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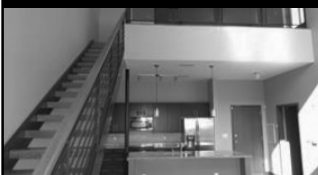
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# Kirkwood

## NEIGHBOR

## Wine Stroll: A community party in more ways than one, and not just for wine drinkers

Friday, September 21 • 7:00 - 10:00 PM

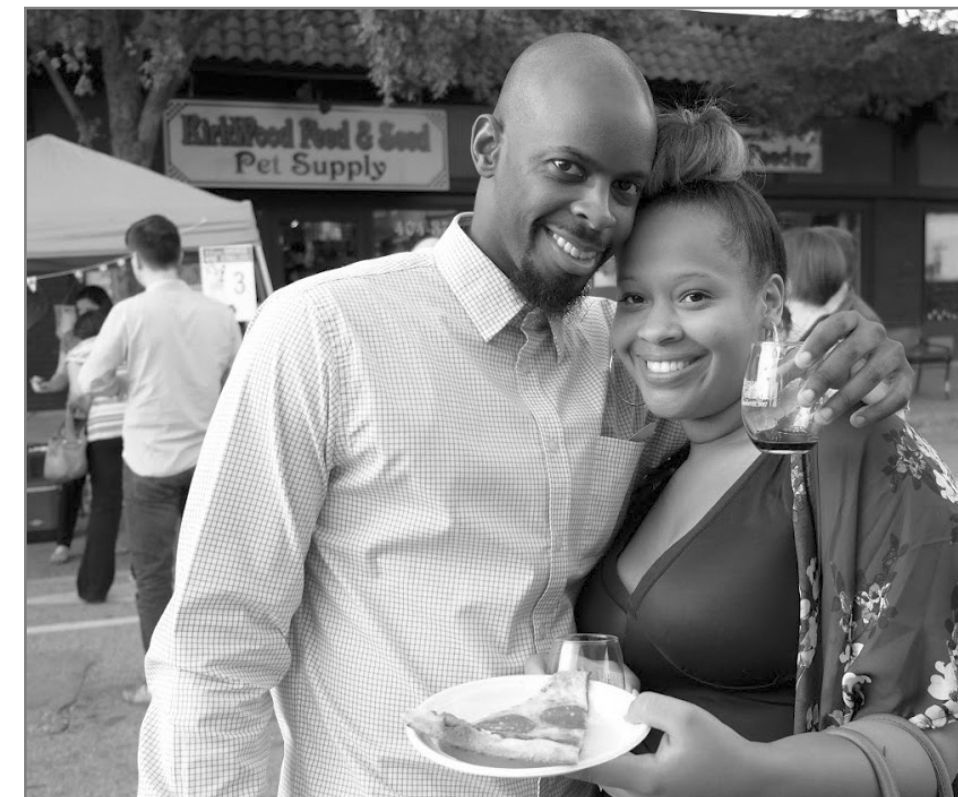
[www.kirkwoodwinestroll.com](http://www.kirkwoodwinestroll.com)

by Emily Wimbush

The Kirkwood Business Owners' Association (KBOA) will host the 12th annual Wine Stroll on Friday, Sept. 21, in downtown Kirkwood. The event has grown remarkably over the years, attracting participants from all over the greater Atlanta area.

The Wine Stroll began shortly after the development of the KBOA in 2007 as a way to introduce new neighborhood businesses to the community. In the first year, 13 businesses participated and about 350 people attended. This year, 42 businesses will pour 84 wines, and event organizers expect more than 3,000 attendees.

Live music was introduced to the event in 2014. This year, there will be three stages, each with several acts. (See



page 15 for schedules.)

Profits from the Wine Stroll always go back into the Kirkwood community.

Over the past 10 years, proceeds have

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Kirkwood Neighbors’ Organization (KNO) is a racially and economically diverse civic organization devoted to the revitalization of Atlanta’s historic Kirkwood community.

KNO meets on the 10th of each month at 7:00 PM at the Turner Monumental A.M.E. Church, 66 Howard St. NE.

Everyone is welcome!

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Kirkwood Neighbors’ Organization (KNO)  
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KNO Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Sept. 5  
Kirkwood Neighbors Night at the Pullman  
Come buy your Kirkwood banners and swag, and support Kirkwood Cares.

6:30 PM: Zoning Committee meeting  
8:00 PM: Public Safety Committee meeting

Monday, Sept. 10 • 7:00-8:00 PM  
KNO Meeting, Turner Monumental AME Church

Wednesday, Sept 19 • 7:00-8:00 PM  
Community Meeting, Bessie Branham Rec Center  
Discuss proposed rezoning in downtown commercial area of Kirkwood.

Wednesday, Oct. 3  
Kirkwood Neighbors Night at the Pullman

Wednesday, Oct. 10 • 7:00-8:00 PM  
KNO Meeting, Turner Monumental AME Church

Saturday, Oct. 20 • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Pops with Cops, Bessie Branham Park

FIND KIRKWOOD NEIGHBOR AT:

- Anna’s BBQ 1976 Hosea Williams Drive
- Atlanta Intown 1963 Hosea Williams Drive #R101
- Big H Grocery 1932 Hosea Williams Drive
- Blue Ink Title 1963 Hosea Williams Drive #R103
- DeKalb Atlanta Human Services Center 30 Warren Street
- DeKalb Atlanta Senior Center 25 Warren Street SE
- Dulce Vegan 1994 Hosea Williams Drive
- Guitar Shed 1610 Hosea Williams Drive Ste. E
- Indigo Wellness 1963 Hosea Williams Drive #R107
- Kirkwood Feed and Seed 1998 Hosea Williams Drive
- Kirkwood Library 11 Kirkwood Road – not during construction
- Langford’s Barber Shop 1947 Hosea Williams Drive
- Le Petit Marche 1963 Hosea Williams Drive
- LIV Fitness 1853 Memorial Drive
- The Pullman 1992 Hosea Williams Drive
- Spotted Trotter 1610 Hosea Williams Drive Ste. A&B
- Sun In My Belly 2161 College Avenue
- Taproom Coffee 1963 Hosea Williams Drive #R106
- Toomer Elementary School 65 Rogers Street NE
- Valero 1989 Hosea Williams Drive
- All KNO and NPU-O meetings & neighborhood events

Wine Stroll

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benefited a variety of projects, including the addition of signage in the downtown triangle, landscaping, pole banners, holiday decorations, school PTAs, camp programs, and teacher training.

In 2016, the KBOA began awarding grants to nonprofit organizations located in the area in 2016. It received 10 applications for 2018 projects. Winners are listed below.

For those who prefer beer, sponsors Second Self and Eventide will feature specials. Stores and restaurants in the downtown area will be open for business. Food stations will sell quick and affordable street bites – and to facilitate



service, food tickets are not required this year.

Last year’s wine stroll sold out in advance, so don’t wait to get your tickets.



2018 Wine Stroll grant recipients

Kirkwood Cares • www.facebook.com/kirkwoodcares  
To provide critical repairs to the homes of low-income residents in Kirkwood

Atlanta Clay Works • www.atlclayworks.org  
To provide workshops for veterans and refugees

Kirkwood Dog Park • www.historic-kirkwood.org/the-kno  
To build, maintain, and facilitate the utilization of a dog park in the neighborhood

Wholesome Wave Georgia • www.wholesomewavegeorgia.org/  
Making healthy, nourishing choices available to Georgia’s food insecure families

Wine Stroll music

Electric Stage  
sponsored by Stryant  
sound engineer Rich Clarke

- 8:00-10:00  
Elegant Bachelors
- 7:00-7:45  
Cosmic Debris (Guitar Shed Adult Band)

Jazz Stage  
sponsored by Wahoo Provisions  
sound engineer Noah Kess

- 9:00-10:00  
Grant Green Jr.
- 8:00-8:45  
Bonaventure Quartet
- 7:00-7:45  
Diamond Street Players

Acoustic Stage  
sponsored by Guitar Shed

- 9:00-10:00  
Max and Maggie
- 8:00-8:45  
Alex and Vivian
- 7:00-7:45  
Brian Revels



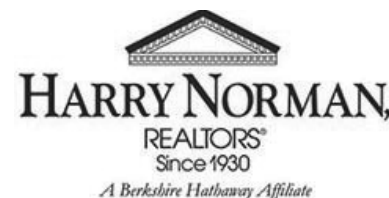
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3. **Review the area's market assessment** provided by the Realtor. Look at each home as a comparable to help you lock in your home's value.
4. **Look at the current "Active Market" of competition.** Your Realtor should be able to provide you with this. Your "current" competition will help you further dial in where your home sits on the active market "now."
5. **Visit your competitors' homes.** Yes, you can do this! Your realtor won't mind – in fact, they should encourage it. A good Realtor knows how important it is to set the correct price from the beginning.
6. **Don't build in too much negotiation room.** If your home is "market ready," price it at the top of market range, but not so high you simply won't get views or offers. All buyers use "Search" gateways (usually in \$25k increments) to view homes online first. If your price is initially set too high, you will miss an entire pool of buyers and or simply not get the viewings.
7. Pricing a home isn't a "set-and-forget" procedure. **Have a plan for when your home comes to market to ensure it moves in a timely manner** (ideally, anywhere from two to six weeks, depending on your personal hyper-focused market).

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Chad & Christina Carter



## Your KNO dollars at work: Kirkwood Cares helps keep long-time residents in home



Tradesmen paid with donated funds, along with volunteers, helped Kirkwood Cares make critical home repairs for the Williams family, who have lived on Sisson Avenue for 54 years.

contributors: Stan Sugarman  
and Justin Schaeffer

Do you ever wonder where the money you spent on beer at the Spring Fling and your Kirkwood Neighbors Organization (KNO) membership dues go? Kirkwood Cares – which provides critical repairs to the homes of low-income neighbors – is a large beneficiary of those dollars and works hard to stretch them through targeted fundraising drives and the

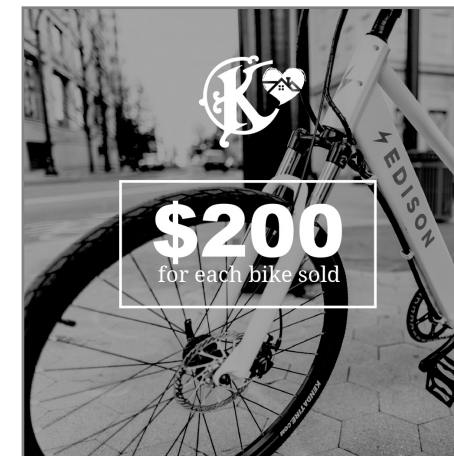
use of volunteers. Recently, the Williams family, homeowners at 254 Sisson Ave. NE, needed help repairing a leaking roof, damaged soffits, falling gutters and a rotted kitchen floor. Professionals, paid with funds donated by KNO, installed a new roof and replaced the kitchen floor, while volunteers fixed the soffits in preparation for the installation of new seamless gutters. "Thanks to Justin Schaeffer, Rob Osbon, Sean Moorhouse, and other volunteers, the Williams family – who have lived in Kirkwood for 54 years – will continue enjoying the neighborhood for a good many years," said Stan Sugarman, KNO vice president.

### How you can help

Dine out at the Pullman on the first Wednesday of each month. Enjoy a meal and a drink, get to know neighbors, join a KNO committee, buy Kirkwood swag, pay your dues to become an official member of the KNO, and support Kirkwood Cares.

Throughout September, Edison Bikes will donate \$200 from every bike they sell to Kirkwood Cares. Stop by the shop at Woodbine and Hosea or at Citizen Supply at Ponce City Market to purchase an Edison electric bike.

Watch for more information about a cookout hosted by Edison Bikes and Kirkwood Cares on Sept. 22, and visit the Edison Bike tent at the Drew Charter School Fall Festival on Sept. 29.



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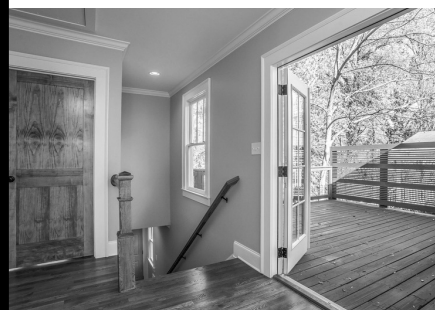


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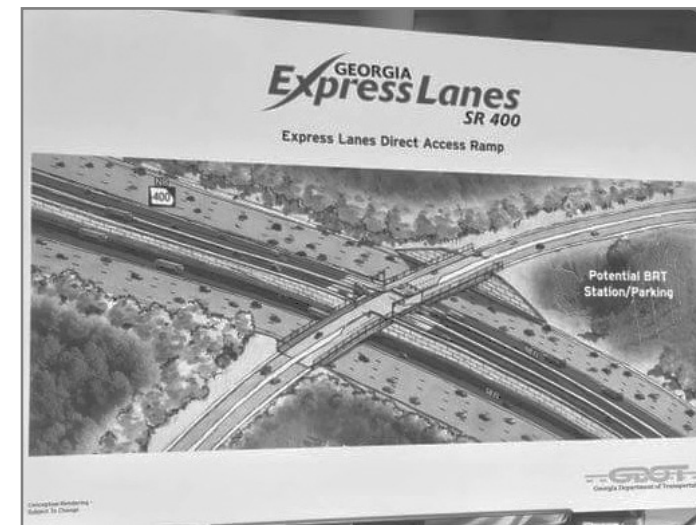
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## GA 400 transit projects could be a metro-wide model



by Carl Holt

Gov. Nathan Deal recently announced that the state of Georgia was issued \$100 million worth of bonds for a bus rapid transit (BRT) project in North Fulton County. It will be part of GDOT's larger Georgia 400 Express Lane project, which will include:

- 2 elevated barrier-separated lanes in each direction from I-285 to Spalding Drive
- 2 buffer-separated lanes in each direction from Spalding Drive to

McGinnis Ferry Road

- 1 buffer-separated lane in each direction from McGinnis Ferry Road to MacFarland Parkway

Four stations are included in the BRT project, but exact locations were not discussed, nor how they would be accessed. Would they be located in the freeway (similar to LA Metro's Silver Line along the Harbor Transitway) or would buses exit the Express Lanes via direct-access ramps, use surface streets to reach station areas, and then re-enter the Express Lanes via ramps?

The entire Express Lane project is projected to cost \$1.8 billion. Funding will come from the \$100 million bond, a \$184 million federal grant, and, if passed by Fulton County voters, a 0.5% transit sales tax.

Fulton County commissioners and mayors approved a transit plan in January, funded by a 0.5% percent sales tax increase. The project list did not contain any funding for rail such as an extension of MARTA's Red Line rail, but rather a BRT system for North and South Fulton County. So if the BRT in Express Lane project is executed correctly, it could

be a model for a metro-wide network of BRT in Express Lanes.

But if BRT-creep (an industry term used to describe an erosion of service that ends up providing something only marginally faster than a regular bus) makes its way into the project and standard BRT amenities are cut out for budgetary reasons, this project will fail to deliver the time savings and ridership projections. Anti-transit people will use it as an example of why transit projects are wasteful, and we will see fewer transit projects funded by the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority.

### Neighborhood rezoning

NPU-O and Councilmember Natalyn Archibong are hosting a special community meeting to discuss the proposed neighborhood commercial zoning in the downtown Kirkwood area.

**Wednesday, September 19 • 7:00-8:00 PM**

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## FATE welcomes new assistant principal

by Shalea Niles

What an August it has been! We have had such a great kick-off to the 2018-2019 school year: We welcomed our new assistant principal, hosted our first Dine Out FATE/WELA Back to School Night, and are moving ahead in full force as an IB-driven school.

Teruko Dobashi-Taylor began her educational career in 2006, leading community advocacy groups and LGBT trainings for social workers in San Francisco. During her time at University of California, Berkeley, she served as a poetry teacher and crisis counselor at two schools.

Then, she joined Teach for America and relocated to Jackson, Miss., where she taught 5th grade at Brown Elementary School. Her passion for poetry and its ability to heal encouraged her to start a poetry club for 4th- and 5th-grade students, a group focused on empowering and enlightening



New Assistant Principal Teruko Dobashi-Taylor already fits in just like family. She comes to FATE with an impressive track record of accomplishments in the schools and communities she has served.

through the art of words.

While teaching full-time, Mrs. Teruko graduated from Jackson State University. She was a Sue Lehmann regional finalist in 2014 and was also nominated for an Alumni

Excellence teaching award in 2015.

She wrote a grant to start an after-school program that provided data-influenced mini-lessons, enrichment activities, and homework assistance, all with a social justice perspective. Operation Shoestring agreed to fund the program, and Mrs. Teruko became the site manager of Project MOVE (Molding Our Village with Excellence).

Additionally, she wrote ELA curriculum for 5th-grade teachers across the Jackson Public School district and was selected as Brown Elementary School's Teacher of the Year.

### Upcoming events

#### September 3

NO SCHOOL: Labor Day

School tour

#### September 7

Jackson Cluster football game

#### September 12

6:00 PM

PTA Meeting: Update on a new principal

#### September 18

5:00-11:00 PM

FATE/WELA Dine Out at Mix'd Up Burgers

#### September 21

Community Coffee: Update and information with Principal Adamo

Mrs. Teruko relocated to Atlanta in 2017 to serve as a 5th-grade chair at Scott Elementary School and an interventionist in the Impact after-school program.

She received her second master's degree in education, with a focus on public school administration, from Columbia University.

Mrs. Teruko hopes to use her knowledge and skills to be a self-reflective and well-rounded leader who promotes equity and emotional intelligence while cultivating leadership and resilience in both children and adults. She loves being a part of the FATE/WELA family, and we love her for choosing us as her new home!

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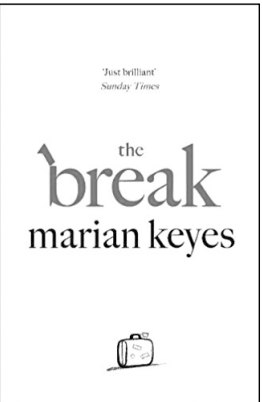
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## September Book Club

Amy’s husband Hugh isn’t leaving her. He’s just taking a break – from their marriage, their children and, most of all, from their life together. But a lot can happen in six months.

In her life-affirming novel *The Break*, Marian Keyes has written a breezy, candid, and deeply felt account of a modern woman rediscovering herself.



Request to join the closed Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/KirkwoodBooksandWine](https://www.facebook.com/groups/KirkwoodBooksandWine) or e-mail [kirkwoodbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:kirkwoodbookclub@gmail.com)

## Where’s your library?

While the Kirkwood library is under construction, the closest Atlanta Fulton Public Library branches are:

- East Atlanta: 400 Flat Shoals Ave. SE, Atlanta 30316
- Ponce de Leon: 980 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE, Atlanta 30306

Kirkwood residents also have the option of using the DeKalb County Public Library system. The closest branches are:

- Decatur: 215 Sycamore Street, Decatur 30030
- Scott Candler: 1917 Candler Road, Decatur 30032
- Gresham: 2418 Gresham Road SE, Atlanta 30316

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## East Atlanta history

contributor: Henry Bryant

Join tour guide Chip Miller for an easy walk through battle frontlines and other historic sites, sponsored by the Battle of Atlanta Commemoration Organization (BATL).

BATL seeks to connect residents and visitors to South-east Atlanta’s past and promote learning through cultural tourism. Their events showcase the diverse contributions of Atlantans since the Civil War and highlight the roles of African-Americans and women.

**Sunday, September 23 • 3:30 PM**

Tickets available at [www.batlevent.org](http://www.batlevent.org)

A free exhibit sponsored by Friends of East Atlanta and the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System features photos and stories about everyday people and historic happenings.

It is on display in the meeting room during regular library hours. Ask at the front desk for access.


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# Blessing of the Animals

**Saturday September 22**  
**10 am @ Bessie Branham Park**

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## KNO Meeting

**7:00 - 8:00 PM**  
**Monday  
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## Legislation pending with the Atlanta City Council

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Natalyn Archibong

### Zone 6 Day at Coan Park

Immediately after learning that an estimated 2,000 people attended the event on Saturday, Aug. 4, Councilwoman Archibong contacted the commissioner of parks. She was informed that the parks commissioner and the chief of police are working to actively prevent this kind of situation in the future.

The following Monday, she introduced legislation calling upon the parks commissioner to review the current permitting process and make public her recommendations for improving that process. These may include but are not limited to:

- Expanding the purview and increasing the amount of event bond fees
- Civil and/or criminal penalties
- Refusal of all future outdoor event applications for violations of a prior permit

The Department of Parks and Recreation currently manages the permitting process for the use of City of Atlanta picnic pavilions. Outdoor event permits are issued for individuals who want to reserve them, and permit applicants are charged a refundable event bond of \$100. The bond is designed to ensure the city is only required to perform minimal clean-up, and to cover any damage to city property.

### Booting Vehicles

On Feb. 19, the Atlanta City Council introduced legislation that would change the requirements for booting vehicles in the city of Atlanta (Legislative Reference No. 18-O-1129). If approved, it will make several amendments to the city's code, including:

- Lowering the fees charged by booting companies to remove their devices
- Requiring employees to wear company uniforms
- Requiring companies to use self-release boots
- Reducing the response time to remove boots
- Creating uniform and adequate signage to be posted on private property where vehicle immobilization devices are used

### Bike, Moped, and Scooter Sharing

The Atlanta City Council is considering an ordinance that would regulate the bike-, scooter-, and moped-sharing services that are emerging in Atlanta, such as LimeBike.

Since July 2014, the city has had laws regulating bike share programs, but the city code does not address dockless models or the operation of other shareable mobility devices.

If ratified, the legislation would require the companies running vehicle-sharing services to pay a permit fee to the Office of Mobility Planning, which would yield

them a year-long license to operate in Atlanta. Operators would be required to maintain liability insurance with the City of Atlanta with a minimum \$3,000,000 aggregate.

Additionally, no more than 10 shareable dockless mobility devices may be parked per block citywide – among all operators – and no more

than 200 shareable dockless mobility devices may be parked per square mile city-wide, among all operators. These limits are intended to maintain a free flow of traffic on public right-of-ways.

Share your perspectives, thoughts, and concerns with Councilmember Archibong.  
[archibong@atlantaga.gov](mailto:archibong@atlantaga.gov)

## Self-guided street art walking tours



contributor: Councilmember Natalyn Archibong

Although Atlanta has an abundance of street art, spray art, murals, and graffiti, the trick is often finding it. Now, a website – [streetartmap.org](http://streetartmap.org) – maps over 350 murals, presents brief bios of internationally acclaimed and local artists, and archives murals that are now gone but not forgotten. It will take you on five free, self-guided walking tours: Eastside Beltline, Cabbagetown, East Atlanta, Edgewood Avenue, and Little Five Points.

The online directions are easy to follow, and you can take the tours whenever you want. If you zoom down to the building level, the maps will even show you on which side of the building the mural is located. The tours also include hidden gems that you won't see just walking down the sidewalk.



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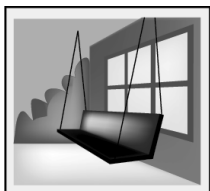
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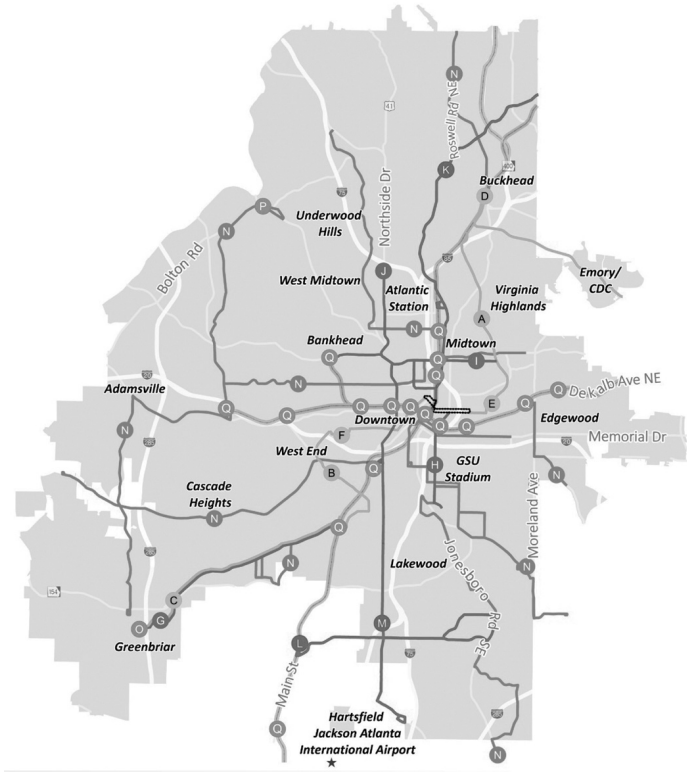
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# More MARTA: What's the best use of transit funds?

contributor: Councilmember Natalyn Archibong

MARTA will have its final vote on Oct. 4, for a \$2.5 billion plan – funded by a half-penny sales tax passed in 2016 – that will decide which transit projects are funded in Atlanta over the next 40 years. Officially known as the More MARTA Atlanta program, the initial list proposes 17 projects.



Perhaps most notable is 21 miles of light rail that forms an "S" shape through the city, running through southwest Atlanta, along portions of the Atlanta Beltline and Clifton Corridor, and forming new connections to the existing downtown Streetcar. New bus rapid transit lines, with potential dedicated rights of way, and station upgrades, are also included on the list.

The program's goal is to connect Atlanta communities, expand access to job and educational opportunities, enhance independence for seniors and individuals living with disabilities, and improve the overall quality of life for Atlanta residents. More MARTA will serve 126 neighborhoods and is slated to:

- Increase access to jobs by 56%
- Improve transit services to communities with large minority or low-income populations by 61%,
- Provide access to more than 70 healthcare facilities and 83 grocery stores.

MARTA received more than 1,700 survey responses and collected comments until Aug. 31. Changes to the proposed project list will happen now that public outreach has ended.

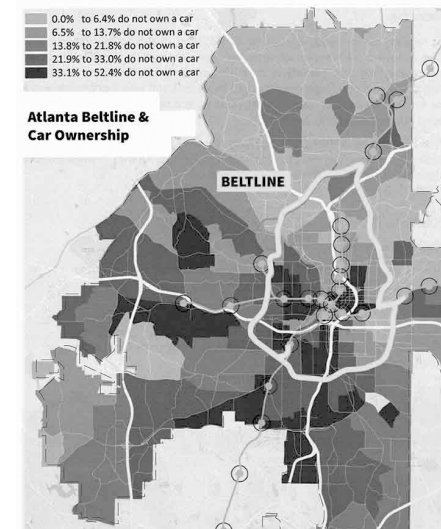
by Carl Holt

With the recent announcement of the DeKalb County Transit Master Plan, now more than ever is the time to set aside the City of Atlanta's fair share of the Clifton Corridor light rail transit line (between Lindbergh Center and Emory) to match with future DeKalb County funds and potential state funds, rather than using More MARTA Atlanta funds for the entire Phase 1 of the line.

Instead, those More MARTA dollars could build additional light rail on the BeltLine to provide equitable transit to Atlanta residents. More than 2/3 of the Belt-Line loop is missing from the current proposal, highlighted on the map at right.



Several census blocks along the missing 14-mile portion of the BeltLine corridor – the Southside BeltLine and Kudzu Line, which the City of Atlanta now owns 80% of – have some of the lowest percentages of car ownership in the City of Atlanta, indicated in the darker blocks of the map below.



A fully realized BeltLine is vital to the future of our city, and the More MARTA tax funding would improve equity and connect affordable housing to jobs and amenities. Let's finish what we began in 2007, when MARTA's board decided that the BeltLine should include light rail transit along the *entire* loop.

This is the best and probably last chance we will have – in our lifetimes – to fund and build rail transit as envisioned on the Atlanta BeltLine.

Find additional information at:

[www.itsmarta.com/uploadedFiles/MARTA\\_101/Why\\_MARTA/Community%20Forum%20Presentation\\_final.pdf](http://www.itsmarta.com/uploadedFiles/MARTA_101/Why_MARTA/Community%20Forum%20Presentation_final.pdf)

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