

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Downtown City Hall Vicinity Resurfacing Project

June 29, 2023

### Safety

#### **What plans are in place to prevent vehicles from parking in the new bike lanes installed as part of the Downtown City Hall Vicinity Resurfacing Project?**

Currently, a combination of plastic and concrete barricades has been installed to discourage illegal parking in the newly striped bike lanes with varying levels of success. Those temporary barriers will be replaced with plastic bollards and/or concrete wheel stops to create protected bike lane infrastructure. ATLDOT and the Atlanta Police Department also are discussing viable enforcement strategies for the Downtown bike infrastructure.

#### **Will the project address the bike lane transition from Capitol Avenue SW heading north into Piedmont Avenue SE currently? Currently, striping for bike lanes on Capitol Avenue heading north to the Piedmont Avenue transition does not indicate where bikes can safely access the three-lane configuration of Piedmont Avenue SE after Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE (MLK Jr. Drive).**

Yes, as construction continues, a green bike box will be added at the stop bar so cyclists can use any lane heading north from Capitol Avenue onto Piedmont Avenue. In addition, ATLDOT's planned Piedmont Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements project would continue bicycle infrastructure improvements on Piedmont Avenue north of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. the Atlanta Department of Transportation (ATLDOT) design team continues to review, redesign, and resolve connectivity issues associated with current and planned bike lane installations to determine where safety and connectivity can be enhanced.

#### **What intersections within the Downtown City Hall Vicinity Resurfacing project limits will have dedicated bike signals and signage?**

Traffic signal improvements were not included in the scope of Downtown City Hall Vicinity Resurfacing project. Signage for vehicles to yield to bicycles and for bicycles to use pedestrian signals will be installed at many but not all intersections.

#### **Are there plans to convert any of the existing one-way streets in Downtown to two-way streets as a traffic calming measure?**

No two-way conversions were proposed as part of this project.

## Connectivity

### **Will it be possible to provide bike lane connections from Downtown and Castleberry Hill to PATH entry points on Luckie Street and John Portman Boulevard?**

The requested connections are outside of the project limits for the Downtown City Hall Vicinity Resurfacing project. However, the ATLDOT Office of Strategy and Planning will review and assess this and all potential opportunities to improve multimodal connectivity between Downtown and the city's parks and trails.

### **Will it be possible to extend the MLK Jr. Drive two-way cycle track west past Forsyth Street once the construction work on the viaduct at Spring Street is complete?**

As with all ATLDOT projects, our staff will evaluate feasible options for expanding bike lane access to city roadways, including extension of the two-way track on MLK Jr. Drive. Central Atlanta Progress is working to complete a South Downtown Transportation Plan with a proposed extension of the MLK cycle track to the west. Funding has not yet been identified for the project.

### **Is ATLDOT considering installing bike lane connectivity in other Downtown areas, such as Peachtree Center, the Westside of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, or Grant Park?**

The requested connections are outside of the project limits for the Downtown City Hall Vicinity Resurfacing project. However, as a Vision Zero municipality, the City of Atlanta is committed to eliminating transportation-related deaths and serious injuries on our streets. In collaboration with City Council District representatives and stakeholder partners, ATLDOT continues to identify, evaluate, and expand opportunities for safe roadway access for all users. We welcome suggestions for these and other locations for safe, equitable, and multimodal infrastructure improvements.

## General Interest

### **When will vegetation be added to the permanent plant medians on the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive two-way cycle track?**

Atlanta Downtown Improvement District (ADID)'s contractor is scheduled to install vegetation in the median islands after completion of the striping work, currently anticipated to be completed by the end of July, weather permitting, and with no unforeseen construction challenges.

**Are city, state, and county officials being informed of the new street configurations and how they will benefit Atlanta residents and visitors?**

The construction plans for State Route 154/Trinity Avenue were reviewed and permitted by the Georgia Department of Transportation. Information regarding the new street configurations has been shared with Atlanta City Council members, Community Improvement District stakeholders, property owners, and advocacy groups. In addition, local, county, and state agencies housed or operating in the Downtown area have been included in project-related correspondence before and during construction.

**More information**

**How can I stay informed about the progress of the Downtown City Hall Vicinity Resurfacing project?**

Project information is available via the following platforms:

Y Website: [www.atldot.atlantaga.gov](http://www.atldot.atlantaga.gov)

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