to improving traffic movement or reducing congestion.
- Northside/Marietta intersection needs study to make sure GDOT plans are coordinated.
- Update plans to reflect Tech Parkway.
- Concern about the transition for bicycles from Howell Mill Road to Marietta Street.
- Bike Box is needed for Southbound (SB) Howell Mill bicycles to use the left turn lane to access SB Marietta Street.
- Concern: Impact on traffic by narrowing the roadway down to one lane. Traffic flow is very sensitive to disruption and without having a second lane to absorb fluctuations a slow vehicle waiting for a parallel spot, etc. can easily back up traffic along the road for miles.
- Specific plans are needed for drainage.
- Fully support project
- I would love to see bike lanes added to Marietta Blvd. I am an avid cyclist and am always looking for new, safe, routes around Atlanta.
- I am overall in favor of the project and approve very much of the design.
- Add pedestrian crossing signal just outside of Pauley's.
- I am yes for restriping Decatur, DeKalb, Marietta for bicycles.
- I am writing in support of the proposed plans for the Marietta Street Resurfacing project, specifically the provision of bike lanes in both directions of travel.
- I would like to see the bike infrastructure throughout the city.
- There are many driveways crossing the bike lanes – especially between North and Northside. Please make sure that there is some striping design to call attention to the bike lane for drivers exiting and entering the driveways
- Going forward, consider right of way at Marietta / Ivan Allen and Marietta / Northside in an effort to improve mobility for Atlantans



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- In support of the proposed Marietta Street changes. The current design feels more like a highway, although the street's purpose should be to serve the businesses and residents that passes by. The bike lanes and center turn lanes will make the experience better for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. Consider including a barrier between the car and bike lanes. A bike lane with a barrier will be used by a much wider variety of people, since many people are not confident enough to bike next to trucks when only separated by a stripe of paint. The barrier does not need to be fancy or expensive; simple highway barricades are very effective and can be painted as a mural to look nice.

Open discussion with attendees following the formal presentation

- Planning bases for action
 - Overall improvement of the surface, bike lanes, improve intersections (traffic flow)
 - Project need
 - Why? Much needed maintenance and drainage
 - Make it more of a place for people
 - Accommodate all modes of travel
 - Project status and schedule
 - Where are we? Conceptual design phase, crash rates
 - Conceptual designs
- Input
 - On the two different sections, there's one where there is parking? Swap location of parking and biking to prevent injuries and help safety of bikers
 - What is the proposed timing of the beginning of the project? End of the year
 - How long? Should take 2 or 3 months
 - The use of Marietta Street? Maintain a two-way flow may be a short period of time where its one lane
 - Construction concierge--- embedded in the community to let the community know what's going on. Provide a customize service
 - Question about traffic? Did you think about traffic from Tech and Mercedes Benz – resident says it seems like a waste of money
 - Answer: the area needs updating and serving the community. Well drained roads will help traffic
 - Every signal in the COA will be connected. Smart signals will help in real time to help move traffic more efficiently



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- Working on sidewalks? Not on this project but Renew ATL is working on it to address the issues.
- Drainage? Pipes aren't updated but there are more areas for drainage.
 - Working with watershed management. Working on current problems and modernization of the pipe system. Capital programs are working together
 - Watershed (storm water) biggest thing right now? Keeping the drains clean. Nothing specific on Marietta street
- Could the background photograph be updated to include the bike lane on lucky street
- How would this project increase the safety south of Ivan Allen
 - Left turns are more in-lined to increase the line of sight
 - How can they get from Luckie street to Marietta on bikes
- There's a center lane at Ivan Allen, can it be used for traffic flow when big events happen or rush hour?
 - Downtown planners working on traffic flow of that area. Trying to improve capacity
- No crosswalks or lights between mean and Ivan Allen
- A councilman says they'll do everything they can do within the budget. Safety is key
- Likes what is done especially the turn lane.
 - Crosswalks
 - Detachment of the bike lane and vehicle lanes
 - Synchronization of traffic lights... look at pedestrian and bike speeds
- What is curb to curb distance? Generally 40ft
- Continue bike lane to DeKalb Ave
- Will potholes/manholes be surfaced so that the ride is not bumpy? Yes
- Speeding and law enforcement?
- The whole idea is to calm traffic on this road. Safer for all
- Concern about the bike lane—what was the logic? There's already a bike lane on Luckie so why is there one being added a block over?
 - The road has 15,000 vehicles on it. Idea that you have roads for all modes of traffic
 - Adding capacity to the entire network to add more pedestrians in and move them faster
 - Already proven results on the synchronized symbols.
 - COA population will double and advance a system that is able to hold capacity and management of all modes. Few capacity improvements



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- Committed to improve cycle network, safety, and economic
- Demands are high for bike lanes
- Not taking capacity away from Northside and Ivan Allen. Add turn lanes at Ivan Allen to improve capacity
- Northbound on Luckie Street: Not enough lanes as is. Is there a way to make one of the bike lanes on the east side?
- Encourage team leaders to watch traffic flow at the Alabama FSU game. Roads need to be prioritized
 - One traffic study when nothing is happening
 - Another one when there's heavy traffic
- Consider those who live downtown

Parking Lot: Discussions, Questions, Comments and Mentioning's that were indirectly related to the project

- Smart Signal
- Storm Drainage
- Improvement Plan – Marietta Street
- Right-of-Way (Ivan Allen)
- Safety (Ivan Allen bike lane)
- Cross walks (Refuge Island)
- Manhole Covers
- Speeding: the entire length of Marietta Street
- Bike Lane Relief near/by Centennial Olympic Park
- Traffic Study (scientific) during events/holidays



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Number of Comment Cards Received: 37 cards / 16 emails

Question 1: Do you support the project?

Potential Response	Number of Responses
For	39
Against	2
Conditional	2
Uncommitted	
No Response	10

Question 2: How did you hear about this meeting?

Potential Response	Number of Responses (it should be noted that all did not respond to this question)
Radio/Television	N/A
Newspaper	N/A
Signs	N/A
Word of Mouth	11
Other (to include text message)	14
Email	18
Meeting	N/A
Street Team	N/A
No Response	N/A

Question 3: Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

Potential Response	Number of Responses
Yes	48
No	1
No Response	4

Suggestions for improving Renew Atlanta public meetings:

1. Presentation and Q&A at the same time.
2. Very informative meeting.
 - a. Great job
 - b. Good work
3. Use different metrics than vehicles delay/LOS for complete street projects.
 - a. Health impact



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- b. Safety
- c. Equity
- d. Travel time by mode
- 4. Provide paper cups and water jugs rather than bottled water.
- 5. Perhaps offering a couple of different times of day for people to attend. It worked well for me.
- 6. Appreciate the opportunity to ask questions
- 7. Please email timelines of proposed projects
- 8. Offer a couple of different times of day for citizens to attend.

Summary: Overall the Citizens in attendance at the Public Meeting are in support of the Marietta Resurfacing Project but would like the city to keep the following concerns in mind as the project moves forward:

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