

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY
February 18, 2016
Chamblee Rail Trail Design Study

LOCATION: City of Chamblee Civic Center 6:30pm-8:30pm

Attendees: See Sign-In Sheet

Chamblee Rail Trail Design Study:

The City of Chamblee hosted the 1st Public Meeting for the Chamblee Rail Trail Design Study. The meeting was held at the Civic Center and facilitated by the Heath & Lineback Engineers Team which includes Perez Planning + Design and Signature Design. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the preliminary concept plan of the trail to the public and obtain input regarding the project. Following is a summary of the meeting.

- The mayor, R. Eric Clarkson, opened the meeting with a welcome and brief background on the project's origin. Gary Cornell, with the City of Chamblee, then provided project background and introduced the design team. After introductions, John Heath with Heath & Lineback Engineers and Carlos Perez with Perez Planning + Design, presented a PowerPoint Presentation that provided an overview of the project schedule, a review of the existing condition and public engagement findings to date, and the preliminary trail corridor alignment considerations. The attendees were then giving directions to complete a series of public input exercises. Following are responses obtained from the public attendees.
1. Trail Type and Amenities Board
 - A. Trail Type:
 - Multi-use Shared Space: 8 votes
 - Multi-use Separated Space: 18 votes
 - B. Trail Amenities NOT desired:
 - Grass that has to be mowed.
 - Phones – cell phones
 - Public art – gardens more important than sculptures
 - Benches – milk crates are free
 - Additional Comments:
 - Unlike the Beltline, bikes won't be able to pick up a lot of speed.
 - Budget for upkeep so it stays pretty.
 - Ease of access for elderly/wheelchairs.
 - Pedestrian focused crosswalks (not a long wait) also consider the elderly – poor vision or limited mobility.

2. Trail Edge Conditions Board

A. Residential:

- 1) 2 votes
- 2) 4 votes
- 3) 0 votes
- 4) 9 votes
- 5) 4 votes

B. Commercial/Retail:

- 1) 14 votes
- 2) 6 votes
- 3) 6 votes
- 4) 2 votes

C. Commercial/Office:

- 1) 0 votes
- 2) 13 votes
- 3) 1 vote

D. Industrial:

- 1) 5 votes
- 2) 3 votes
- 3) 2 votes

• Additional Comments

- Tiny house community
- Gardens
- Fruit bearing trees, make use of space!
- I would love to see bike racks built and/or encouraged to be built in front of businesses and shopping centers.

3. MARTA Detention Area Board – Desired Amenities/Facilities

- Maintenance of extension.
- Existing is vandalized and not looking as nice
- Pavilion
- Public art/sculptures
- Community garden
- Rain water collection
- Pecan trees – we need more of these!
- Peach trees
- Apiary (beekeeping)
- Small kids park and swings
- Keep as many existing trees as possible
- Open space to play games
- Below park parking!
- Blackberry bushes
- Elderberry bushes
- Composting
- Chicken coop

- National wildlife habitat
- Certification (NWF)
- Emergency phones
- Trash/recycling receptacles (ditto)
- Perhaps space for community garden
- Birdhouses
- Dog park
- Native plantings for birds, bees, butterflies, etc.
- Native plants and trees
- Benches
- Land swap with Peachtree Malone
- Herb gardens
- Playground with swings
- Is there room for a community garden?
- Interactive play space a la Baltimore Harbor kids play space
- Public art, public art, public art
- Outdoor gym
- Public shared garden
- Apiary
- Community garden
- Outdoor gym
- Water feature
- Dog park

4. Historical + Cultural Narratives Board

- What would you most like people to know about Chamblee?
 - Farming/dairy history
 - Early residents
 - Early institutions
 - A/A heritage
 - Rail history
 - Factory/industrial history
 - It's taking a while, but we are getting there!
 - What were some of the "industrial" businesses
 - Keep Chamblee weird (??)
 - Great restaurants
 - Less train, more commercial industrial
- What are myths and misconceptions that you would like to see corrected about Chamblee?
 - That it is not only an industrial suburb
 - Dispel Chambodia
 - That we are not a bunch of rubes
 - Not hard to get along with
 - We are not progressive or innovative

- What is one of your fondest memories of Chamblee?
 - Affordable housing
 - MARTA access
 - Walkable
 - I left a bad neighborhood and moved here.
 - I can MARTA to work.
 - More Drivin' N Cryin' (band)
 - Moving back after 2 years in Florida
 - Multi-cultural
 - Multi-cultural
 - Food
 - MARTA access
 - Affordable living
 - Drivin' N Cryin'
 - Great community PML
 - What physical applications can you envision being incorporated in the Chamblee Rail Trail to interpret the history and culture of the area?
 - Etiquette signage
 - "Keep right"
 - Historic markers e.g. "Former site of:"
 - Rail theme
 - Keep in mind blind people with foot and bike traffic
 - I like the railroad theme continued – cabooses
 - Railroad theme
 - Benches
 - Modern industrial mash up
 - Can bikes and pedestrians be separate?
 - Can pedestrian part be softer surface?
 - "City on the right track"
 - Railroad theme
5. Funding + Implementation Opportunities Board – What funding source would you NOT support?
- Pay as you Go: 1 vote
 - General fund/CIP: 0 votes
 - Grants: 0 votes
 - Special Assessments: 8 votes
 - Community Improvement District: 0 votes
 - Others: 0 votes
 - Borrowing:
 - General Obligation Bond: 1 vote
 - Revenue Bonds: 0 votes
 - Others: 0 votes
 - Partnerships: 2 votes
 - Businesses: 0 votes
 - Agencies: 0 votes

- Developers: 0 votes
- Non-profit Organizations: 0 votes
- Others: 0 votes
- Additional Comments:
 - How about UPS, Coca-cola, Delta \$\$? We can put soda machines on the trail.
 - No assessments!
 - Look for grants from feds or GDOT.
 - Get Norfolk Southern or MARTA sponsors.
 - Work with developers redeveloping areas.
 - I don't want to wait.

6. Potential Concerns + Ideas Board

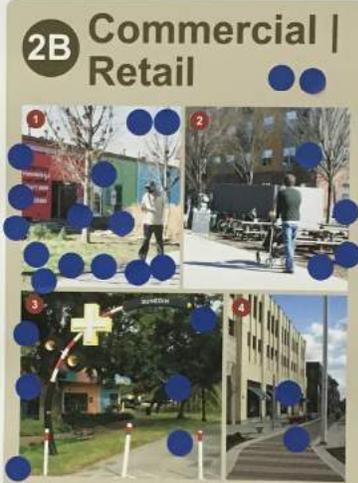
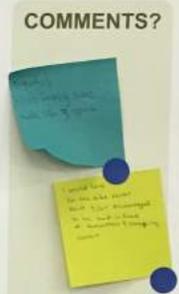
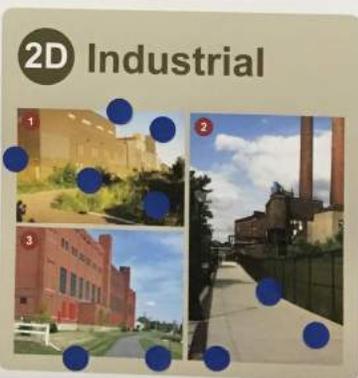
- The people who need this can't afford lofts at \$2k/mo.
- Peachtree Malone: private dog park, dumpster, 40 visitor parking spots
- Security: Wal-Mart shoplifter getaway trail!
- ↑ Criminals here steal cars first or don't have them registered then shoplift/rob houses
- Police bike patrol
- That it becomes only auto dealerships (DO NOT WANT)
- Not enough ownership (residential ownership)
- Stop worrying about private dog parks, dumpster, distance from door, visitor parking – see big picture
- ↑ Trail is good concept; PML must be kept whole; don't listen to this guy
- Protected sidewalk from trailhead at McGaw Drive to Whole Foods development
- Need traffic calming measures near trail entrances
- Dealerships are convenient when I need to walk and pick up parts for my car, but we need a place where you can rent a bay and DIY the repairs, big money saver.
- We need to think about Buford Hwy area
- Connection to MARTA
- Push out over Clairmont bridge
- Mercy Care is excited to incorporate trail with educational programs to encourage healthy lifestyles – walking, gardening, social/emotional well-being, etc.
- PML does not lose any parking or dog park
- Security – Keswick Trail sometimes does not feel safe
- Erosion, homeless people sleeping in the park
- Want plan to include long term connection to southeast side of Chamblee (Dresden)

- Other Comments – Overall Display
 - I hate playing frogger trying to cross Chamblee Tucker. I would love to just continue straight underneath Clairmont to get to Peachtree Rd/ Chamblee MARTA. Why not extend under Clairmont?
 - This area has pedestrian traffic and needs sidewalks (Peachtree Road by Clarimont Rd.)
 - Please provided connectivity for efforts approaching from the south (Chamblee Tucker or Clairmont Road)
 - This crosswalk doesn't work. No signals for all ways. This is an issue – no option to cross safely. (Western crosswalk at Peachtree Road and Chamblee Tucker Road).
 - PML is NOT apartments. They are taxpaying condos!

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2 Trail Edge Conditions

Tell us what type of trail edge condition you would prefer to see along the following land uses by placing a dot on the preferred option (ONE DOT PER LAND USE).

Land Use	Options	Comments
Residential		
2B Commercial Retail		
2C Commercial Office		
2D Industrial		

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Funding + Implementation Opportunities

What funding source(s) would you NOT support to build the trail? Place a dot next to those you would NOT support.

Pay as you Go: ●

- General Fund/CIP
- Grants
- Local Assessments ●●●●●
- Community Improvement District
- Others (please specify)

Borrowing:

- General Obligation Bond ●
- Revenue Bonds
- Others (please specify)

Partnerships: ●●

- Businesses
- Agencies
- Developers
- Non-profit Organizations
- Others (please specify)

Handwritten sticky notes:

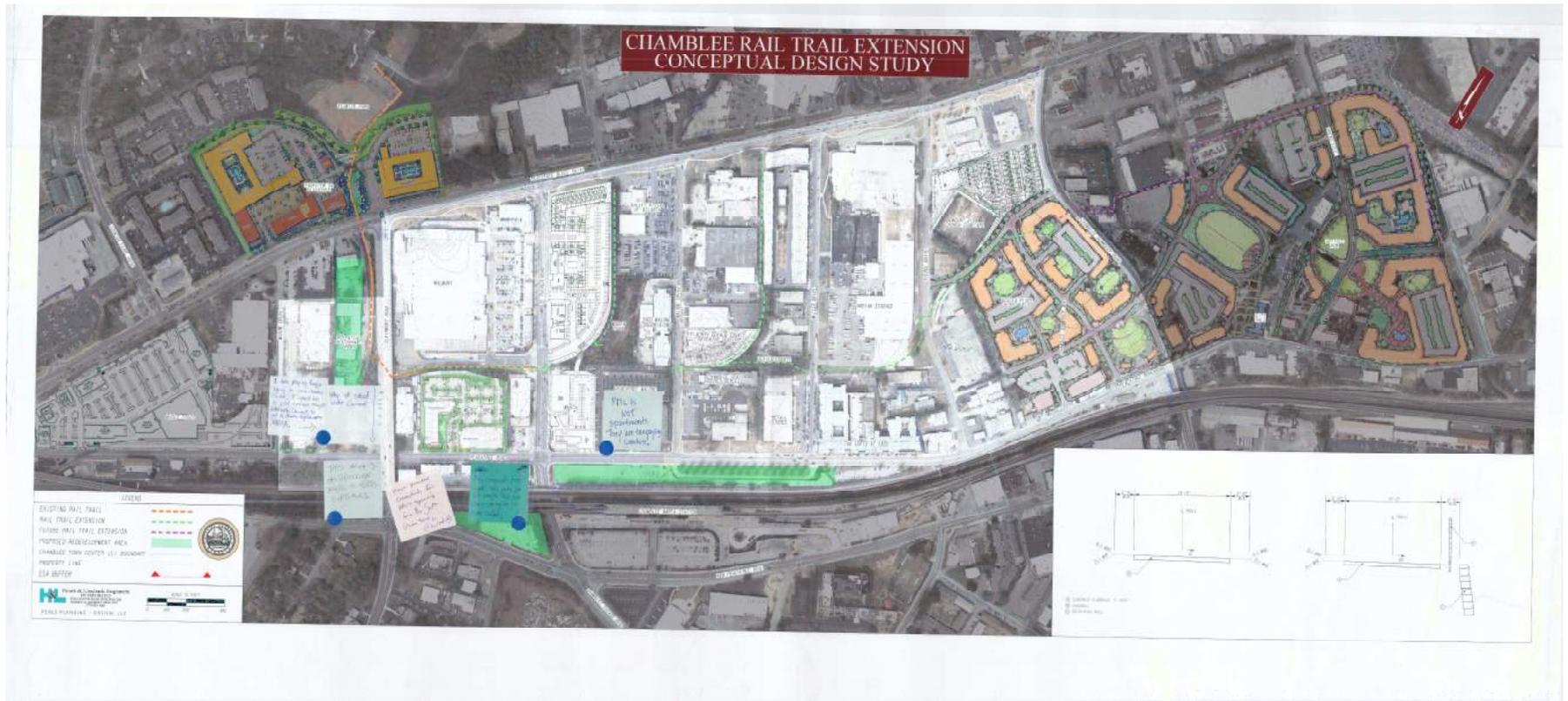
- Blue: "Household U.S. Case Cts. Delta B&B? or can't use market value for trail"
- Blue: "The Assessments? Look for Grants from Fed. or CIP?"
- Blue: "Let the City/County or MARTA sponsor"
- Light Green: "Some of the above combinations work"
- Orange: "I don't want to build"

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Potential Concerns + Ideas
What concerns and ideas do you have that you would like us to take under consideration?

COMMENTS?

- Reactive-Flakies
- grade dig pits
- dumpster
- toilet
- parking spots
- security
- hot-foot
- shoplifter
- get away
- trail
- Police
B.L.
A.T.U.I
- Don't know
any more
disturbance
(Do Not-stancy)
- Shadows over
P.O. Big Bob
Dumppin' to take
over B.L.
see the Police
- Proposed
route from
the trail at
Middle Ave. to
Bellefontaine
development
- Not enough
sewerage
(check alignment)
- Mid-trail
walking path
near trail
endpoints
- Could
be fixed
- Fill out
the
channel
bridge
- PL
Don't want
the trail
or bridge
- Many thanks to
the staff of the
City of Chamblee
for their hard work
and dedication
to the community.



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