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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed **10<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Multi-modal Connection Project**, PI Number 0015890. Our goal for this meeting is two-fold: 1) to provide you with information on the proposed project and 2) to provide an opportunity for you to give us your comments on the proposed project. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, and a comment card.

Please review the project display boards around the room to learn about the proposed project. There will be no formal presentation. City of Atlanta, Midtown Alliance, and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, along with the project consultant team from Kimley-Horn, are available to discuss the proposed project and your questions. All project representatives are wearing nametags. We hope you will take the opportunity to tell the City of Atlanta and Midtown Alliance what you think about the proposed project. Listed below are several ways to provide feedback.

As an attendee of the open house, you can **provide your comments today** by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box, or you may choose to provide your verbal comments to the court reporter who will transcribe your comments.

You can also **provide your comments by Thursday, September 19, 2019** by using either of the below methods. For reference, the project layouts and plans will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the website noted below. Hardcopies will also be available at Midtown Alliance, 999 Peachtree St NE, Suite 730, Atlanta, GA, 30309.

- Submit comments online at [www.MidtownATL.com/10thStreetBridge](http://www.MidtownATL.com/10thStreetBridge).
- Submit comments by mailing in your comment card to Ms. Emily Schwimmer, Midtown Alliance, 999 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 730, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

Your comments are important to us and, should you provide comments by one of the methods noted above, we will respond to you in writing usually within 30 days of the close of the comment period. All comments will become part of the project's official record. A copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Midtown Alliance address listed above.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Mike Lobdell at 404-998-8673, or the environmental analyst, Patrick Smith at 678-710-9497, or Emily Schwimmer of Midtown Alliance at 404-892-0050.

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**Why We Are Here:** The 10th Street Bridge Multi-modal Enhancement Project fills a critical gap in the City of Atlanta and Midtown's bicycle and pedestrian network and improves the user experience for all mode types. This Project combines three (3) individual Projects identified in the City of Atlanta's Cycle Atlanta 1.0 plan and the Midtown Transportation Plan, including the 10th Street Bridge Redesign, the 10th Street Road Diet, and adding new bicycle facilities along Williams Street. The Project expands on the existing bike and pedestrian network in Midtown and terminates where Georgia Tech is planning future accommodations.

Today, the 10th Street Bridge facilitates connections for all mode and trip types to the Georgia Tech campus, McCamish Pavilion, Turner Broadcasting, and the Home Park neighborhood on the west side of I-75/85 and the Midtown Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) station, Piedmont Park and the Midtown district on the east side of I-75/85. Due to its proximity to these amenities and its direct access to I-75/85, the 10th Street Bridge facilitates 150 pedestrians and 20 cyclists crossings during the peak hour and 35,000 peak period vehicle trips each weekday. Existing sidewalks on 10th Street over I-75/85 are not wide enough to accommodate peak pedestrian demand and there are no separated bicycle facilities.

The 10th Street Bridge Multi-modal Connection Project proposes reconfiguration of the traffic lanes on 10th Street and Williams Street to improve the user experience for vehicles by providing consistency of lane widths and improving turning radii at corners, including at I-75/85 on- and off-ramps. The Project will reduce points of conflict by separating bicycle and pedestrian facilities along 10th Street between Williams Street on the east side of I-75/85 and Techwood Drive on the west side and along Williams Street between Peachtree Place to the south and 12th Street to the north. The proposed improvements include barrier-protected two-way cycle tracks on 10th Street, Williams Street and Techwood Drive, ADA-compliant crosswalks at intersections, and realignment of the sidewalks throughout the project limits. This handout includes a map to help better understand the proposed project. The figures show the proposed conceptual alignment of PI# 0015890.

**Project Description:** The Project seeks to serve all modes of travel in Midtown in a more balanced way. The width and number of the travel lanes along 10th Street are proposed to be reconfigured to allow for wider sidewalks and a separated two-way cycle track. The lanes on Williams Street south of 10th Street are to be narrowed to 11 feet and shifted to the west to construct a separated two-way cycle track. The proposed Williams Street cycle track will extend from Peachtree Place to 12th Street. To accommodate the separated bicycle and pedestrian facilities along Williams Street across 10th Street, the northeast corner is bulbed out allowing two receiving lanes on Williams Street instead of three. The existing 42-foot pavement width of Techwood Drive will be restriped to utilize the extra wide existing 22-foot wide northbound lane to create room for a two-way cycle track from 10th Street to the Turner Broadcasting entrance on the west side of Techwood Drive. Intersections will be enhanced with curb extensions and crossings to accommodate heavy pedestrian demand and the proposed two-way cycle tracks. Aesthetic features, such as landscaping planters, a decorative fence, and architectural pedestrian and roadway lighting, are proposed for the bridge to create a gateway into Midtown. The Project length is approximately 600 feet on 10th Street, 1400 feet on Williams Street, and 350 feet on Techwood Drive.

## **10<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Multi-modal Connection Project Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### *What is the timeline for this project?*

The Project is currently in the first phase of design (concept design), which is expected to conclude by the end of 2019. Design and engineering will then begin in 2020 with final project approvals expected in late 2021. Construction would then begin in Spring 2022 and is expected to last for 18 months.

### *How is this project funded?*

The Project has \$7.2 million total funding from the following sources:

- City of Atlanta TSPLOST funds: \$2.1 million
- Federal funds granted via the Atlanta Regional Commission: \$2.64 million
- Midtown Improvement District funds: \$2.5 million

### *Will this project impact private property?*

The Project does not currently plan to impact private property. Indeed, one of the design goals of the Project is to not impact private property in order to minimize disruption to adjacent property owners and facilitate a shorter project implementation timeline.

### *What are the environmental impacts of the project?*

Given that the Project is located in the dense urban environment of Midtown Atlanta, environmental specialists have not identified any habitat in the area that would be disturbed by this project. In terms of impact to air and noise, the Project is not expected to have negative impacts because it will not be adding vehicular lanes (only removing them). Finally, there are two eligible historic architectural resources in the area: 1) H.M. Patterson & Son – Spring Hill Chapel, and 2) the Retail Credit Company Building now used by Turner Broadcasting System (TBS); however, the Project will not impact either property.

### *How was the preferred alternative selected?*

The preferred alternative was selected because the most prominent destinations – the Midtown MARTA station and the Georgia Tech campus – are along the south side of 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Project area observations indicate that the south side of 10<sup>th</sup> Street bridge is frequently traversed by pedestrians, cyclists, and scooter riders while the north side of 10<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge sees less users. The preferred alternative accommodates these travel patterns.

**Comment Card**

*Please print responses.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you support the project? (check your response)

- For***
- Against***
- Conditional***
- Uncommitted***

General Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about this Open House?  ***Email***  ***Newspaper***  ***Signs***  ***Word of Mouth***

***Social Media***  ***Other*** \_\_\_\_\_

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend?  **Yes**  **No**

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

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Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?  **Yes**  **No**

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you. \_\_\_\_\_

Were your questions answered by City of Atlanta, Midtown Alliance, or Kimley-Horn personnel?

- Yes**
- No**

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?  **Yes**  **No**

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways City of Atlanta conducts Open Houses:

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