PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The Connect Atlanta Plan, the City of Atlanta’s Comprehensive Transportation Plan, and the Vine City/Washington Park Livable Centers Initiative Study recommended improvements to the Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard corridor to increase safety for all users, encourage walking, biking, and transit use, and create a more livable community.

The J.E. Lowery Transportation Corridor Study will further examine improvement options on J.E. Lowery Boulevard from Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway and recommend a preferred concept for implementation.

POTENTIAL PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS
Improvement that will be examined include, but are not limited to:

- Reducing the number of travel lanes
- Intersection improvements
- Bicycle facilities
- Sidewalks and pedestrian crossings
- Median islands
- Bus stops enhancements
- Wayfinding signage

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PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, April 28, 2015
6:00PM-7:30PM
Hagar’s Palace
19 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd. NW
(located one block south of the Ashby MARTA Station)
Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Recap of project purpose
- Public comment received
- Draft recommended improvements
- Next steps
- Comments & Questions
Project Purpose

- Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard
  - from Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
  - to Donald L. Hollowell Parkway

- Key goals:
  - Increase safety for all users
  - Encourage walking, biking and transit use
  - Create more livable community

- Will examine various transportation improvement options
Public Comment from Meeting #1

- Concerns with bike lanes and roundabouts on Lowery Blvd.
- Desire improved pedestrian safety
- Noted increased pedestrian activity across Lowery Blvd. when Washington High School lets out (MLK Jr. Drive to Lena St.)
- Better lighting is needed
- Trees impeding roadway visibility along the corridor, especially from Lena St. to Desoto St.
- Utility poles placed in center of sidewalks in some locations - these block disabled pedestrians
- Truck traffic is an issue
- Drainage grates along Lowery Blvd. set too deep (near Neal St. & Jett St.)
Draft Recommendations

Entire J.E. Lowery Blvd. study corridor

- Milling and repaving with new striping
- Pedestrian lighting
- Bike “sharrows”
- Crosswalks at all legs of intersections
- Signal upgrades and synchronization
Draft Recommendations

J.E. Lowery Blvd. at MLK Jr. Dr.

- Add new right turn lane from Lowery Blvd. northbound to MLK Jr. Dr. eastbound
- Improve striping configuration between MLK Jr. Dr. and Lena St.
- 2 lanes in each direction with left turn lanes onto MLK Jr. Dr.
Draft Recommendations

J.E. Lowery at Mayson Turner Rd.

- Add mid-block pedestrian crossing just north of Harwell St. to Ashby MARTA station, including pedestrian refuge island and rapid flashing beacon
- Reconfigure intersection at Mayson Turner Rd. and remove signal - bring Mayson Turner Rd. into Lowery Blvd. at right angles for improved safety
- Make Mayson Turner Rd. east of Lowery Blvd. two-way with right in/out at Lowery Blvd.
- 2 lanes northbound and 1 lane southbound north of Mayson Turner Rd./Desoto St.
J.E. Lowery Blvd. at J.E. Boone Blvd.

- Add left turn lanes from Lowery Blvd. to Boone Blvd. in both north and south directions
- 1 lane in each direction with center two-way left turn lane from Boone Blvd. to Pelham St.
**Draft Recommendations**

J.E. Lowery Blvd. north of J.E. Boone Blvd.

- 1 lane in each direction with center two-way left turn lane from Boone Blvd. to Pelham St.
- Add pedestrian refuge islands at selected unsignalized intersections
Draft Recommendations

J.E. Lowery at D.L. Hollowell Pkwy.

- Remove signal at Fox St.
- 2 lanes northbound and 1 lane southbound north of Pelham St.
- Add right turn lane from Lowery Blvd. northbound to Hollowell Pkwy. eastbound
- Add left turn lanes from Hollowell Pkwy. to Lowery Blvd. southbound and northbound
Next Steps

• Finalize recommended improvements in May 2015
• Distribute final report & post on City’s website
• Coordinate with MLK Jr. Drive & J.E. Boone Blvd. projects that are under development
• Begin coordination with GDOT on improvements at J.E. Lowery Blvd. & D.L. Hollowell Pkwy.
• Begin implementation utilizing Bond funding
Questions & Feedback

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