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# Fulton County Board of Commissioners

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# Our Vision

To be the catalyst for making Atlanta a global beacon for equitable, inclusive, and sustainable city life.

22

MILES

of pedestrian-friendly rail transit

1,100

ACRES

of environmental cleanup

33

MILES

of multi-use urban trails

1,300

ACRES

of new greenspace

\$10B

in economic development

50K

PERMANENT JOBS

5,600

UNITS

of affordable workforce housing

48K

CONSTRUCTION JOBS



# Strengthened Communities

Atlanta Beltline impact goes far beyond the trail

Fulton County's continued support of the Beltline supports the creation of:

- Economic growth and small business success
- Strengthened safety and security for Fulton County
- Affordable housing
- Arts & culture

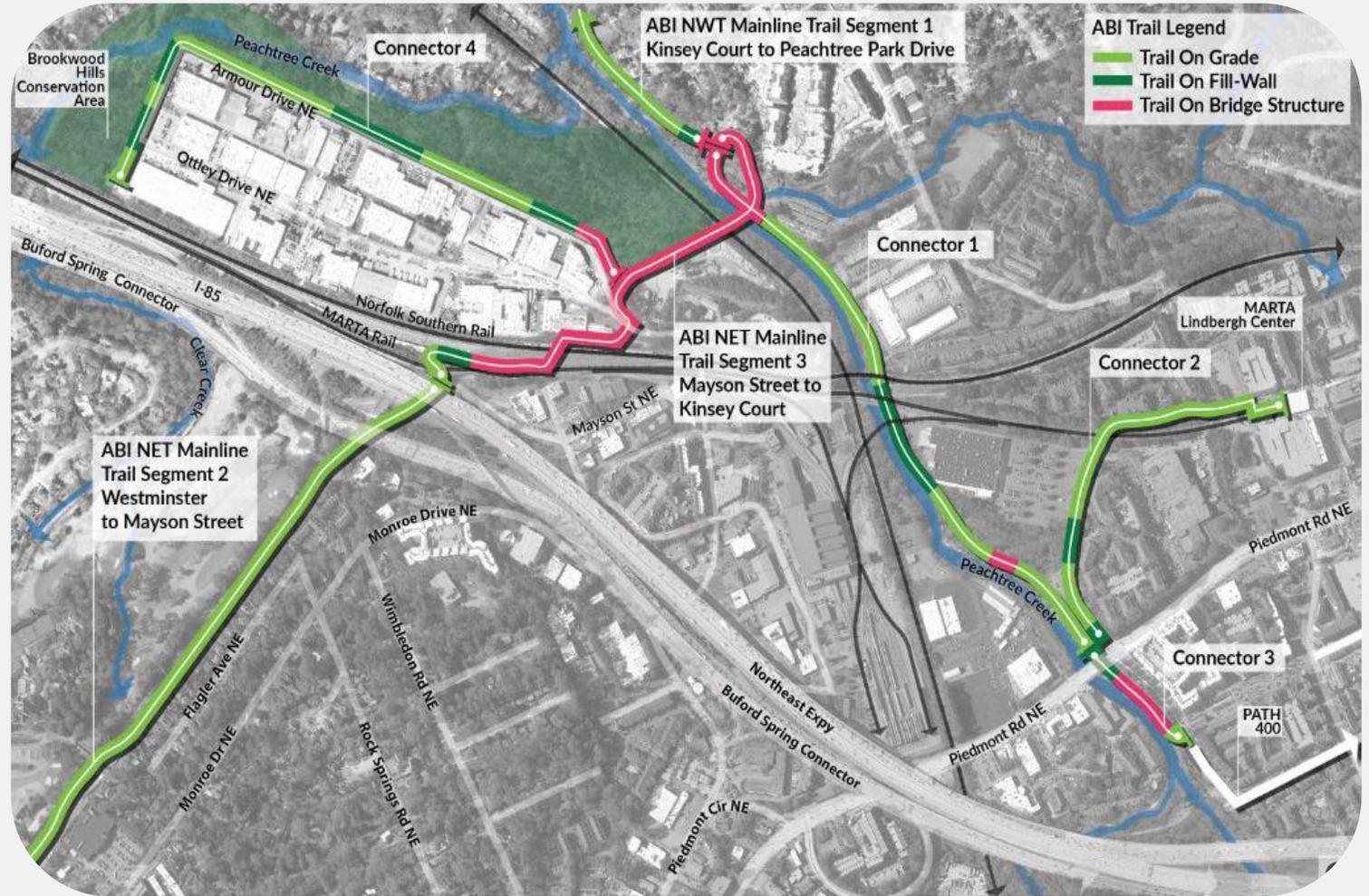




# Federal Funding Uncertainty

Continued gratitude for Fulton County's local investment as we navigate federal funding uncertainty like many others

Remain in a strong position to complete the 22-mile mainline Beltline trail loop





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# Safer Communities

As violent crime declined across the City of Atlanta, the sharpest rates of decline came after key Beltline Trails opened\*

Beltline communities are kept safe through:

- Security systems connect to Atlanta Police Dept Video Integration Center
- Improved 911 connectivity
- Eyes on the street effect
- Increased neighborhood stability

## FULTON COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN

2021-2025  
PRIORITY AREA

JUSTICE &  
SAFETY



\*Source: Atlanta Regional Commission  
via APD Open Data Portal 2009-2024



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# Safety and Security



## Built-in security

- Cameras connect to Atlanta Police Dept Video Integration Center
- Precise locations listed on utility poles on completed Beltline trail for enhanced 911 emergency response

**Community Policing and Partnership: Dedicated Atlanta Police Dept Path Force officers help keep the Beltline corridor safe**



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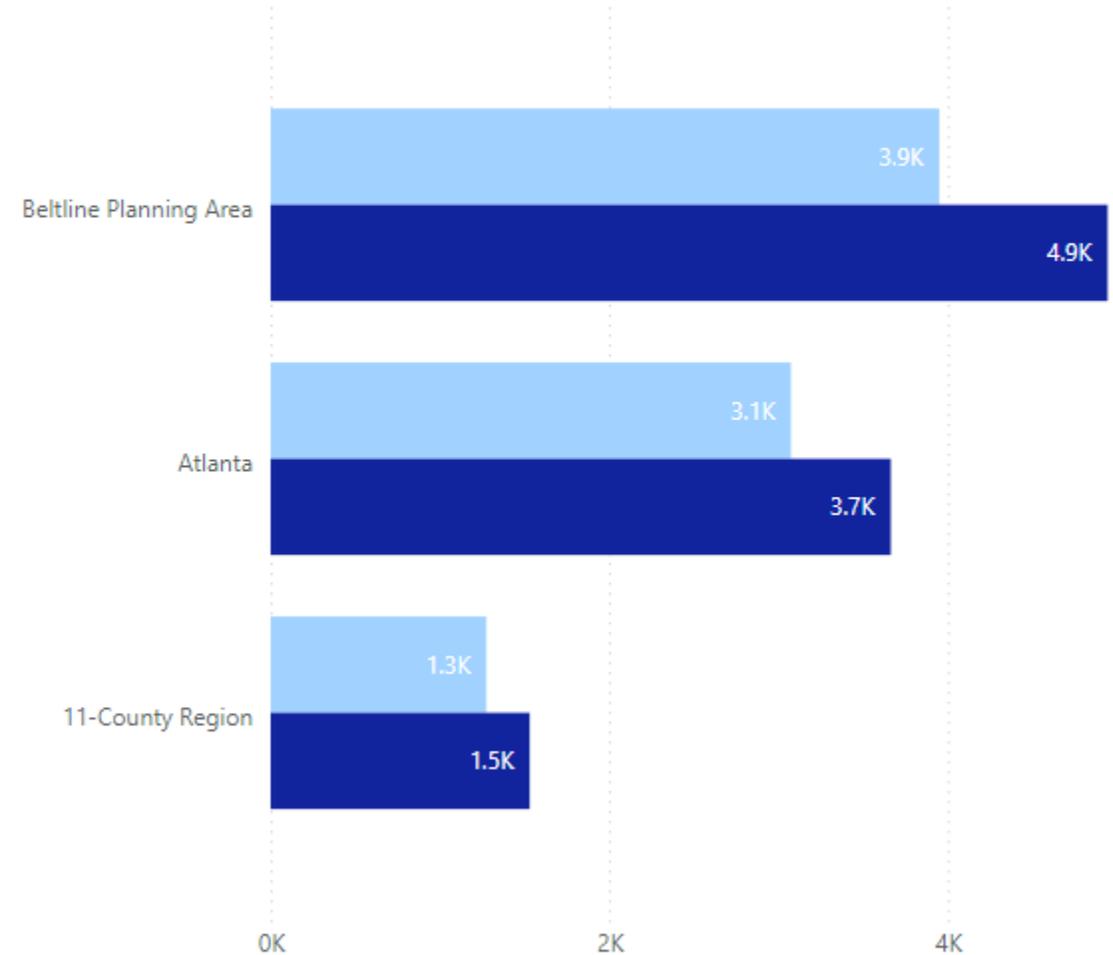
# Beltline Boosting Fulton's Growth

Beltline communities outpace the City of Atlanta and Metro Region when it comes population density

Individuals are drawn to the job centers, new housing, and walkable infrastructure throughout the Beltline corridor

Population Density, 2010 vs. 2023

● 2010 ● 2023



Source: 2006-2010 and 2019-2023  
ACS Rolling Averages published by the  
Atlanta Regional Commission



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# Before and After

The Beltline has revitalized areas that were underinvested in for decades

Bringing density, social activity, and economic vitality back to historic industrial centers in Fulton County





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# Fortifying Housing in Fulton

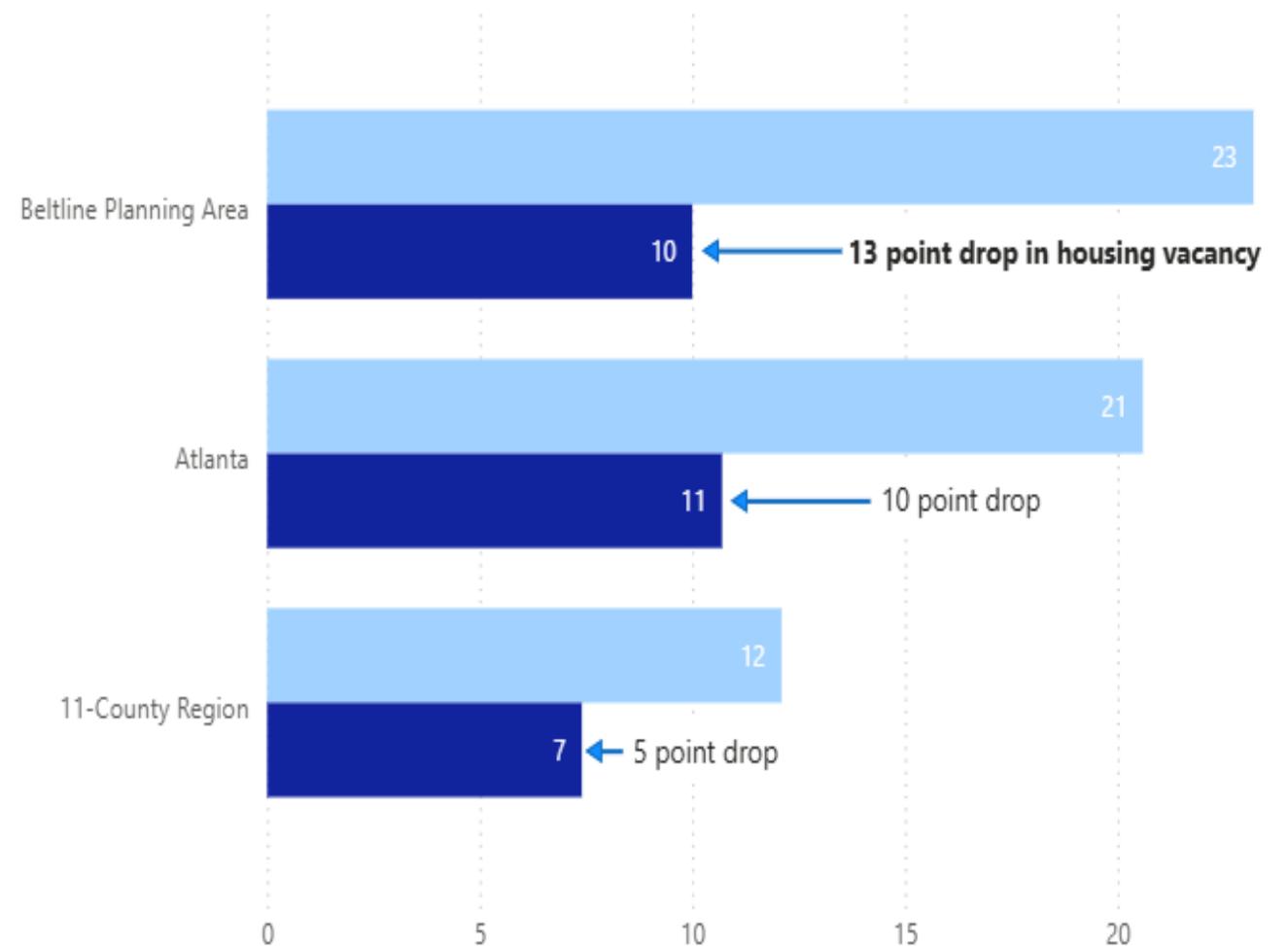
Communities near the Beltline  
have seen significant decreases  
in housing vacancies

ABI is committed to creating  
5600 units of affordable housing  
before 2030

Almost 100 acres of ABI-owned  
land to better control long term  
affordability and community  
needs

% Vacant Housing Units, 2010 v. 2023

● 2010 ● 2023





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# 2024 Affordable Housing Goal Exceeded



Englewood Senior Housing,  
Southside Trail

- In 2024, ABI supported the creation of 569 affordable housing units, hitting 90% more than our annual goal
- Reached 74% of our 2030 target to create or preserve 5,600 affordable housing units in the Beltline Tax Allocation District (TAD)
- To date, more than 72% of units created in the TAD are for 60% AMI or lower



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# Legacy Resident Retention Program

Tax relief for legacy residents  
in Beltline Equity  
Priority Subareas

- Covers property tax increases through 2030
- 250 homeowners currently approved
  - Average years in home: 22
  - Average age of homeowner: 61
  - Average income: <35K annually





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# Transformative Track Record

10:1 ROI - Attracted more than \$9B in private development within 0.5 mile of Beltline corridor and approximately \$800M in public, private, and philanthropic funding has been invested in the project's delivery through 2023

Job creation - More than 62K one-year construction jobs and 29K permanent jobs through 2023

Focused on development, small business, entrepreneur support throughout Fulton County





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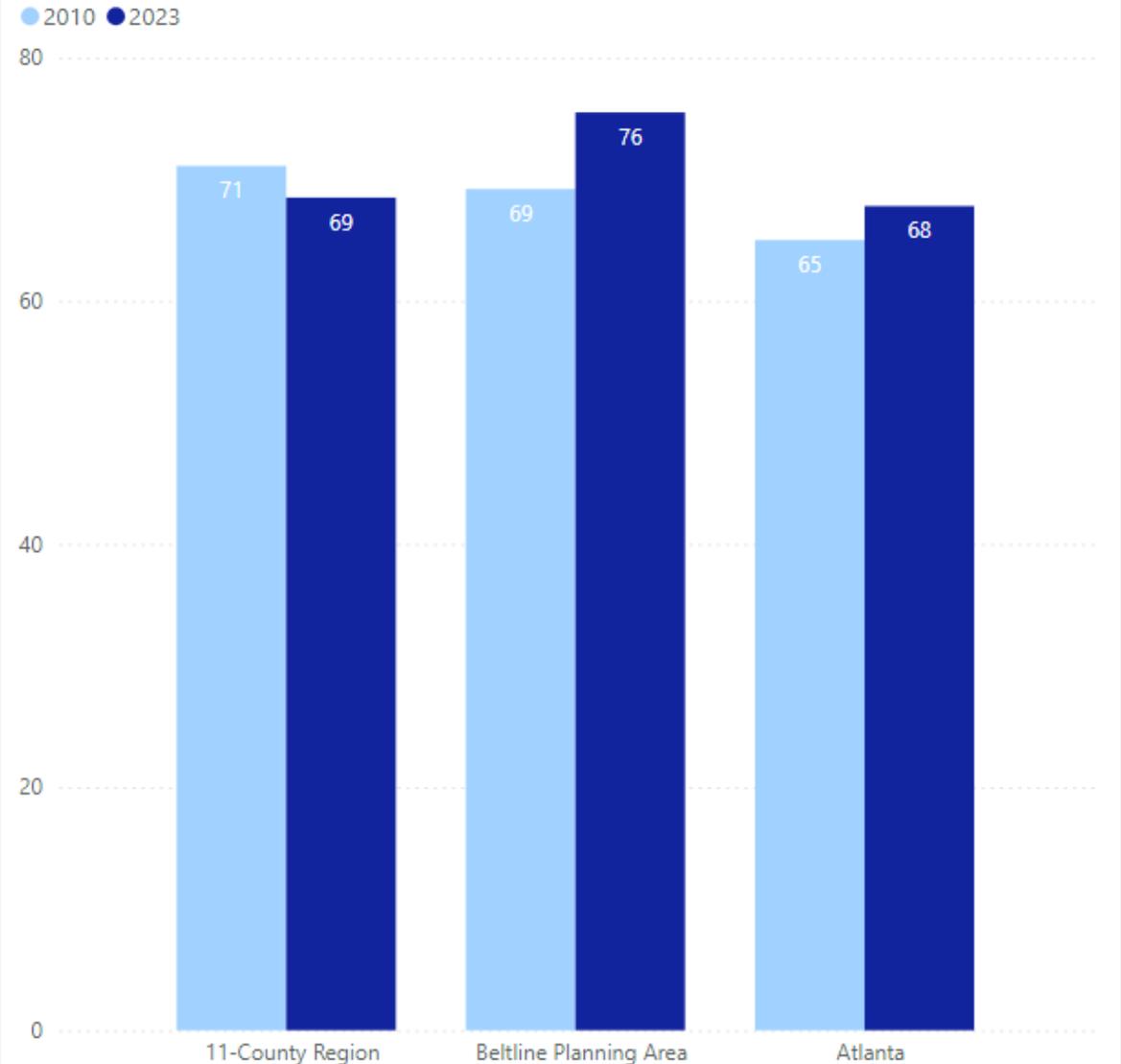
# Creating Jobs, Supporting Small Business

Beltline communities have larger share of individuals in the workforce than City of Atlanta and the region

Small businesses drive the success of the Beltline

Beltline workforce development programming includes our Urban Forestry Career Pathways program

% in Labor Force, 2010 v. 2023



Source: 2006-2010 and 2019-2023  
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# Catalyzing Economic Opportunity for All

- Expanding small business support and exploring new methods to ensure commercial affordability
- Host quarterly Beltline Business Breakfasts
- Four Beltline Marketplace business incubator locations on Eastside Trail, Westside Trail, and Southside Trail are scheduled to open this summer

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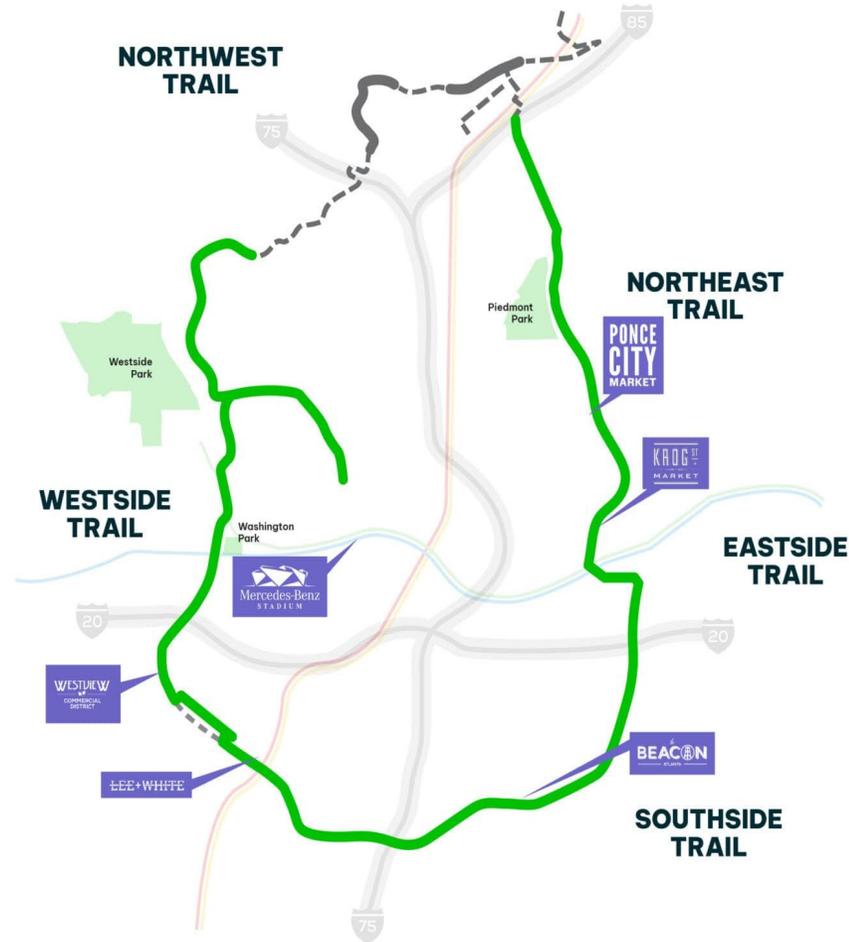
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# Beltline Trail Loop – FIFA 2026

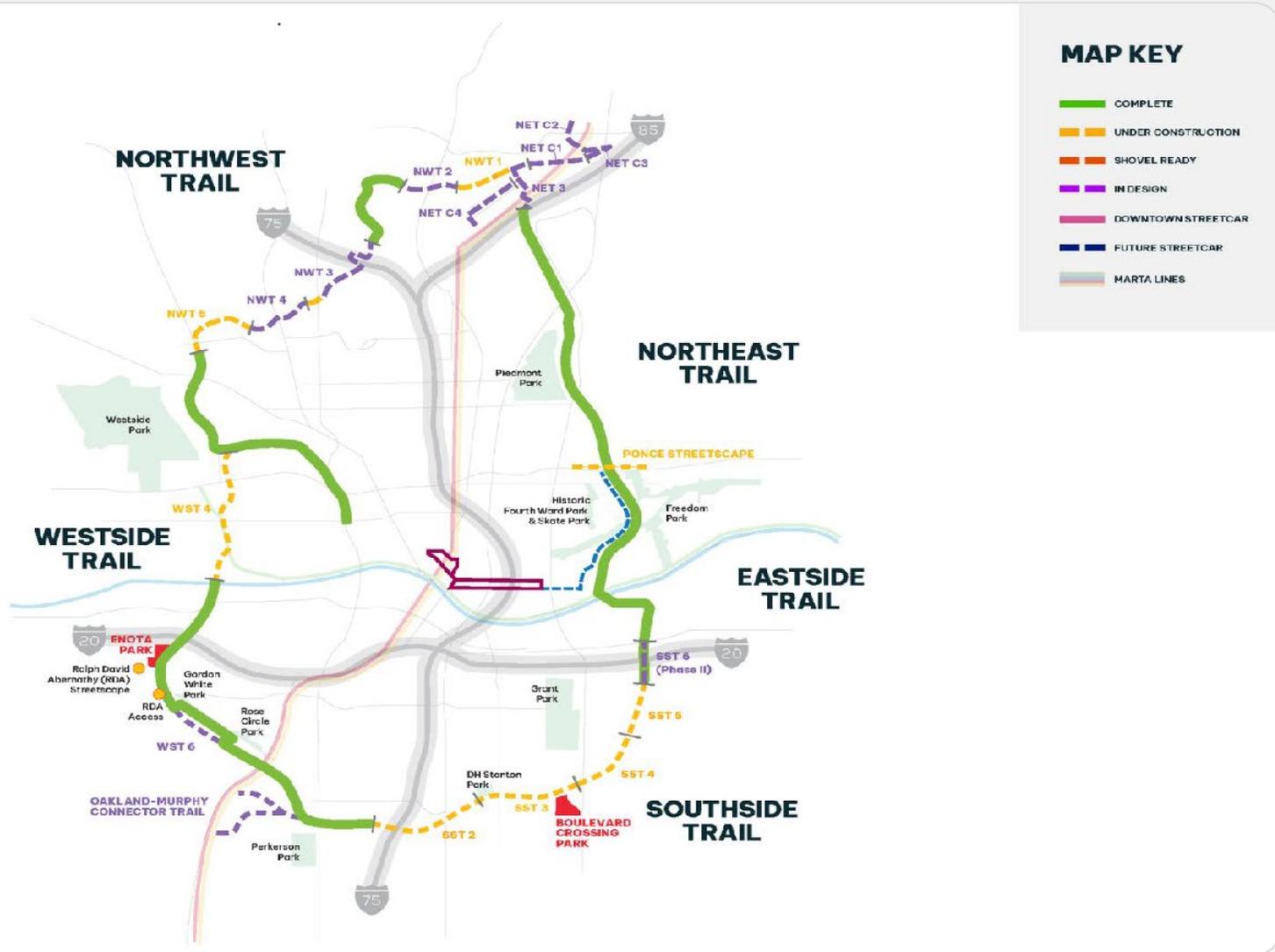
**17.9 miles**  
of continuous,  
paved BeltLine trail  
**by FIFA 2026**



- 17.9 miles of continuous trail completed before FIFA World Cup 2026
- Nearly 18 miles of Beltline trail will help thousands of FIFA global visitors experience some of the best of what Fulton County has to offer



# Enhancing Connectivity and Access to Key Destinations

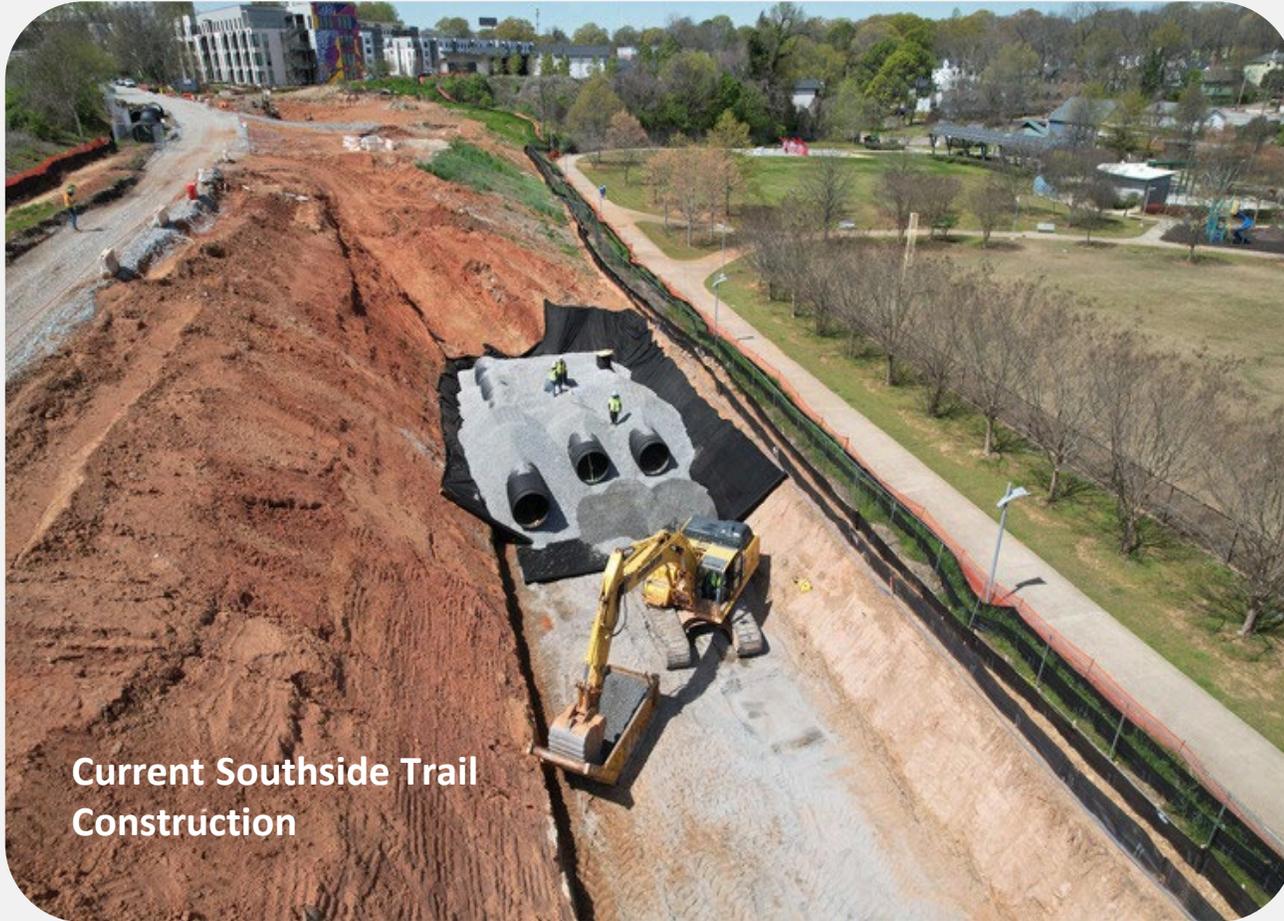


- Mainline 22-mile loop has 11.3 miles completed
- On track for 14.8 miles completed before end of 2025 and 17.9 miles of continuous trail completed before FIFA World Cup 2026



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# Beltline Trail Loop - Under Construction



Current Southside Trail  
Construction

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- Southside Trail – Segments 2 + 3
- Northwest Trail – Segment 1
- Northwest Trail – Segment 5
- Westside Trail – Segment 4
- Northwest Trail – Segment 3
- Ponce de Leon Ave. Streetscape
- Southside Trail – Segment 4 + 5



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# Increasing Green Space and Recreation



## Westside – Enota Park

- 8 acres of upgrades including basketball court, splash pad, activity field, playground, passive recreation area
- Bound by Enota Place, I-20, and the Westside Trail
- Broke ground April 22nd



## Bike Park and Trails at Westside Park

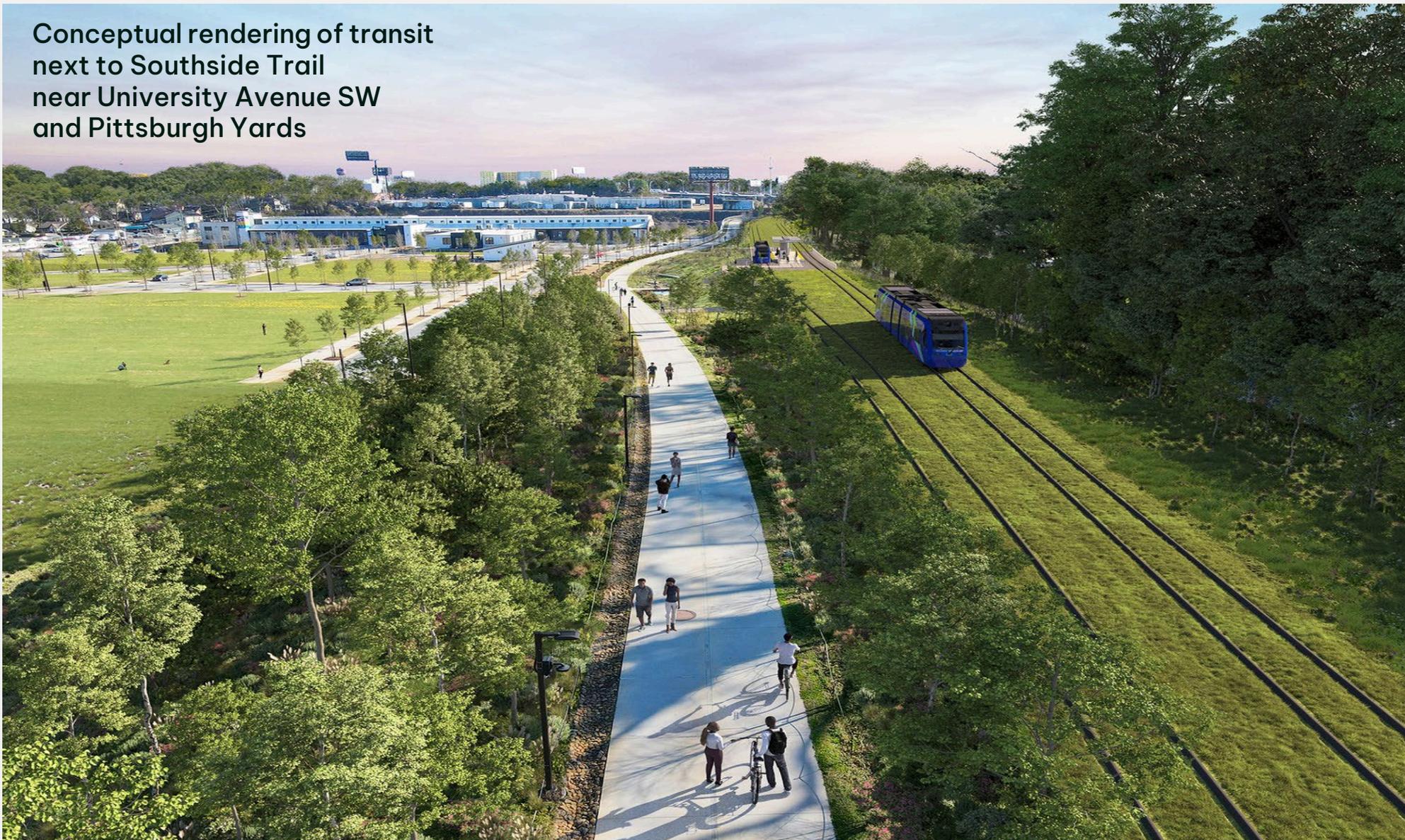
- Mountain bike and walking trails, pump track
- Westside Park expansion from master plan
- Design is in progress



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# Transit

Conceptual rendering of transit  
next to Southside Trail  
near University Avenue SW  
and Pittsburgh Yards





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# Placekeeping

- Lantern Parade rained out earlier this month. *Thank you to Commissioner Ivory for attending and bringing an amazing Fulton County Lantern!*
- Beltline Public Art Advisory Committee: Six new members joining to shape art & culture on the Beltline
- Thank you to the Fulton County Arts and Culture for their continued support

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LIBRARIES





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# Thank You