



# DPW Works on the Street

Summer/Fall 2014

## Fixing Atlanta's Broken Infrastructure 2015 Proposed Infrastructure Bond

The City of Atlanta is taking measures to address critical infrastructure needs. Learn more about the proposed 2015 Infrastructure Bond that will begin to address the city's backlog of needed repairs to roads, bridges, sidewalks, traffic signals and more!

**Interstate Lights Working Again**

**Atlanta Green Lane Bike City**

**Atlanta Selected for  
Protected Bike Lane Project**

**Heave Ho & Off We Go!**

**Atlanta Streetcar Successfully Tests the Rails**

Spring Street Bridge

# Transportation

## Fixing Atlanta's Broken Infrastructure

### 2015 Proposed Infrastructure Bond

Today, the City of Atlanta faces an infrastructure backlog of more than \$900 million. Mayor Kasim Reed has made a commitment to address the city's pressing infra-



structure challenges. In order to begin improving our city's roads, bridges, sidewalks and upgrade to critical public buildings and facilities, the city is proposing an infrastructure bond referendum to pay for these repairs and improvements.

Throughout June, July and September the Departments of Public Works and Planning and Community Development, in coordination with the Office of Enterprise Assets Management and the Atlanta City Council, held a number of public information meetings to determine project priorities and criteria for the 2015 Proposed Infrastructure Bond. "The 2015 Proposed Infrastructure Bond is a good faith effort to begin to address critical infrastructure and facility needs within the City of Atlanta. It is about fixing what is broken and putting the city on track to maintain sustainable

infrastructure and facilities," says Richard Mendoza, DPW Commissioner. "We are asking residents to give us their feedback on the project priority selection criteria. This includes repairing broken sidewalks, upgrading traffic signals, renovating/replacing police stations, fire stations, and recreation centers," says Mendoza. With residents' input, the City of Atlanta has gathered information to from 2 rounds of public information sessions. At these meetings, the City shared the results of the first round of meetings, and provided a draft list of potential projects to be considered under the bond. Public information meetings will continue in January & February 2015.

The city must work on daily basis to address infrastructure needs. Beyond the proposed bond, some infrastructure improvements such as road resurfacing



projects are being done using alternative funding sources such as the annual LMIG Street Resurfacing Program where state funds from gas taxes are reinvested in local communities to address road resurfacing needs. "There are various funding mechanisms geared toward improving the public right of way. We will continue to seek those alternatives as well as bond funds in an effort to address all of the city's critical infrastructure needs", says Mendoza.

- Valerie Bell-Smith  
DPW Director of  
Communications &  
Community Engagement

Residents are talking.

Have we heard from you yet?



Submit your comments on the

2015 Proposed

Infrastructure Bond to

[www.atlantaga.gov/infrastructure](http://www.atlantaga.gov/infrastructure)

City of Atlanta Public Information Meeting held at the Piedmont Hospital Shepherd Center, Tuesday September 30, 2014



Round 2 Information Meetings Completed  
September 30, 2014

Bond Meetings will resume  
January - February 2015.

The locations and times will be announced.

# 2015 Proposed Infrastructure Bond



## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is a Bond?** A bond is a debt instrument (I.O.U) issued by a borrower to a lender usually for a period of more than a year for the purpose of raising capital. The borrower (issuer of the bond) promises to make periodic payments (partial repayment of amount borrowed & interest) to the lender (investor) for a specified period of time (maturity). Bonds are usually issued to finance capital infrastructure projects. A bond is different from a stock in that it does not give the lender any ownership rights to property owned by the borrower.

**Why do an Infrastructure Bond?** *Atlanta has aging transportation infrastructure:* \$881M is needed to restore and/or replace existing bridges, roads, sidewalks, street lights, signals and signs to good condition.

*Atlanta has aging facility infrastructure:* \$130.8M is needed to restore and/or replace city facilities (fire stations, police stations, recreation centers, etc.) to good condition.

*The decision will rest with the voters:* The City of Atlanta recommends a diversified funding plan to address the infrastructure backlog that begins with a \$250M general obligation bond to be presented to the voters in March 2015.

What if I can't attend one of the public meetings? We want to hear from you. If you can not make it to the public meetings you can also comment online at [www.atlantaga.gov/infrastructure](http://www.atlantaga.gov/infrastructure) or by email to [infrastructure@atlantaga.gov](mailto:infrastructure@atlantaga.gov).

Comments about the proposed bond may be submitted in person or online at [atlantaga.gov/infrastructure](http://atlantaga.gov/infrastructure).



## Virginia Highland Civic Association Award of Appreciation Goes to...



Lawrence Jeter  
Sidewalk  
Construction  
Manager

*"Virginia Highland, already known for its pedestrian character, is now significantly safer..."*

In 2012, the Department of Public Works implemented a sidewalk maintenance and repair program to begin to work with residents to improve sidewalks throughout the City of Atlanta. Sidewalk Construction Program Manager, Lawrence Jeter, assigned to oversee the program, incorporated a "sidewalk bundle" process as part of the program where residents bundle addresses together in order to save money

on contractor cost. Virginia Highlands was the first neighborhood to sign up for the bundle program that delivered over 200 sidewalk improvements in the area. "Virginia-Highland, already known for its pedestrian character, is now significantly safer, more compliant with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act, and more readily accessible to people walking." says Peggy Berg, Virginia Highland Civic Association Board of Directors. The sidewalk bundles were a new program for

the City. They required management of funds delivered by the neighborhood, identifying and applying public funds, negotiating with contractors, coordinating



Cotena Alexander,  
DPW Transportation Program  
Management Officer

between many City departments, and overseeing the construction itself. "Mr. Jeter handled the many people and departments involved, often under pressure,

with unfailing courtesy," says Berg.

Mr. Jeter was publically recognized for his skill, patience, and determination at the VHCA Annual General Meeting at Inman Middle School on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Cotena Alexander, Transportation Program Management Officer accepted the award on behalf of Lawrence Jeter.

- Lisa M. Reed  
DPW Transportation  
Contributing Writer

# Transportation

The Department of Public Works is pleased to announce that the Interstate Lighting Restoration Project is nearing completion. As of September 2014, approximately 66% of the interstate lights along I-75 and I-85 have been restored. Several of the street lights along the interstate have been inoperable since 2009 due to limited budget allocations. In 2012, the City began a gradual plan to restore all of the interstate lights within the City of Atlanta limits.



“We embarked upon an aggressive plan to restore the interstate lights and are pleased with our progress.”

Thus far we have restored power to interstate lights along I-85N to Buford Highway Connector, and I-75/I-85 from Downtown Connector to the Atlanta Airport Domestic Terminal (both northbound and southbound).

Work is in progress to complete restoration along I-166/Langford Parkway. Additional minor work is progressing along

Buford Highway.

The next phase of restoration work will encompass I-20 east and I-20 west from Downtown to the city limits. This work is planned to for completion by spring 2015.

We embarked upon an aggressive plan to restore the interstate lights and

are pleased with our progress. Our goal was to have all of the interstate lights restored by December 2014. However the amount of vandalism and theft exceeded our expectations and therefore the timeline



had to be extended. We remain on target for complete restoration

within the current FY15 budget. The City of Atlanta is working with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Atlanta Police Department to closely monitor key areas where theft and vandalism have been prevalent. We are also working with GDOT to keep the right-of-way cut back and clear of debris in these areas.

- Richard Mendoza  
Commissioner



## Did you know ??

Right-of-way is a phrase used to describe who has the lawful authority to enter a roadway, change lanes within a roadway, make a turn from a roadway, travel through an intersection, or make any other traffic related movement. Georgia law establishes right-of-way in all situations. Vehicle drivers (including bicyclists) and pedestrians should always understand the rules related to right-of-way, and remember that right-of-way is something to be given, not taken.

Violators are subject to law enforcement citations.

## Atlanta Fire & Rescues Offers Special Appreciation



DPW Office of Transportation Maintenance Employees: L/R: Horace Sims, Tom Longino, Randy Dalton, Luther Foster, Sylvester Alexander, Marquis Phelps, Garrett Bell, Shanta' Garrett, Tranis Borders, Michael McWhorter and Jeffery Allen

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the Atlanta Fire & Rescue Department (AFRD) was tasked with moving concrete training slabs that were beyond our abilities due to the size and weight of the slabs. AFRD immediately contacted Public Works, they responded quickly on very short notice. Mr. Horace Sims was the supervisor and along with his crew, the identified slabs were removed and transported to our training facility by the end of the day. This response

demonstrated Mr. Sims and his crew's outstanding customer service and professionalism. I would like to give special recognition to Horace Sims and his crew that responded to facilitate this in such a timely manner.

Without the professional help and the outstanding customer service that was provided by Public Works this task would have not been completed.

- Captain David Head  
Atlanta Fire Department

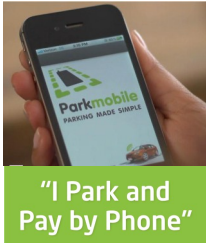
The Department of Public Works takes pride in working with various city and other local government agencies.

## New Traffic Signal Installed



Rick White, Public Works Manager and Richard Mendoza, Commissioner

DPW Commissioner Richard Mendoza and Rick White, DPW Transportation Public Works Manager, Sr. joined Fulton County Commissioner Emma Darnell and citizens of Adamsville SW to formally dedicate a new traffic signal installed at Adamsville Drive & M L King, Jr. Drive, SW. The new signal will improve vehicular and pedestrian safety at and near the new Fulton County Adamsville Health Center. The project was a collaboration between the Georgia Department of Transportation, Fulton County and the City of Atlanta.



"I Park and Pay by Phone"



# Transportation



## Niskey Lake Trail/ Bridge Culvert Now Open Again



Atlanta City Council Member Keisha Lance Bottoms, Council District 11, recently joined the Department of Public Works and the Department of Watershed Management in celebrating the completion of the Niskey Lake Bridge/Culvert Replacement Project. The new bridge has a 30-plus year life expectancy and replaces the former bridge that was damaged in 2013.

Features of the new bridge include: two 12 foot asphalt vehicular lanes; a weir over-flow system; a 75 foot retaining wall and type one riprap to prevent erosion. The total restoration cost was \$603,000.

The Niskey Lake Trail Bridge/Culvert Replacement Project improves pedestrian and vehicle access while also upgrading and enhancing the existing the structure.



Quadir Adil and Homer Williams  
Office of Transportation Signal Shop

### DPW WORKS SAFE

Safety is top priority in DPW. We are committed to ensuring that all Public Works services in the public right of way are safe and secure.

DPW Works on the Street is a quarterly publication of the City of Atlanta Department of Public Works. Submit your story ideas, comments, etc. to the Department of Public Works Office of Communications  
55 Trinity Avenue, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303  
Email: [vbell-smith@atlantaga.gov](mailto:vbell-smith@atlantaga.gov)

## Atlanta Designated Green Lane Bike City



In an effort to further commit to his goal of making bicycling an important mode of transportation, Mayor Kasim Reed emphatically supports the Department of Planning and Community Development's participation in the Green Lane Project. Launched in 2012, the Green Lane Project works with U.S. cities to speed the installation of protected bike lanes around the country. These on-street lanes are separated from traffic by curbs, planters, parked cars or posts to make riding a bike an appealing option for more people.

Out of 60 applicants, the city of Atlanta was one of only six national cities selected to participate in the program.

Other cities selected for the Green Lane Project include Boston, MA; Denver, CO; Indianapolis, IN;

Pittsburgh, PA and Seattle, WA.

Over the next two years, the City of Atlanta plans to launch its first bike share program that will include approximately 50 stations and 500 bikes. Plans are underway to build miles of multi-use trails, bike lanes, and cycle tracks.

Over the next three years, Atlanta will add 120 miles of bicycle lanes, multi-use trails, and cycle tracks. Along with the rollout of a bike share system in 2015, we believe bicycling will become an increasingly popular way to get around Atlanta

The City of Atlanta has several goals to reach by 2016 related to bicycle facilities and mode share, including:

Double the bicycle com-

### DPW Commissioner Richard Mendoza takes a Bike Ride

mute to work mode share from 1.1 percent to 2.2 percent.

Double the miles of high-quality bicycle lanes and protected bicycle facilities to 60 miles.

Based on Mayor Reed's goals and the policy direction of the Connect Atlanta Plan, which is the City's first comprehensive transportation plan. It includes a network of core and secondary bicycle connections, several important projects and funding opportunities have come together for the construction of bicycle facilities during the 2014-2015 timeframe, including 15 protected bike lane projects and raised cycle tracks.

Protected bike lanes bring predictability to busy streets: drivers like knowing where to expect riders, and pedestrians report fewer bikes on the sidewalk. The lanes make roads safer for all users, reducing bike, auto and pedestrian injuries by up to 50-percent.

- Michael Frierson  
Public Relations Manager  
Office of Transportation  
Capital Projects

### New Bike Lanes

Decatur Street  
Jackson Street to  
Jesse Hill Jr., Drive

Murphy Avenue  
MARTA West End Station to  
Adair Park and points south

Ralph David Abernathy  
Boulevard, Murphy Avenue to  
Mechanicsville

Hemphill Avenue  
10<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street

Howard Circle  
south side of round-a-bout to  
DeKalb Place

McDaniel Street  
Glenn Street to Ralph  
David Abernathy Boulevard

McClendon Avenue  
between Connecticut  
Avenue and Howard Circle

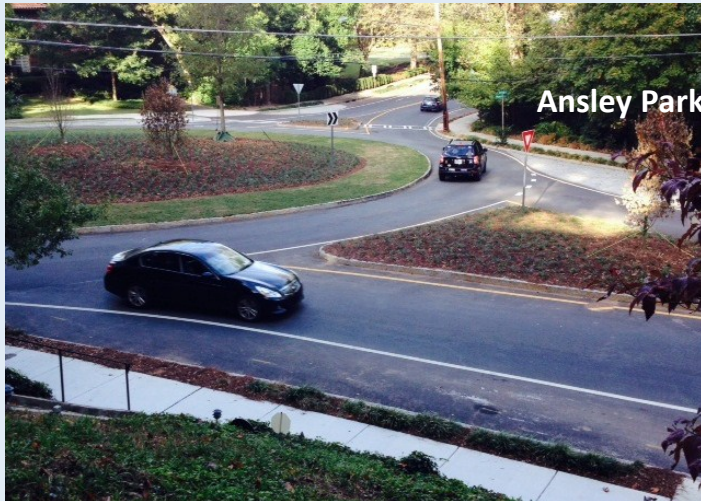
Mozley Park Trail extension  
along Browning Street to West  
Lake Avenue

Freedom Parkway at North  
Highland Avenue  
Howell Mill Road and Woodley  
Drive & Powers Ferry Road and  
Jett Road

For more information about the  
city's bike plans  
please visit  
[www.atlantaga.gov](http://www.atlantaga.gov)

# Transportation

**We are at your service!**



## **Ansley Park Streetscape Improvement Project**

Construction of the Ansley Park Streetscape Improvement Project was initiated in September 2013 and completed in August 2014. Located within NPU-E and Council District 6, this project was a joint venture between the Department of Public Works and the Ansley Park Civic Association. Construction of this project included the installation of a round-a-bout at the intersection of Peachtree Circle, NE and the Prado, NE. Other elements of the project included the construction of storm water channelization islands and medians, the construction of ADA compliant ramps and sidewalks and a 5-foot sidewalk in the pedestrian island.

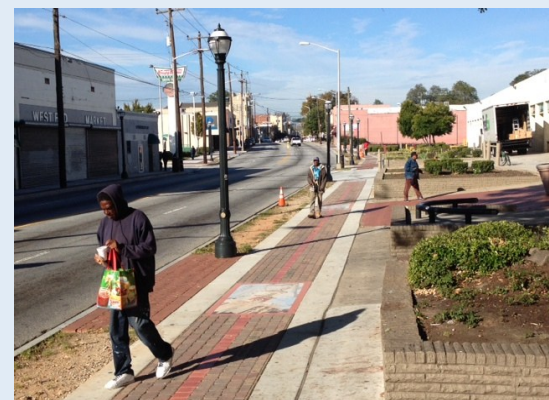
## **Greenbriar Parkway Streetscape Improvement Project**

The Greenbriar Parkway Streetscape Improvement Project, located within NPU-P and NPU-R in Council District 11, is scheduled for completion in December 2014. The project extends along Greenbriar Parkway, SW from Langford Parkway to the I-285 overpass. It includes newly installed sidewalks with pedestrian lighting, stamped brick crosswalks, two feature gateway entrances, and upgraded traffic signals. In addition, landscaping, decorative retaining walls and pedestrian furniture will also be included.



## **Ralph David Abernathy Streetscape Improvement Project**

The Ralph David Abernathy Streetscape Improvement Project, located within NPU-T, Council District 4, is scheduled for completion November 2014. This project will include the installation of historic sidewalk panels and brick pavers, new sidewalks, ADA ramps, upgraded traffic signalization, as well as crosswalks, and a feature gateway entrance. Located within the Historic West End, between Lee Street, SW and Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard, SW, this project will connect with the Joseph E. Lowery Streetscape Improvement Project.



## **Stokewood Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project**

Sidewalk installation is currently underway along the west side of Flat Shoals Avenue, SE between Stokeswood Avenue, SE to Ormewood Avenue, SE within NPU-O, Council District 5. Construction began in September and is expected to be completed by the end of October 2014. The sidewalks were funded by MARTA Improvement Funds, a limited funding source for sidewalk improvements in areas that support transit to nearby MARTA Stations.





The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is now installing four-section Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) signals across the state. This traffic signal includes a flashing yellow arrow that means drivers can turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians (oncoming traffic still has the green light).

Approximately 30 locations statewide have been identified for immediate change to Flashing Yellow Arrows. Within the City of Atlanta, they are installed at the following intersections: Memorial Drive & Boulevard, Memorial Drive & Hill Street, Decatur Street & Bell Street, and Decatur Street

& Grant Street. The following criteria is used to help select appropriate locations:

- Intersections where traffic congestion is a recurring problem.
- Most “eligible” intersections have standard “dog house” 5-section traffic signal - drivers make “permissive left.”
- Most “eligible” intersections have high traffic volumes and accident rates.

The FYA is the preferred left turn treatment for all new signal upgrades.

FYA are just one of Georgia DOT’s operational improvements that are cost-effective, proven, innovative and safe. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) encourages the use of Flashing Yellow

## New Flashing Yellow Arrow Signals in the City

Arrows. Based on FHWA guidance, Georgia DOT policy now identifies Flashing Yellow Arrows as the preferred intersection traffic signal.

FHWA studies found that with the flashing yellow arrows Drivers made fewer mistakes with the new Flashing Yellow Arrows than

with traditional left-turn arrow signals. FYA also:

- Help reduce left turn crashes by 35%
- Move more traffic through an intersection, easing traffic congestion
- Reduce vehicle idling and air pollution.
- Reduce pollution

Source: GDOT

### How It Works?

The new signals are easier to understand because it uses an arrow to display the type of left turn movement allowed.

Here’s what the various arrows mean:

Solid Green	Flashing Yellow	Solid Yellow	Solid Red
Ok to turn left; oncoming traffic must stop	Ok to turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians	Prepare to stop or clear intersection before solid red arrow appears	STOP No turn allowed
			

Source: GDOT

# Transportation

## Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG)

The LMIG program in association with the Georgia Department of Transportation remains committed to helping local governments achieve much-needed improvements to the state's roadway network.



## Street Resurfacing Projects Recently Completed or Underway

The Department of Public Works has completed approximately \$10M in LMIG street resurfacing projects since the program began in 2010.

2013-2014, fifty-seven (57) streets were resurfaced citywide using LMIG funds.

Learn more about LMIG funding at [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov).

Contact the Department of Public Works for more information about LMIG projects inside the City of Atlanta.

8th Street, NE from Peachtree Street to Myrtle Street

8th Street, NW from Peachtree Street to Spring Street

14th Place, NE, from 14th Street to dead end

Angelo Drive, NE, from Club Valley Drive to Angelo Court

Arc Way, NE, from Martina Drive to Park Circle

Arden Way, NE from Stovall Boulevard to Mountain Drive

Bonne Lane, NE from Cumberland Road to Zimmer Drive

Bridle Path, NE, from Cumberland Circle to East Morningside Drive

Club Circle, NE, from Club Valley Road to Angelo Circle

Cummings Street, SE, from Holtzclaw Street to Stovall Street

Harold Avenue, SE, from Pearl Street to Chester Avenue

Isom Way, NW from Mount Paran Road to Northside Drive

John W. Dobbs Avenue, NE, from Randolph Street to Sampson Street

Martina Drive, NE from Piedmont Road to Highland Drive

Pasadena Avenue, NE from Johnson Road to Meadowdale Avenue

Statewood Road, NE from Wieuca Road to cul-de-sac

# Human Resources

## DPW Employees Are Appreciated



Carl Aaron, Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer 23 Years

Sylvia Powell  
30 Years



Bernadette  
Cook  
30 Years



Femi Fayemi, Construction Manager 25 Years



Yolanda Russ  
HR Assistant, Sr.  
31 Years

The Department of Public Works employees enjoy a welcoming and supportive work atmosphere. Employees are advancing their careers and improving overall work performance often exceeding established service levels. We have enhanced our performance through dedicated training programs that support employee learning and growth. In the 2nd quarter of 2014, the DPW workforce completed computer, defensive driving and other on the job training programs.

Congratulations are in order for the following employees who retired with a collective 100+ years between them: Bernadette Cook, Transportation; Sylvia Powell, Transportation; Femi Fayemi, Transportation; Carl Aaron, Solid Waste; and Yolanda Russ, Transportation. "We are proud of the work of our employees. We welcome our new hires and extend a sincere appreciation to our recent retirees. The successful completion of various public improvements around the city, ongoing daily maintenance of the public right-of-way and other services we provide are entirely dependent upon a dedicated team of employees," says Richard Mendoza, DPW Commissioner.

Follow us online to keep up with our employee highlights or to learn more about joining our team! "Like" our FaceBook Page @AtlantaPublicWorks or visit the city's website to learn about career opportunities at [www.atlantaga.gov](http://www.atlantaga.gov).

- Paula Magee  
Human Resources Manager



Do you know of a Public Works employee who has exceeded expectations or exhibited excellent customer service?

We would like to hear from you! Send an email to [publicworks@atlantaga.gov](mailto:publicworks@atlantaga.gov) or drop a note to us at:

City of Atlanta  
Department of Public Works  
Attn: DPW Human Resources  
55 Trinity Avenue, SW #4700  
Atlanta, GA 30303

# FLEET SERVICES



The Office of Fleet Service - Airport Division helps to keep the runways clear for safe airplane take offs and landings.

The Department of Public Works Office of Fleet Services is comprised of four (4) divisions: Heavy Trucks, General Repair; Motor Cycles, Off Road Equipment, Lawn Equipment; and the Airport which manages maintenance for the Airport Fire Station & Off Road Equipment.

The Airport Division maintains a facility that covers approximately 130

acres which can be a daunting task to oversee, but the Airport Fleet Services Team balances the challenges of overseeing fleet for the world's busiest airport with years of experience and dedication. With a staff of 20 employees, the Airport Fleet Services Division provides for and maintains all motorized equipment for the airport. "The majority of our staff has between 15 to 20 years

of experience. We always maintain an optimal level of service to our internal airport customers. More than 700 pieces of light, medium, and heavy duty motorized equipment are under his purview. This includes pick-up trucks, snow equipment, lawn mowers, spider mowers, and even a SAAB vehicle. Well, not the sporty SAAB motor vehicle, this particular SAAB measures the

rubber that it is left behind following the landing of most commercial flights. This allows the runway to remain clear of rubber left behind from airplane's tires after it lands. This is critical to airport operations since the airport must ensure that the runways remain clear of debris for take-offs and landings.

- Gabriel Gordon  
Fleet Services Manager  
Atlanta Airport Division



**Timothy Simmons**  
Parts Supervisor



**Dean Holder & Raul Nieves, Fleet Maintenance Technicians**  
Office of Fleet Services Northside Drive Shop

The Office of Fleet Services Parts Division is responsible for managing and ordering repair parts for over 5,567 City of Atlanta vehicles. The operation consists of four (4) primary locations to support repair shops for scheduled and unscheduled maintenance. Each location is responsible for on-road and off-road equipment ranging from boats, motor cycles, lawn mowers, fire trucks, etc. "We order and track about 4000 items valued at about \$1M. Our goal is to ensure a high level of readiness for the City's fleet of vehicles."  
- Timothy Simmons, Parts Supervisor.

Learn more about the Office of Fleet Services online at [www.atlantaga.gov](http://www.atlantaga.gov)

# ATLANTA STREETCAR

## Heave Ho & Off We Go!

How many people does it take to safely lift a 96,000 pound Atlanta Streetcar? The correct answer is three – if they're properly trained and have the right equipment. On July 9 several members of the Atlanta Streetcar team participated in hands-on training of the new portable hydraulic re-railing equipment, which is designed to lift rail vehicles that have gone off track and move them back on the tracks safely and quickly. Most recently, the Atlanta Fire & Rescue Department was also trained.

Carl Jackson, Manager of Streetcar Services, joined Bennie Harris from the Department of Watershed Management, Eric Eberlein from Siemens,

and Atlanta Streetcar Intern Bekim Haliti in learning to assemble and operate the equipment. The entire operation, from setting up the equipment to moving the streetcar up in the air, side-to-side, and back down on the tracks, can be done by three people – one operating the control console for hydraulic jack, and two acting as observers to ensure all the wheels are properly lifted and reset - in about 20 minutes. “My hope is that we never have to use this equipment,” says Jackson, “but if we do, we’re going to have a well-trained crew to ensure we do it safely and in a timely manner.”

- Sharon Gavin

Public Relations Manager  
Atlanta Streetcar



The Atlanta Streetcar has reached substantial completion. All four streetcar vehicles have been delivered, the rail is laid, the Vehicle Maintenance Facility is complete, and the overhead wires that provide power to the system are in place. On Wednesday, October 1, 2014 the Atlanta Streetcar successfully made the first trip around the system’s 2.7 mile route under its own power. The electric streetcars are powered by an overhead wire carrying 750 volts DC. All four Atlanta Streetcars must undergo and pass specification, performance, and safety tests to be ready for passenger service later in 2014.

Announcement of the official grand opening will be coming soon.

[www.atlantastreetcar.com](http://www.atlantastreetcar.com)

Atlanta Streetcar Socials are a great way to and learn more support local businesses and learn more about the project.

RSVP for to [spollock@atlantadowntown.com](mailto:spollock@atlantadowntown.com)

Streetcar Socials are produced and funded by the Central Atlanta Progress/Atlanta Downtown Improvement District Downtown Green Source program.



Shelby Buso, Director of Sustainability  
Central Atlanta Progress

# Solid Waste



**Gayla Dodson**  
Program Management  
Officer  
Solid Waste Services

## 157 Days and Counting!

One Hundred  
Fifty Seven Days  
(157)! Wow!

What an  
accomplish-  
ment! Since  
March 2013  
solid waste  
crews have

successfully met or exceed-  
ed service level require-  
ments. Each week we  
serve 96,000 residences  
collecting household  
garbage, yard trimmings,  
and recycling. Our crews  
also handle dead animal  
removal, bulk pick-up and  
street sweeping.

In keeping with the Mayor's  
commitment to service  
delivery City departments  
manage performance by  
tracking service levels.  
Within Solid Waste

Services, we are  
required to maintain  
optimal response times  
completing our routes 90%  
of time. We are striving  
daily to collect waste from  
the public right-of-way way  
as scheduled with a ten  
percent (10%) error rate  
means that each week no  
more than 900 homes out  
of 96,000 homes may miss  
some level of service.

I could not be prouder of  
the dedicated men and  
women of solid waste for  
their service. Solid Waste  
is a very labor intensive job,  
the work is not easy yet our  
team members give their all  
to be successful in serving  
our customers safely and  
efficiency.

- Gayla Dodson  
Solid Waste Services

## Happy Holidays!

The Department of Public Works  
wishes our customers a happy  
holiday season!

### Veterans Day

**Tuesday, November 11, 2014**

We are working on the regular pick up  
schedule this week.

### Thanksgiving Day

**Thursday November 27, 2014**

We are working on the regular  
schedule for Thursday customers.

### Christmas Day

**Thursday December 25, 2014**

Our staff will be off on Thursday,  
December 25, 2014 in observance of  
the Christmas holiday.

Collections will resume for  
Thursday customers on Friday  
December 26, 2014.

### New Years Day

**Thursday, January 1, 2015**

Our staff will be off on Thursday,  
January 1, 2015 in observance of the  
New Year holiday. Collections will  
resume for Thursday customers on  
Friday, January 2, 2015.

Holiday schedules are subject to  
change annually depending on the day  
of the holiday. Containers should be  
placed on the curb by 7p.m.

## Leaves are falling in Atlanta

Please be reminded that Solid Waste Services does not collect leaves or yard trimmings in plastic bags because this contaminates the disposal process. Use paper bags only. You can also use a container as long its clearly marked "yard trimmings". Stickers are available through the City of Atlanta 311 Customer Service office or customers can paint the words "Yard Trimming" on their container. The 311 Customer Service Center may be reached Monday - Friday, 8:15 am– 5:00 pm at 404.330.6333 or by email to: [publicworks@atlantaga.gov](mailto:publicworks@atlantaga.gov).



Photo Source: Online Images

*"Hi my name is P. English, I've live in the Ben Hill community all my life. I have never believed in throwing trash out of cars, or littering in any way. I am so glad to be able to contribute to my community. I will continue and will try to involve others as well.*

*I believe that others care. When we look at the condition of our streets everyone can see there's a need for more out-reach. I will continue researching ideas on how to educate our people on this matter. And thanks for the interest the city has shown."*



Lani Milon, OOT North Avenue is greeted by Atlanta Council Member Felicia Moore.

*Thank you DPW for all of your hard work in Council District 9 and throughout the City of Atlanta!"*

*- Felicia Moore  
Atlanta City Council District*

## A Taste of SWEET



The City of Atlanta Department of Public Works is committed to keeping Atlanta clean and beautiful. The Solid Waste Education & Enforcement Team (SWEET) is a major part of the effort to ensure proper waste disposal practices and education and enforcement of the Solid Waste Solid Waste Code.

Their primary goal is to keep public spaces clean and safe, by educating residents and visitors about proper waste disposal and holding those accountable who violate the city's rules and regulations. Typical violations include illegal dumping, graffiti, illegal signs, and improperly contained waste disposal. Violations may carry fines and penalties up to \$1000. Cases are prosecuted in the Atlanta Municipal court weekly.

Report potential violations to the 311 Customer Service Center at (404) 330-6333 or by email to [publicworks@atlantaga.gov](mailto:publicworks@atlantaga.gov).

*"I would just like to thank you for sending a crew out to pick up the tree branches my neighbors cut down and stacked in front of the hydrant and water sewer. The City of Atlanta workers came bright and early and were such a blessing because it started to rain. It would have made a terrible mess. THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR SWIFT RESPONSE. YOU HELPED PREVENT A MESS ON A BUSY STREET."*

*- J. Turner. SW Atlanta*



## AMERICA RECYCLES DAY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014

The Department of Public Works appreciates all employees and our partners in the community for helping us to keep the public right of way clean!

Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 10 am - 2 pm, the Department of Public Works will offer free recycling at the Mall West End located at 850 Oak Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30310.

The event is free and open to the public. Drop off paper, plastics, electronics, and more! Visit [www.atlantaga.gov](http://www.atlantaga.gov) for more details.



## SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



WISHING OUR  
CUSTOMERS A SAFE  
& HAPPY HOLIDAY  
SEASON!



**Veterans Day**  
Tuesday November 11, 2014

We are working on the regular pick up schedule this week.



**Thanksgiving Day**  
Thursday November 27, 2014

We are working on the regular schedule for Thursday customers.



**Christmas Day**  
Thursday December 25, 2014

Our staff will be off on December 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Collections will resume for Thursday customers on Friday December 26, 2014.



**New Years Day**  
Thursday January 1, 2015

Our staff will be off on Thursday January 1, 2015 in observance of the New Year holiday. Collections will resume for Thursday customers on Friday January 2, 2015.

Holiday schedules are subject to change annually depending on the day of the holiday. Containers should be placed on the curb by 7p.m. the previous day and removed from curb by 7p.m. on collection day.

For more information about solid waste collections, please visit us online at: [www.atlantaga.gov](http://www.atlantaga.gov) or call the 311 Customer Service Center at 404-330-6333.

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**CHRISTMAS TREES** may be placed with yard trimmings, however we do encourage recycling with local tree recycling events. Christmas trees should not have any lights or other objects on them.

