

CITY OF ATLANTA



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms

Department of Transportation Commissioner, Josh Rowan, PE



Public Information Agenda

Boulevard Improvements

January 21st, 2021 6:00 PM

- ▶ Virtual Meeting Etiquette
- ▶ Welcome and Introductions
- ▶ Project Overview Presentation
- ▶ Feedback/Comment Cards
- ▶ Closing



Virtual Meeting Etiquette



- ▶ Your microphone has been muted to avoid any background noise.
- ▶ Participants are reminded to conduct themselves with the same decorum and standards of behavior appropriate for any public meeting or hearing.
- ▶ We will address questions/comments in the chat during the presentation.
- ▶ All other questions/comments can be submitted via your comment cards.
 - ❑ ATLDOT@Atlantaga.gov
- ▶ The comment cards, the presentation, and the concept layout will be posted to the project web site.
 - ❑ WWW.RenewAtlantaBond.com – Complete Streets – Page 2 – South Boulevard

Complete Streets



Welcome



- ▶ Council Member District One - Carla Smith

Introductions

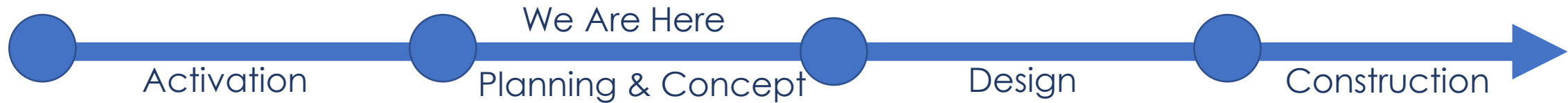
- ▶ ATLDOT Commissioner – Josh Rowan, PE
- ▶ ATLDOT Project Manager – Ian MacRae, PE
- ▶ Consultant Team Gresham Smith
 - ❑ Sarah Blackburn, PE
 - ❑ Nithin Gomez, PE,PTOE
 - ❑ Chelsea Lincoln, EI



Project Overview



- ▶ Brief History - Past Meetings
- ▶ Progress Since the Last Public Meeting



- ☐ Traffic Study – Overview of Recommendations
- ☐ Funding – Current Sources Available
- ▶ Current Concept Scope vs Funding
 - ☐ Resurfacing with Lane Reconfiguration
 - ☐ Complete Streets Items

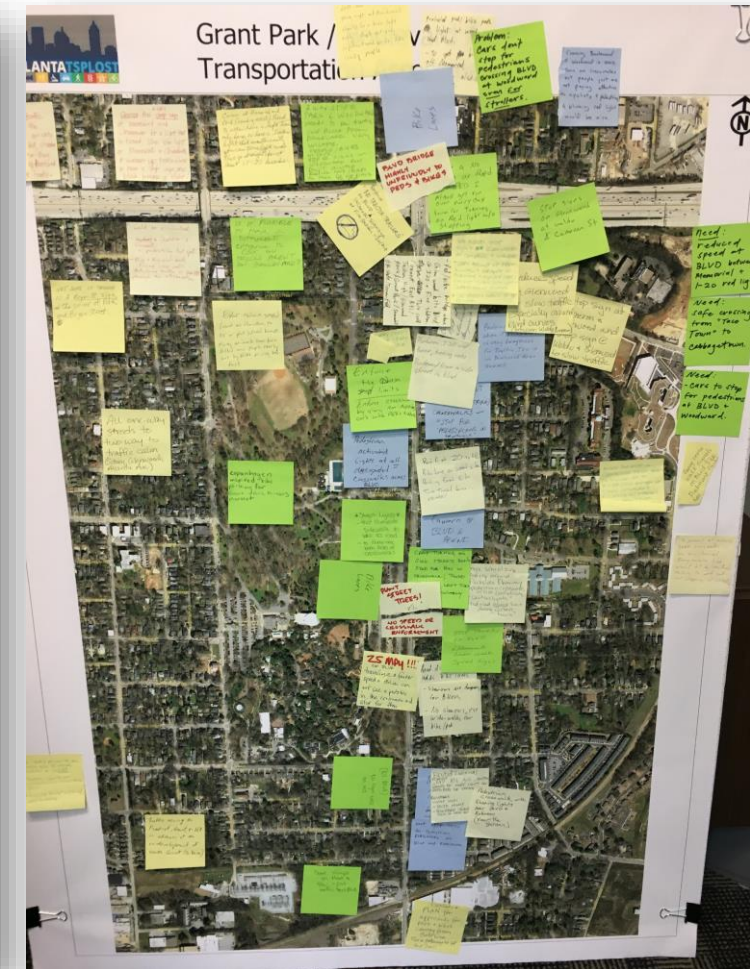
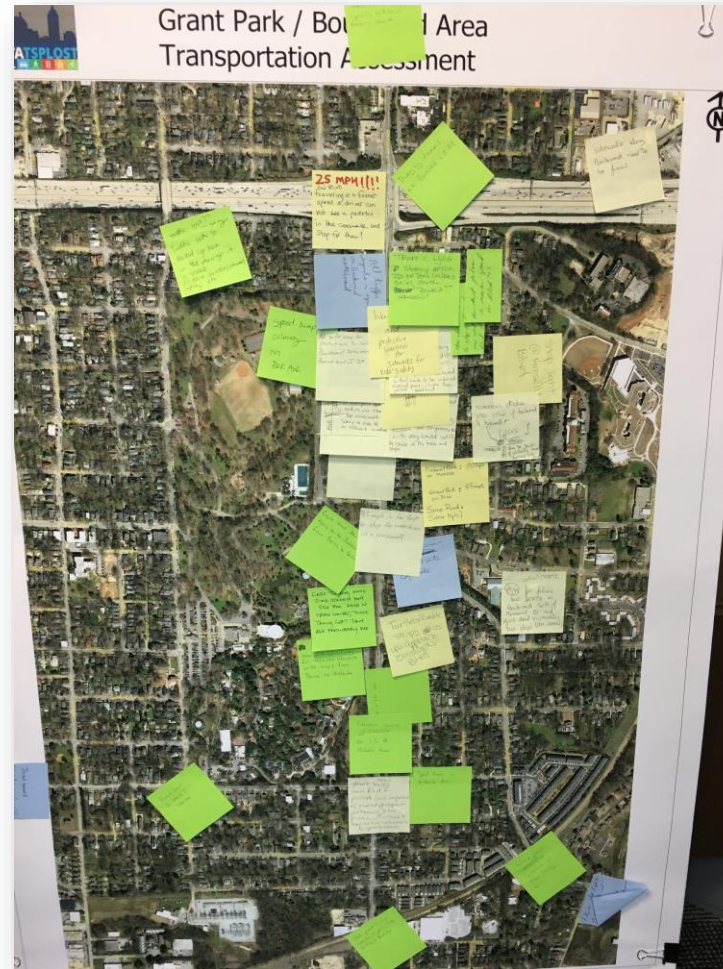
Past Meetings

- ▶ August 2016 – During the Renew Bond public engagement meeting for the Monroe/Bld Complete Streets projects the city received over 600 Comments. Over 200 of those comments were requests to extend the complete streets further south past the Woodward limit to McDonough Blvd.



Past Meetings

- February 2017 – A meeting was held to collect concerns and suggestions from the neighborhood communities on what they saw as priority improvements for Boulevard. The main concern with the community was **SLOW DOWN THE VEHICLE TRAFFIC.**



Past Meetings

- ▶ June 2018 – A public information open house meeting was held to show possible concepts for traffic calming that could be implemented from the previous meeting comments.

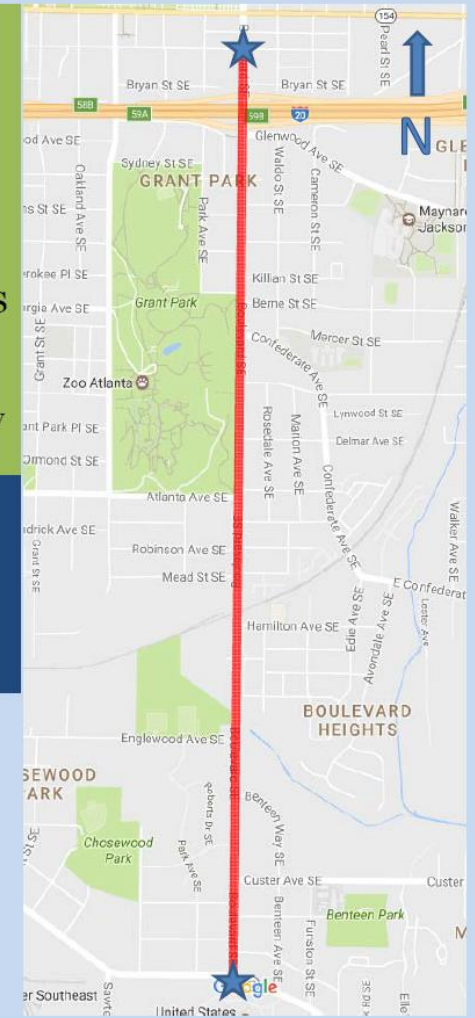
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulb Outs | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian signals (PHB) (RRFB) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signal Upgrades | |



South Boulevard: Possible Concept Improvements

Based on comments
received from the February
8, 2017 Public Meeting

Woodward
Avenue to
McDonough
Boulevard





NEXT STEPS FROM LAST PUBLIC MEETING

- ▶ A **Traffic study** is needed to determine pedestrian signal locations, to verify a possible lane reconfiguration, and to define any other suggested traffic calming and mobility improvements along Boulevard.
- ▶ Other/added **Funding** sources will need to be acquired for a Complete Street project implementation.
- ▶ Revise concept to present for **Public Opinion**.

UPDATES ON NEXT STEP ITEMS

Traffic study – Traffic Engineering Report

- ❑ Our consultant was hired to provide a detailed traffic report and concept study. The goals were to improve all forms of mobility by enabling safe and efficient access for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders along this corridor. This report accounted for all new and future developments, the Beltline, and the new parking facility. Data collections were pre-COVID-19 levels (2019).
- ❑ The draft concept report has been reviewed and the team's recommendations were as follows.



TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORT

FOR

SOUTH BOULEVARD CONCEPT STUDY

IN

ATLANTA, GA

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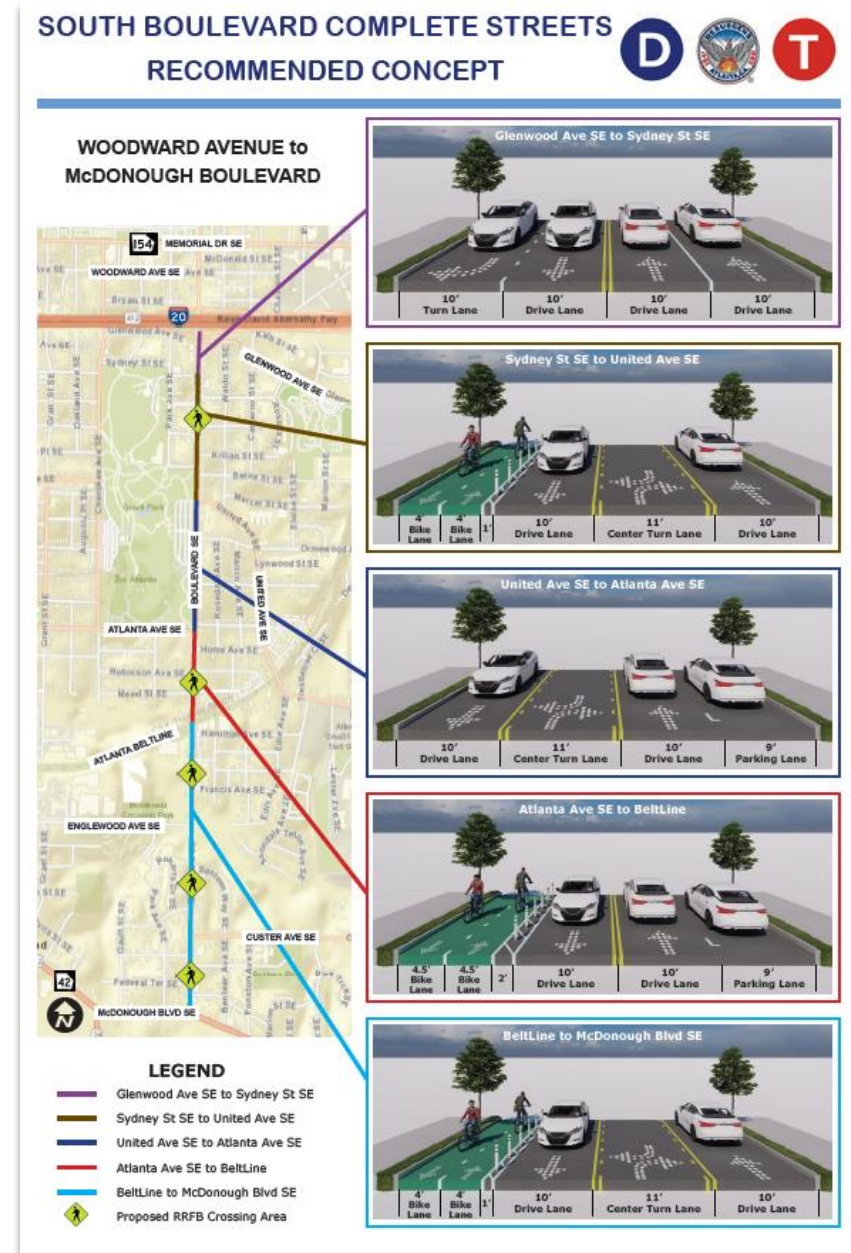
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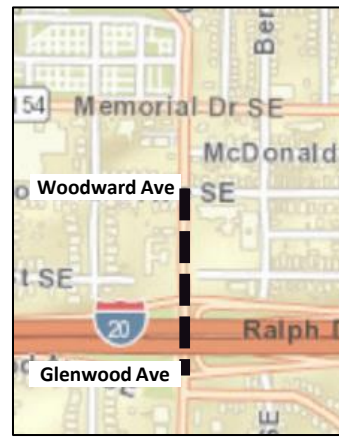
OVERVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Traffic study – Traffic Engineering Report

- ▶ Five typical segments along corridor.
- ▶ Improve connectivity around Grant Park.
- ▶ Major features:
 - ❑ Five Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) crossings
 - ❑ On-street parking between United Ave and BeltLine
 - ❑ Buffered, bi-directional bike facility on the west side of sections of Boulevard SE (separated by delineators)
 - ❑ Wayfinding signage & curb extensions or pedestrian refuge islands at pedestrian crossings



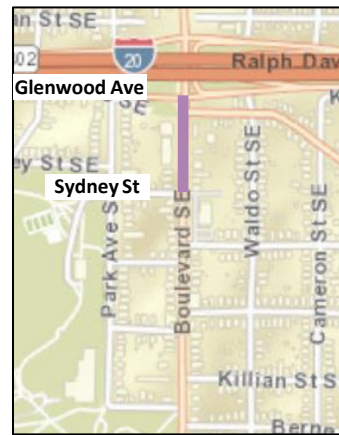
WOODWARD AVE SE TO GLENWOOD AVE SE



- ▶ Maintain existing road geometry
- ▶ Recommended signal at Woodward Ave for further study (This signal work is being implemented into the Monroe Drive/Blvd Complete Streets project. That project is currently in the design phase.)
- ▶ No changes recommended at I-20 junction



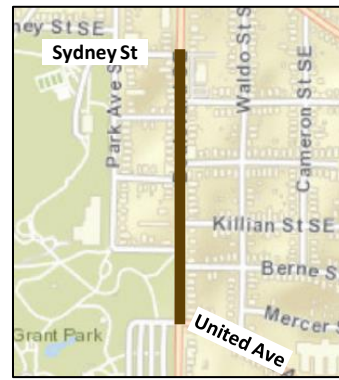
GLENWOOD AVE SE TO SYDNEY STREET



- ▶ Continue 4-lane cross-section to Sydney St
- ▶ Southbound outside lane becomes Right Turn Only lane onto Sydney Street.
- ▶ New crosswalk at Glenwood Ave to connect the trail next to the fire station.



SYDNEY ST TO UNITED AVE SE



- ▶ Convert to 3-lane cross section with center turn lane
- ▶ Add bi-directional, separated bike facility on west side of Boulevard SE
- ▶ Short existing on-street parking section north of Rosalia St to remain
- ▶ Add RRFB ped. crossing North of Rosalia St



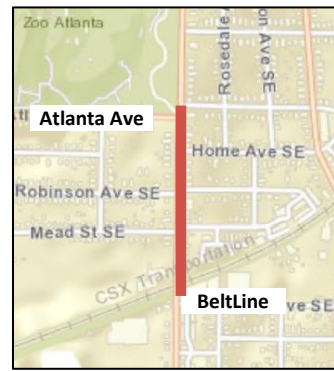
UNITED AVE SE TO ATLANTA AVE SE



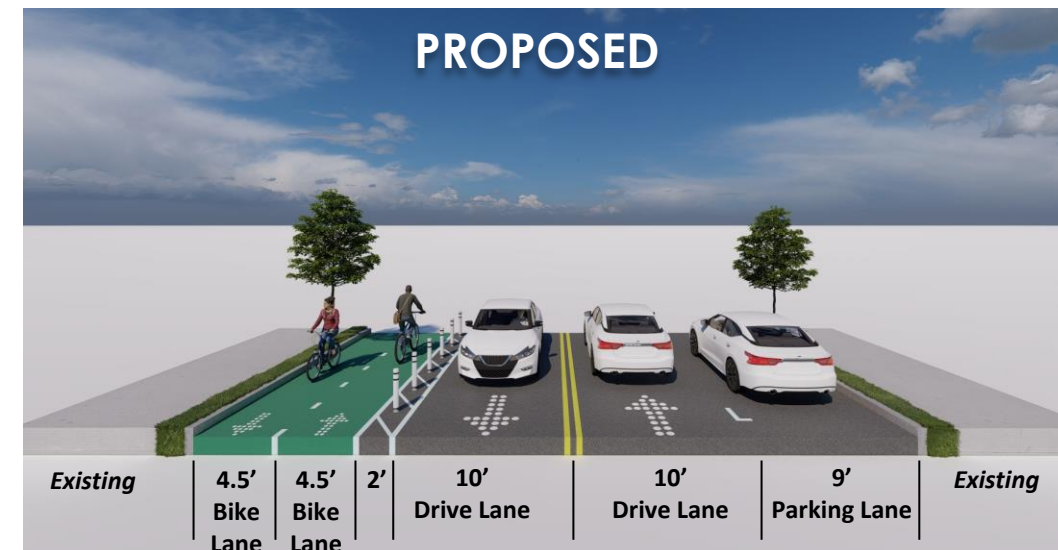
- ▶ 3-lane cross section with center turn lane
 - ❑ All possible options reviewed
- ▶ Keep on-street parking along east side
- ▶ Utilize multimodal connection that runs parallel to this section through Grant Park.
 - ❑ Bolster with wayfinding and signage to effectively route multimodal users



ATLANTA AVE SE TO ATLANTA BELTLINE



- ▶ Convert to a 2-lane cross section
- ▶ Keep on-street parking south of Atlanta Ave
- ▶ Keep left turn lanes at Atlanta St
- ▶ Add bi-directional, separated bike facility on west side of Boulevard SE
- ▶ Add RRFB ped. crossing between Robinson Ave & Mead St
- ▶ Maintain existing PHB at BeltLine crossing



THE BELTLINE TO MCDONOUGH BLVD SE



- ▶ Convert to 3-lane cross section with center turn lane
- ▶ Add bi-directional, separated bike facility on west side of Boulevard SE
- ▶ Add RRFBs ped. crossing between Schuyler Ave SE & Francis Ave SE, between Benteen Way SE & Burroughs St SE, and between Cassanova St SE & Federal Ter SE





UPDATES ON NEXT STEP ITEMS

► Funding

- ❑ Council Member Smith has committed a significant portion of her Renew Local Bond budget to Boulevard.
- ❑ ATLDOT submitted a request to receive funds for the Atlanta Regional Commission's (ARC) Transportation Information Program (TIP) using the Renew Local Bond funds as a match to receive federal dollars.
- ❑ ARC has placed Boulevard as eligible to receive funds for the design phase funding this fiscal year.
- ❑ ATLDOT will need to follow a federal process that can take over 5 years to receive construction funds for the Complete Street items on Boulevard.





UPDATES ON NEXT STEP ITEMS

► Scope vs Funding

Scope of Work Covered Under Funding Type	
Local Bond Funding – 18 to 24 months	ARC/TIP Funding – 5 years or greater
Lane Reconfiguration/Repaving/Striping	RRFBs at crosswalks
Buffered, bi-directional bike facility	Drainage and Structure Repairs
	Sidewalk and Curbing Repairs
	Concrete Bulb Outs/Delineated On Street Parking
	New Signals South of Atlanta Avenue
	Concrete Islands at Crosswalks

Other Improvements

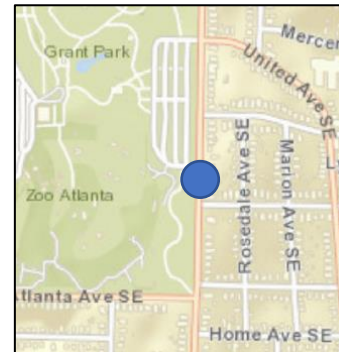
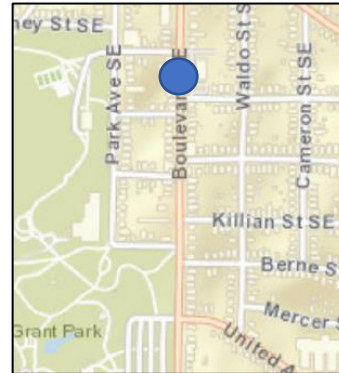
- ▶ Legislated Speed Reduction (35 mph to 25 mph)
- ▶ Beltline = New Development = New Sidewalks



Other Improvements

► (PHB) Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons

- ❑ Beltline Location (provided by Atlanta Beltline Incorporated - ABI)
- ❑ A CVS Location (Provided under Local Municipal Infrastructure Grant - LMIG)
- ❑ A Grant Park Location (Provided under Local Municipal Infrastructure Grant - LMIG)
- ❑ CM Smith asked for further Evaluation
- ❑ Excepted Construction date Summer 2021



Feedback & Reminders



- **Comments Sent via Email**
 - ☐ Please Place South Blvd in Subject Line
 - ☐ ATLDOT@Atlantaga.gov
- **Please Respond to Preferred Scope and Timeline on Your Comment Cards**
 - ☐ Resurfacing and Bike Facilities - 18 months to 24 months
 - ☐ A Full Complete Streets Project - 5 Years +

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Public Meeting Comment Card
Boulevard Complete Streets Project Public Information Meeting
January 21, 2021

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Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

How did you hear about this meeting? ☐ Email ☐ Social Media ☐ Word of Mouth
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Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please list additional comment/questions you may have (Feel free to use the back of this sheet for additional space):

Check (✓) the phrase below which best describes your feeling about the project.

☐ I SUPPORT IT ☐ I OPPOSE IT ☐ I am UNCOMMITTED

Check (✓) the phrase below which best describes your feeling about moving forward with a complete Streets project using Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) funding.

☐ I SUPPORT IT ☐ I OPPOSE IT ☐ I am UNCOMMITTED

Written comments will be accepted until February 26, 2021
Email your comments to ATLDOT@AtlantaGA.gov
In the subject line of the email, please reference the name, date, and title of the meeting for which you are leaving comment or questions.

- **The Presentation, Comment Cards, and Layout will be on the website.**
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 - Complete Streets – South Boulevard
 - ☐ Comments are Being Accepted until February 26, 2021





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Closing Remarks

Council Member Carla Smith

