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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Atlanta Development Authority (ADA) Gathers a Beltline Transit Panel**

#### **WHAT:**

The Atlanta Development Authority (ADA) has assembled a BeltLine Transit Panel to review the transit component of the BeltLine vision. At a series of four public meetings, the panel will review studies and receive presentations from a variety of organizations connected with the BeltLine. This process will result in the creation of a brief white paper focusing on the BeltLine's role in Atlanta's regional transit system.

The BeltLine vision and its ability to address quality of life objectives for the City of Atlanta are dependent upon a strong and well-defined relationship between land use and transportation planning. Numerous studies have been conducted examining each of the aspects of the proposal including Tax Allocation District (TAD) feasibility, assessment of the proposed park system, redevelopment opportunities and land use planning, and the transit inner core feasibility study.

The BeltLine Transit Panel has been assembled to evaluate the role of the transit component of the BeltLine as part of an integrated regional transit system.

The BeltLine is envisioned as an opportunity to accommodate Atlanta's projected growth by utilizing the best practice principles of land use planning and urban design. It is anticipated that the BeltLine will generate tremendous economic development opportunities, along with an expanded interconnected park system of twenty parks covering 2000 acres with 22 miles of multi-use trails and an in-town transit loop designed to link to the regional transit system connecting with the residential, employment, and recreation centers throughout the metro area.

## **WHO:**

The BeltLine Transit Panel is composed of **William W. Millar**, President of the American Public Transportation Association, **Dr. Catherine L. Ross**, Harry West Professor and Director of the Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development and former Executive Director of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, **Michael A. Dobbins**, Associate Professor in the College of Architecture at the Georgia Institute of Technology and former Planning Commissioner for the City of Atlanta, **Dr. Michael D. Meyer**, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Georgia Tech and former Director of Transportation Planning and Development for the state of Massachusetts, and **Tim Jackson**, President of Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin Lopez Rinehart, Inc. a community planning consulting firm with offices in Orlando, Atlanta, and West Palm Beach.

## **WHEN:**

The BeltLine Transit Panel meetings will be open to the public.

**Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 p.m.** at the Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development in the Economic Development Building at Georgia Tech (located at 760 Spring Street), will be a working meeting for the panel.

The remaining meeting dates are:

**Monday, June 27, 9 a.m. – noon,**

**Thursday, July 7, 2–6 p.m. (public comments will be permitted during second half of this meeting)**

**Monday, July 25, 3-6 p.m.,**

Meetings will be in the auditorium of the College of Architecture at Georgia Tech (located at 245 4<sup>th</sup> Street) (see <http://gtalumni.org/campusmap/> for a Georgia Tech map).

Presentations to the panel by invited organizations will be the primary format for the second and third meetings and time will be set aside for public comment during the second half of the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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