

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
ATLANTA BELTLINE, INC.  
AND  
FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA  
FOR THE RECOMPENSE OF REMOVED TREES**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is executed by Atlanta BeltLine, Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation ("ABI"), and Fulton County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia ("the County"), and made effective as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 (the "Effective Date"), to establish a collaborative relationship between ABI and the County (collectively, the "Parties" and each individually, a "Party") for the purpose of providing for the recompense of removed trees.

**WHEREAS**, The Atlanta Development Authority d/b/a Invest Atlanta ("IA") has been designated by the City of Atlanta ("City") to act as its Redevelopment Agent with respect to the City of Atlanta Tax Allocation District Number Six – BeltLine ("BeltLine TAD"), where IA is responsible for executing the redevelopment activities with respect to the BeltLine TAD to the extent contemplated in the Atlanta BeltLine TAD Redevelopment Plan ("Redevelopment Plan") adopted by the City Council of the City on November 7, 2005 pursuant to Ordinance 05-O-1733, as approved by the Mayor of the City on November 9, 2005, and as authorized in O.C.G.A. § 36-44-1, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, IA has organized ABI for the sole purpose of implementing the projects of the Redevelopment Plan by exercise of the powers of a "redevelopment agency" as defined in the Redevelopment Powers Law, and to otherwise administer, facilitate and assist in the effective and efficient development and/or redevelopment of the BeltLine TAD; and

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**WHEREAS**, the County is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia that has contracted with JHC Corporation to remove trees for the purpose of exterior hardscape and landscape development at entry plaza of the Fulton County Government Center building located at 141 Pryor Street, SW, in Atlanta, Georgia; and

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**WHEREAS**, TA will plant all of the trees on or before March 31, 2022, and provide all related maintenance for a period of two years commencing on the date of planting, in addition to the following: warranty the survival of the planted trees; and will replace the planted trees that do not survive during this period at no additional cost; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises, the mutual covenants, and the agreements contained herein, the Parties to this MOU hereby agree as follows:

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2. The County’s Duties and Responsibilities. The County shall be responsible for the following activities:
  - a. Providing full funding not to exceed the amount set forth in Exhibit “B” to ABI for the recompense and replacement of the particular trees described in Exhibit “A.” Exhibits “A” and “B” are attached to this MOU and incorporated herein by this reference.
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00/100 Dollars (\$27,600.00), as further described in the quote from TA, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

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4. Collaboration and Cooperation. In support of the above purpose, ABI and the County agree to work together to provide for the recompense of the removed trees. Both Parties agree that ABI will only provide compensation to TA up to the amount stated in Exhibit "B".
5. Term of Memorandum. This MOU shall be in effect until May 31, 2022.
6. Termination. This MOU may be terminated at any time by either Party giving sixty (60) days' advance notice to the other Party. This MOU may be terminated by the County if ABI fails to pay the funds described in Exhibit "B" to TA within sixty (60) days after TA has completed the tree planting services. The County may also terminate this MOU if TA fails to perform the tree planting services, and ABI is unable to cause TA to perform the tree planting services in a timely manner. If the County terminates this MOU for failure to pay TA or failure to perform the tree planting services, ABI shall immediately refund all unspent funds to the County. In the event that either Party cancels or terminates this MOU, the County shall be responsible for costs incurred by ABI for services actually rendered through the date of cancellation or termination.
7. Notices. Any notices required to be provided under the terms of this MOU shall be in writing and given either in person, electronically (with confirmation of transmittal and receipt retained by the sender), or the day after delivery by a nationally recognized next business day delivery service, or three (3) days after transmittal by first class mail, postage and any other costs prepaid, to the address of the Party being given notice as set forth below or to such other address as a Party may furnish to the other in writing during the term of this MOU.

If to ABI: Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.  
100 Peachtree Street, Suite 2300

Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
Attn: Kristen Mansfield, Landscape  
Architect  
Phone: (404) 477-3639  
Email: [kmansfield@atlbeltline.org](mailto:kmansfield@atlbeltline.org)

With a copy to: Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.  
100 Peachtree Street, Suite 2300  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
Attn: Michelle L. Thomas, Assistant General Counsel  
Phone: (404) 477-3545  
Email: [mthomas@atlbeltline.org](mailto:mthomas@atlbeltline.org)

If to the County: Fulton County Department of Real Estate & Asset Management  
141 Pryor Street, Suite G-119  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
Attn.: Joseph Davis, Director  
Phone: (404) 612-3772  
Email: [Joseph.Davis@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:Joseph.Davis@fultoncountyga.gov)

With a copy to: Office of the Fulton County Attorney  
141 Pryor Street, SW  
Suite 4038  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
Attn.: Patrise Perkins-Hooker, County Attorney  
Phone: (404) 612-0235  
Email: [patrise.perkins-hooker@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:patrise.perkins-hooker@fultoncountyga.gov)

If to Arborist: City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation  
233 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 1700  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
Attn: Chris Kallio, Arborist

8. Guidelines. The County and ABI acknowledge and agree that each Party shall perform their respective responsibilities, duties and obligations in connection with the purpose of this MOU. The Parties shall be entitled to amend any operating guidelines from time to time as necessary to facilitate the purpose of this MOU as defined in Section 1 above.
9. Confidentiality. The Parties specifically acknowledge that the County is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia and that ABI is a quasi-governmental entity and that each is subject to certain open records laws which identify information that is subject to public disclosure and govern the limits of confidential designations. The Parties further specifically acknowledge that upon receipt of an Open Records Act request, a Party is legally required to produce all responsive information subject to certain enumerated categories of information not subject to production. The Parties understand that



notwithstanding the designation of certain information subject to this MOU as "confidential," each Party is bound by the provisions of applicable open records laws. Consequently, a Party is not required to obtain the other Party's prior written consent when responding to a request for documents subject to a request for records pursuant to the Georgia Open Records Act, O.C.G.A §50-18-70, *et seq.*

10. No Agency. This MOU between the County and ABI is strictly a contractual independent contractor relationship and the Parties expressly state that there is and shall be no agency or partnership between or among the Parties pursuant to this arrangement. The Parties agree that this MOU does not constitute a contract for specific services associated with a particular project, and such contracts or agreements, if any, will be contained in separate documents.
11. No Third Party Beneficiaries. This MOU is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this MOU.
12. Amendments and Waivers. Any provision of this MOU may be amended or waived if such amendment or waiver is in writing and is signed by the Parties hereto. No course of dealing on the part of any Party to this MOU, nor any failure or delay by any Party to this MOU with respect to exercising any right, power, or privilege hereunder will operate as a waiver thereof.
13. Applicable Law. This MOU is made under, construed in accordance with, and governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.
14. Use of Name. Neither Party shall use the other Party's name, trademarks and/or logos for advertising or any other similar purpose including, without limitation, brochures, advertisements, press releases, testimonials, websites, customer reference lists or other implied or expressed endorsements, without the prior written consent of such other Party, which consent may be withheld in the sole discretion of such other Party. This Section 12 shall be binding upon the Parties and shall survive the termination or expiration of this MOU.

**(REMAINDER OF PAGE LEFT BLANK INTENTIONALLY. SIGNATURES  
CONTAINED ON NEXT PAGE.)**

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto, being duly authorized, have duly executed and delivered this MOU as of the Effective Date.

**ATLANTA BELTLINE, INC.**  
a Georgia non-profit corporation

Attest: By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clyde Higgs  
President and CEO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aasia Mustakeem, Assistant Secretary CORPORATE SEAL

Approved as to form:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aasia Mustakeem  
Vice President and General Counsel

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**FULTON COUNTY**

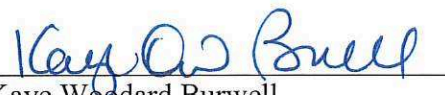
a political subdivision of the State of Georgia

By:   
Robert L. Pitts, Chairman  
Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:   
Tonya R. Grier  
Clerk to the Commission



APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:   
Kaye Woodard Burwell  
Interim County Attorney

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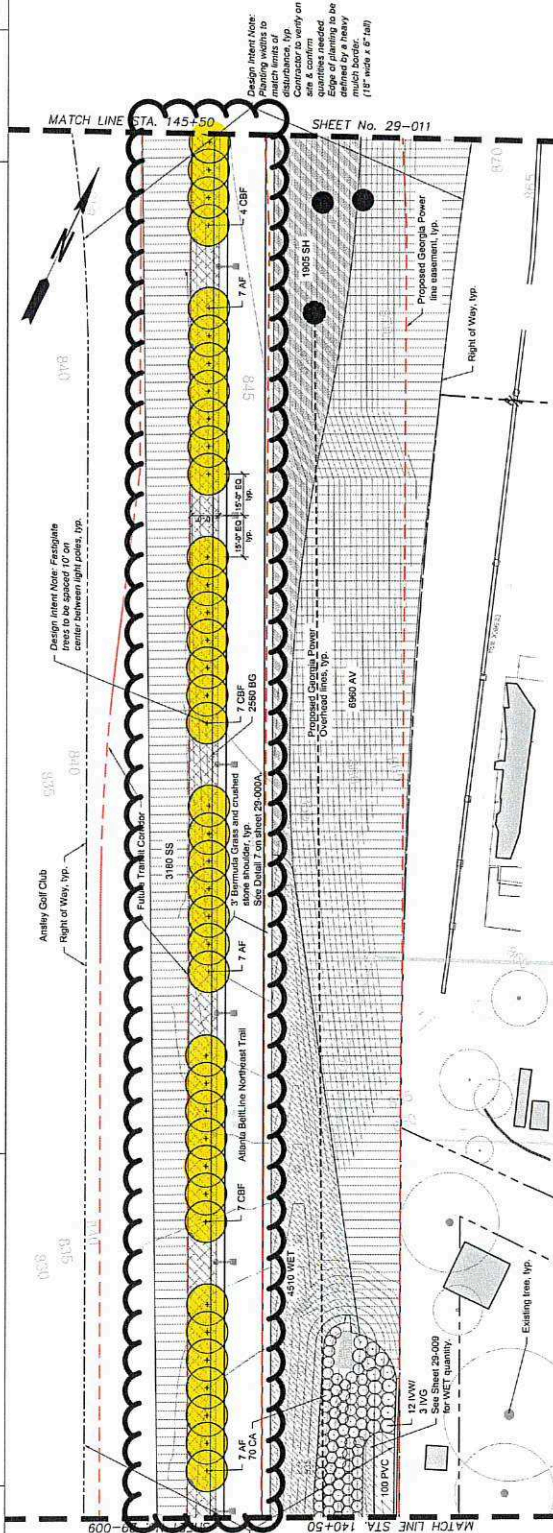
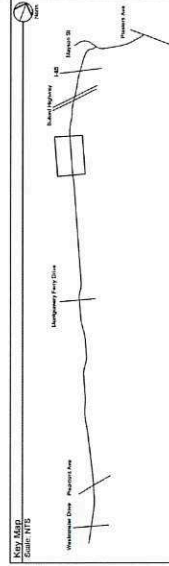
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**Exhibit A - Trees and Locations**

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SCALE IN FEET



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**Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.**  
 380 PRITCHARD STREET, NW  
 SUITE 2300  
 ATLANTA, GA 30303  
 TEL: (404) 472-8000  
 FAX: (404) 472-8006

**hedstrom**  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

info@hedstromdesign.com  
www.hedstromdesign.com

110 West Magnolia Ave.  
Knoxville, TN 37919  
615.329.3612

NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

SS	3180	Torchcylinder suspension 116 ft.
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**Exhibit B – Trees Atlanta Quote**





225 CHESTER AVE, ATLANTA, GA 30316  
PHONE: 404-522-4097 FAX: 404-681-4909  
WWW.TREESATLANTA.ORG

Kevin W. Burke - Senior Landscape Architect  
Atlanta Beltline, INC  
100 Peachtree St NW #2300  
Atlanta GA 30303  
(404) 477-3003  
www.beltline .org

#### 141 Pryor Street SW - New Tree Installation

Trees Atlanta proposes the following plantings along the Atlanta BeltLine NE Trail in order to satisfy the Recompense Plan on behalf of 141 Pryor Street SW:

Section	Quantity	Latin	Common	Caliper	Total Caliper	Unit Cost + 2yrs maint	Extended
29-010	21	Acer x freemanii 'Armstrong'	Armstrong maple	3	63	\$ 600.00	\$ 12,600.00
29-010	18	Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine'	Frans Fontaine European Hornbeam	3	54	\$ 600.00	\$ 10,800.00
29-011	4	Acer x freemanii 'Armstrong'	Armstrong maple	3	12	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,400.00
29-011	3	Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine'	Frans Fontaine European Hornbeam	3	9	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,800.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>46</b>				<b>138</b>		<b>\$ 27,600.00</b>

The trees can be planted between November 2020 and March 2021, and will carry a 2-year warranty as well as maintenance program which includes: fertilization, systemic pesticides application, and routine watering between May-October for two years. The trees are to be located along the Atlanta Beltline Northeast Interim Trail, pending approval from Atlanta Beltline Incorporated.

Total Cost for the installation and maintenance: **\$27,600.00**

Sign Here To Accept Proposal \_\_\_\_\_

Kelly Ridenhour  
Associate Director of Design  
Trees Atlanta  
225 Chester Ave  
Atlanta, GA 30316  
www.treesatlanta.org

1 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
2 BETWEEN FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND THE ATLANTA  
3 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY D/B/A INVEST ATLANTA, BY AND THROUGH  
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5 PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF TREES AT THE  
6 GOVERNMENT CENTER; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE  
7 THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY  
8 ATTORNEY TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AS  
9 TO FORM AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS THEREOF TO PROTECT THE  
10 COUNTY'S INTEREST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

11 **WHEREAS**, Fulton County Georgia, is a political subdivision of the State  
12 of Georgia and committed to following practices that are environmentally  
13 responsible which preserve, protect and promote the health, safety and general  
14 welfare of the public by providing for the regulation of the planting, maintenance  
15 and removal of trees located on roadways, parks and public areas owned or  
16 controlled by the County; and

17 **WHEREAS**, it is a Fulton County initiative that All People Trust  
18 Government is Efficient, Effective and Fiscally Sound and manages its resources  
19 wisely and develops and follow policies that promote both efficient and effective  
20 practices in all areas to include environmental health; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the City of Atlanta's Tree Ordinance  
22 Section 158-28, it is the intent of the City of Atlanta that there shall be no net loss  
23 of trees within the municipal boundaries of the City of Atlanta resulting from on-  
24 site construction; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Beltline Inc., and Trees Atlanta, a nonprofit  
26 Georgia corporation that provides general maintenance and installation of  
27 landscaping, have entered into an agreement for the purpose formalizing terms  
28 in which Trees Atlanta will provide its services to Atlanta Beltline Inc.; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Fulton County removed approximately 138 caliper inches of  
2 trees from the Government Center Campus to complete the planned  
3 improvements to the on-site water feature and entry plaza; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Fulton County and Atlanta Beltline Inc. desire to execute a  
5 Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") wherein Fulton County will make a  
6 financial payment to Atlanta Beltline Inc. that will be used by Trees Atlanta for  
7 planting of replacement trees as contemplated by the City of Atlanta's Tree  
8 Ordinance; and

9           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the terms of agreement between Trees  
10 Atlanta and Atlanta Beltline Inc., subject to Fulton County's payment of Twenty-  
11 Seven Thousand Six Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$27,600.00) to Atlanta  
12 Beltline Inc., Atlanta Beltline Inc., will coordinate through Trees Atlanta the  
13 planting of approximately 138 caliper inches of trees on or before March 31,  
14 2022; and

15           **WHEREAS**, Funding line 533 520 5200 K015 Exterior /Atrium  
16 Government Center will be used for the payment of Twenty-Seven Thousand Six  
17 Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$27,600.00) to Atlanta Beltline Inc. to coordinate  
18 and complete Fulton County's tree replacement; and

19           **WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Beltline Inc. and Fulton County have negotiated  
20 the MOU in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

21           **NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Board of  
22 Commissioners of Fulton County hereby approves the Memorandum of  
23 Understanding in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto.



1       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Board of  
2 Commissioners is authorizes to execute the Memorandum of Understanding,  
3 after approval of same by the County Attorney as to form and after making  
4 necessary modifications thereof to protect the interest of Fulton County.

5       **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective  
6 upon its adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with  
7 this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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9       **SO PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

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12       **FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF**  
13 **COMMISSIONERS**

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18       Robert L. Pitts, Chairman

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22       ATTEST:



27       Tonya R. Grier  
28       Interim Clerk to the Commission

29       **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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31       Patrise Perkins-Hooker  
32       County Attorney

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Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
Attn: Michelle L. Thomas, Assistant General Counsel  
Phone: (404) 477-3545  
Email: [mthomas@atlbeltline.org](mailto:mthomas@atlbeltline.org)

If to the County: Fulton County Department of Real Estate & Asset Management  
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Attn.: Joseph Davis, Director  
Phone: (404) 612-3772  
Email: [Joseph.Davis@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:Joseph.Davis@fultoncountyga.gov)

With a copy to: Office of the Fulton County Attorney  
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Suite 4038  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
Attn.: Patrise Perkins-Hooker, County Attorney  
Phone: (404) 612-0235  
Email: [patrise.perkins-hooker@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:patrise.perkins-hooker@fultoncountyga.gov)

If to Arborist: City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation  
233 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 1700  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
Attn: Chris Kallio, Arborist

8. Guidelines. The County and ABI acknowledge and agree that each Party shall perform their respective responsibilities, duties and obligations in connection with the purpose of this MOU. The Parties shall be entitled to amend any operating guidelines from time to time as necessary to facilitate the purpose of this MOU as defined in Section 1 above.

9. Confidentiality. The Parties specifically acknowledge that the County is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia and that ABI is a quasi-governmental entity and that each is subject to certain open records laws which identify information that is subject to public disclosure and govern the limits of confidential designations. The Parties further specifically acknowledge that upon receipt of an Open Records Act request, a Party is legally required to produce all responsive information subject to certain enumerated categories of information not subject to production. The Parties understand that notwithstanding the designation of certain information subject to this MOU as "confidential," each Party is bound by the provisions of applicable open records laws. Consequently, a Party is not required to obtain the other Party's prior written consent when responding to a request for documents subject to a request for records pursuant to the Georgia Open Records Act, O.C.G.A §50-18-70, *et seq.*
10. No Agency. This MOU between the County and ABI is strictly a contractual independent contractor relationship and the Parties expressly state that there is and shall be no agency or partnership between or among the Parties pursuant to this arrangement. The Parties agree that this MOU does not constitute a contract for specific services associated with a particular project, and such contracts or agreements, if any, will be contained in separate documents.
11. No Third Party Beneficiaries. This MOU is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this MOU.
12. Amendments and Waivers. Any provision of this MOU may be amended or waived if such amendment or waiver is in writing and is signed by the Parties hereto. No course of dealing on the part of any Party to this MOU, nor any failure or delay by any Party to this MOU with respect to exercising any right, power, or privilege hereunder will operate as a waiver thereof.
13. Applicable Law. This MOU is made under, construed in accordance with, and governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.
14. Use of Name. Neither Party shall use the other Party's name, trademarks and/or logos for advertising or any other similar purpose including, without limitation, brochures, advertisements, press releases, testimonials, websites, customer reference lists or other implied or expressed endorsements, without the prior written consent of such other Party, which consent may be withheld in the sole discretion of such other Party. This Section 12 shall be binding upon the Parties and shall survive the termination or expiration of this MOU.

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CONTAINED ON NEXT PAGE.)**



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto, being duly authorized, have duly executed and delivered this MOU as of the Effective Date.

ATLANTA BELTLINE, INC.  
a Georgia non-profit corporation

Attest:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clyde Higgs  
President and CEO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aasia Mustakeem, Assistant Secretary                      CORPORATE SEAL

Approved as to form:

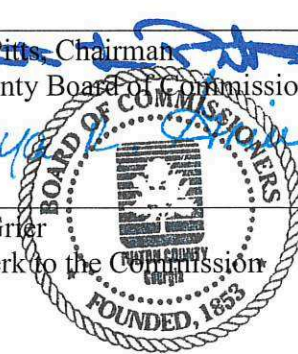
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aasia Mustakeem  
Vice President and General Counsel

**FULTON COUNTY**

a political subdivision of the State of Georgia

By: Robert L. Pitts, Chairman  
Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Tonya R. Grier  
Interim Clerk to the Board of Commissioners



APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Patrise Perkins-Hooker  
Patrise Perkins-Hooker  
County Attorney

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Exhibit A - Trees and Locations

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**Exhibit B – Trees Atlanta Quote**