

RD Abernathy Boulevard - Georgia Avenue Safe Street



Community Meeting
March 3, 2026 & March 5, 2026

Meeting Schedule

6:00–6:30 PM

Get Familiar with the Project
(Sign In & Review Boards)

6:30–7:00 PM

ATLDOT Presentation with Q&A

7:00–7:30 PM

Provide Feedback
(Add Comments to Boards)

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CITY OF ATLANTA



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mayor Andre Dickens
ATLDOT Commissioner Solomon Caviness IV

Moving Atlanta Forward Pillars



One Safe City



A City of Opportunity for All



A City Built for the Future



Effective & Ethical Government



ATL DOT Goals

These are the overall goals of the Department of Transportation:

1

Design, deliver, and maintain an efficient multimodal transportation system

2

Leverage opportunities to create a safe and equitable transportation system for all

3

Eliminate traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2040

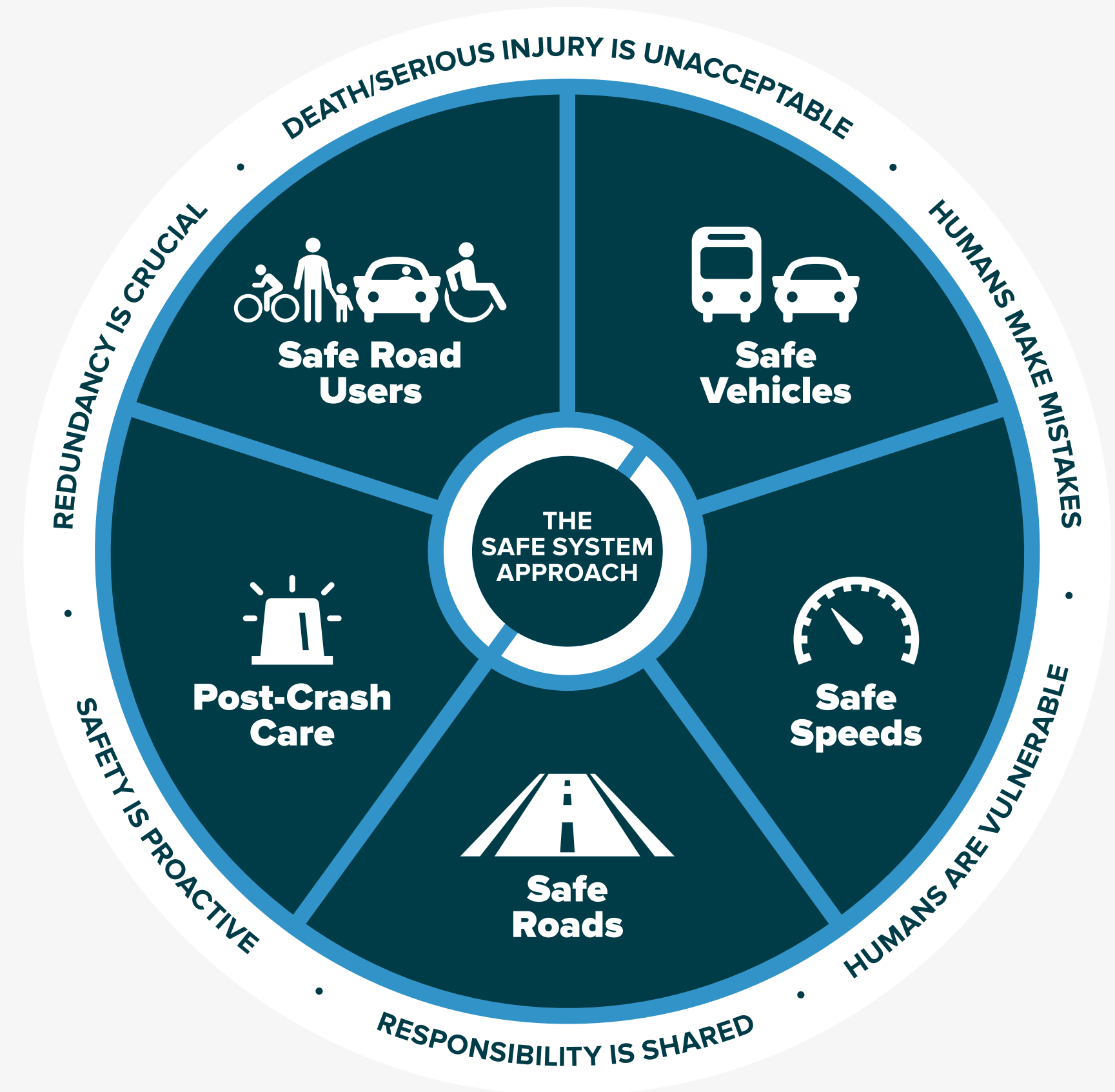


What is Vision Zero?

- Systems-based approach to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries in Atlanta by 2040 through safer street design, speed management, and other proven strategies



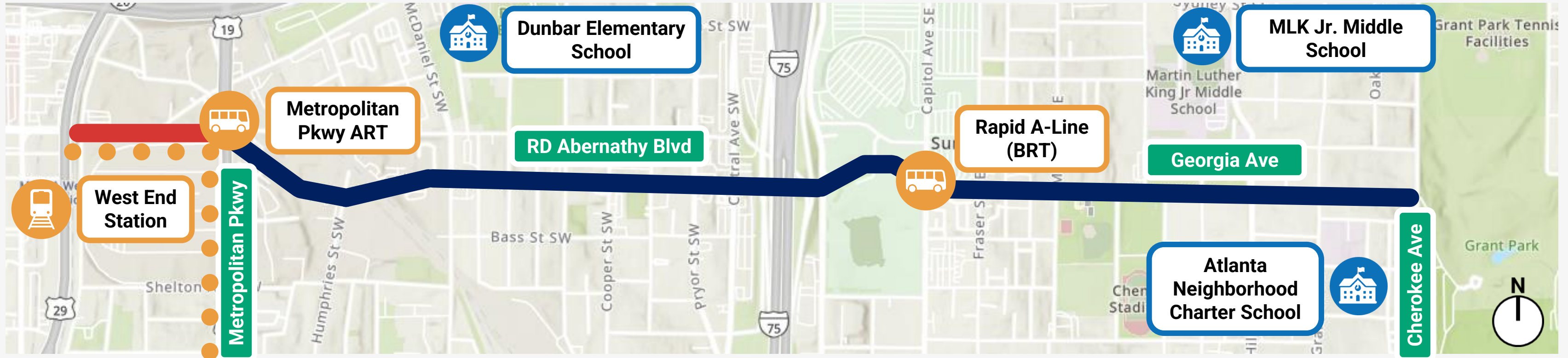
Learn more about Atlanta's Vision Zero commitment at <https://atldot.atlantaga.gov/programs/vision-zero>.



Community Meeting Goals

- Provide overview of project – scope, existing conditions, schedule
- Clarify the goals of the project
- Discuss how this project can address transportation safety issues
- Collect valuable community feedback to inform design and re-engage with community at 30% milestone (Summer/Fall 2026)

Project Location



- Phase I:** West Whitehall Street to Metropolitan Parkway (Designed → Construction)
- Metropolitan Parkway ART** included in Phase I
- Phase II:** Metropolitan Parkway to Cherokee Avenue (Focus of tonight's meeting!)

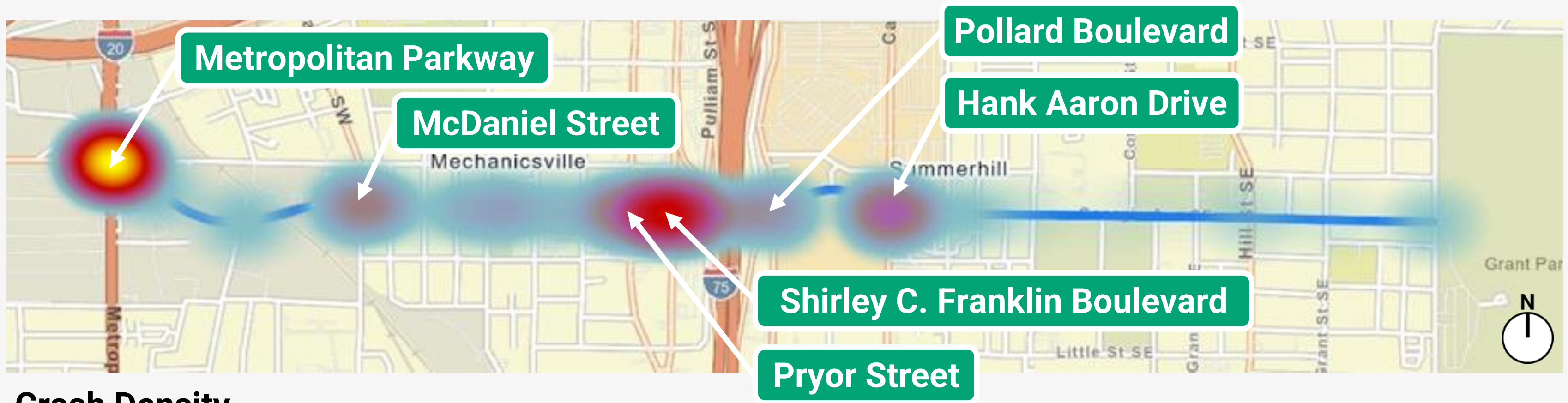
Project Area Demographics

- Population: 23,180 people
- Households: 10,928 housing units
- Low Income Population: 6,142 (~26%)
- Zero Car Households: 2,263 (~20%)
- People with Disabilities: 3,519 (~15%)
- People Over 65: 2,382 (~10%)
- Children: 5,564 (~24%)

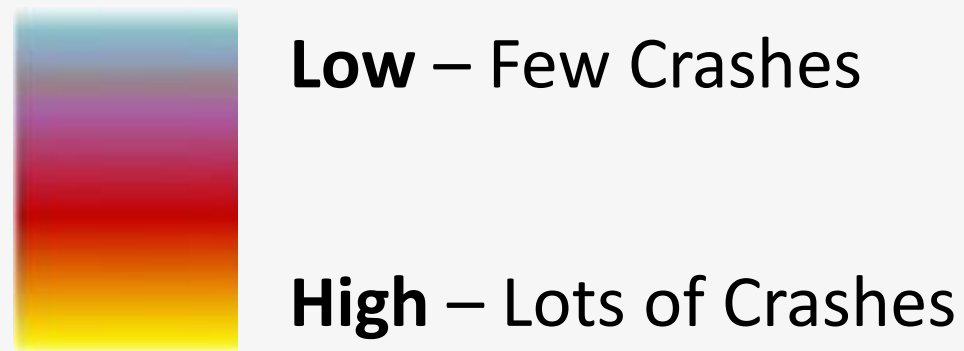


Atlanta Streets Alive 2025

Crash History (2015-2024)

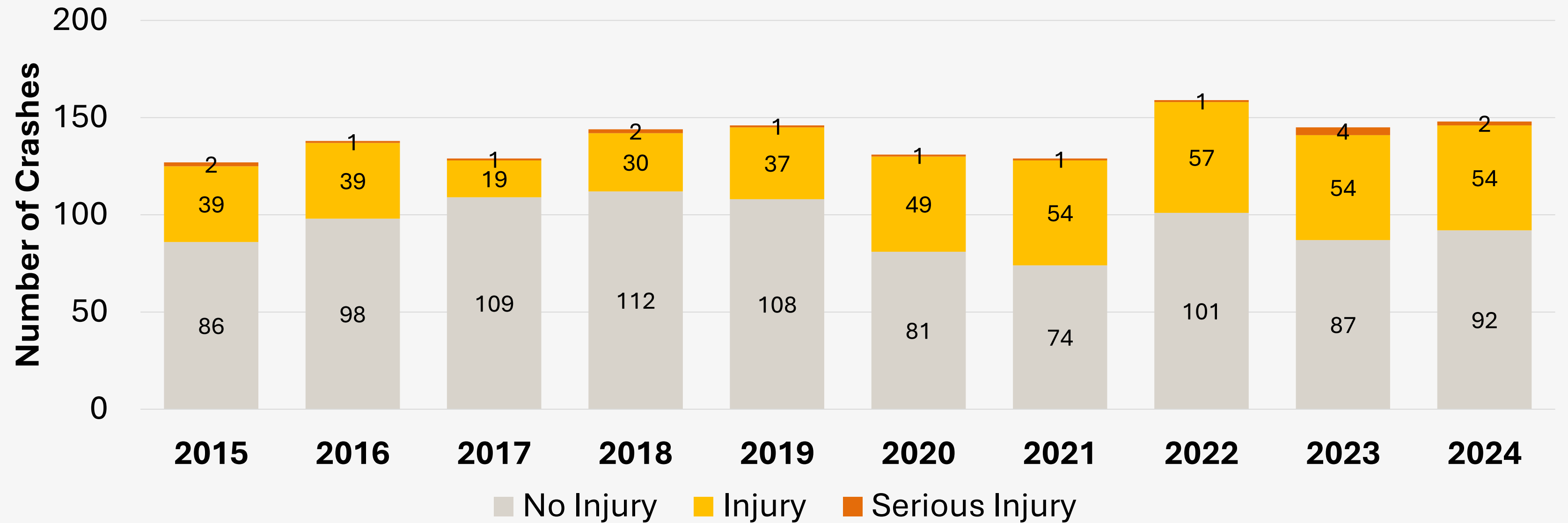


Crash Density



- 97% of crashes occurred at an intersection
- Most crashes occurred at **Metropolitan Parkway, Pryor Street, and Shirley C. Franklin Boulevard**

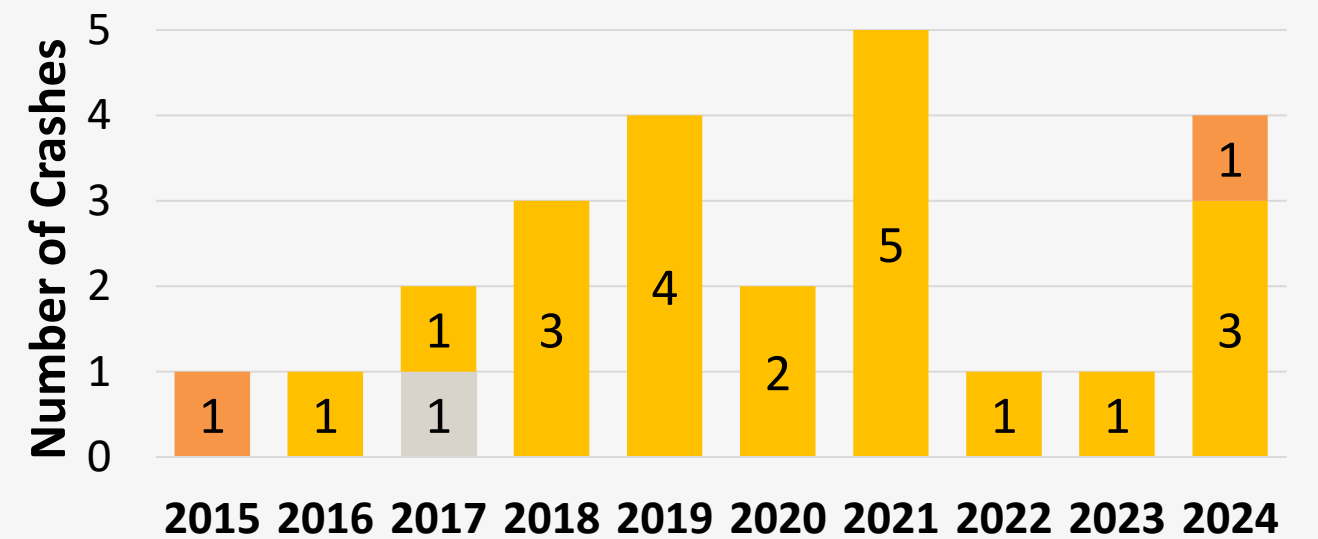
Crash Severity (2015-2024)



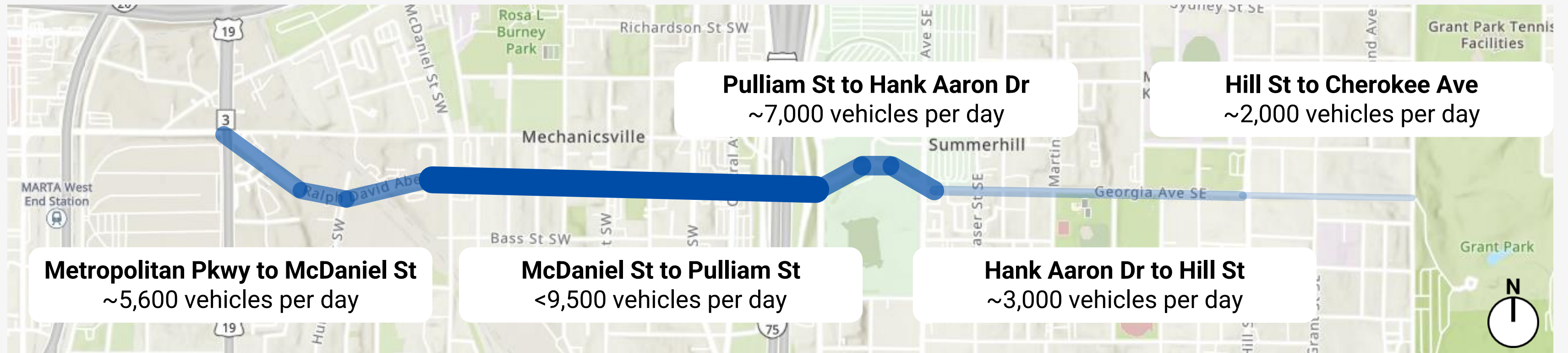
Vulnerable Road User Crashes (2015-2024)



● Serious Injury
 ● Injury
 ● No Injury



Vehicle Volumes & Speeds (2025)



- Highest vehicle volumes near ramps with less than 1,000 vehicles at the busiest hour
- Multiple lanes with low vehicle volumes → More speeding



Activity: Place stickers on the maps where you have experienced a transportation safety issue.

Volume Comparisons



RD Abernathy Boulevard
<9,500 vehicles per day
4 vehicle lanes with
median and bike lanes



N. Highland Avenue
~13,000 vehicles per day
2 vehicle lanes and on-
street parking



MLK Jr. Drive SW
~20,000 vehicles per day
4 vehicle lanes with
center turn lane



Ponce De Leon Avenue
>20,000 vehicles per day
4 vehicle lanes with turn
lanes and bike lanes

Project Goals



Safety: Reduce crashes that cause injuries especially at intersections



Connectivity: Connect neighborhoods with a safe, multimodal route



Mobility: Provide transportation options for all ages and all abilities



Accessibility: Improve access to businesses and amenities along the corridor



Activity: Help us to refine and prioritize the project goals!

Project Scope

- Improvements will be made within the existing right-of-way (curb-to-curb width will remain the same)
- Improvements will include resurfacing, restriping, adding or improving multimodal facilities, and adjusting signal timing or intersection controls at priority intersections



Existing Bike Lanes through Mechanicsville

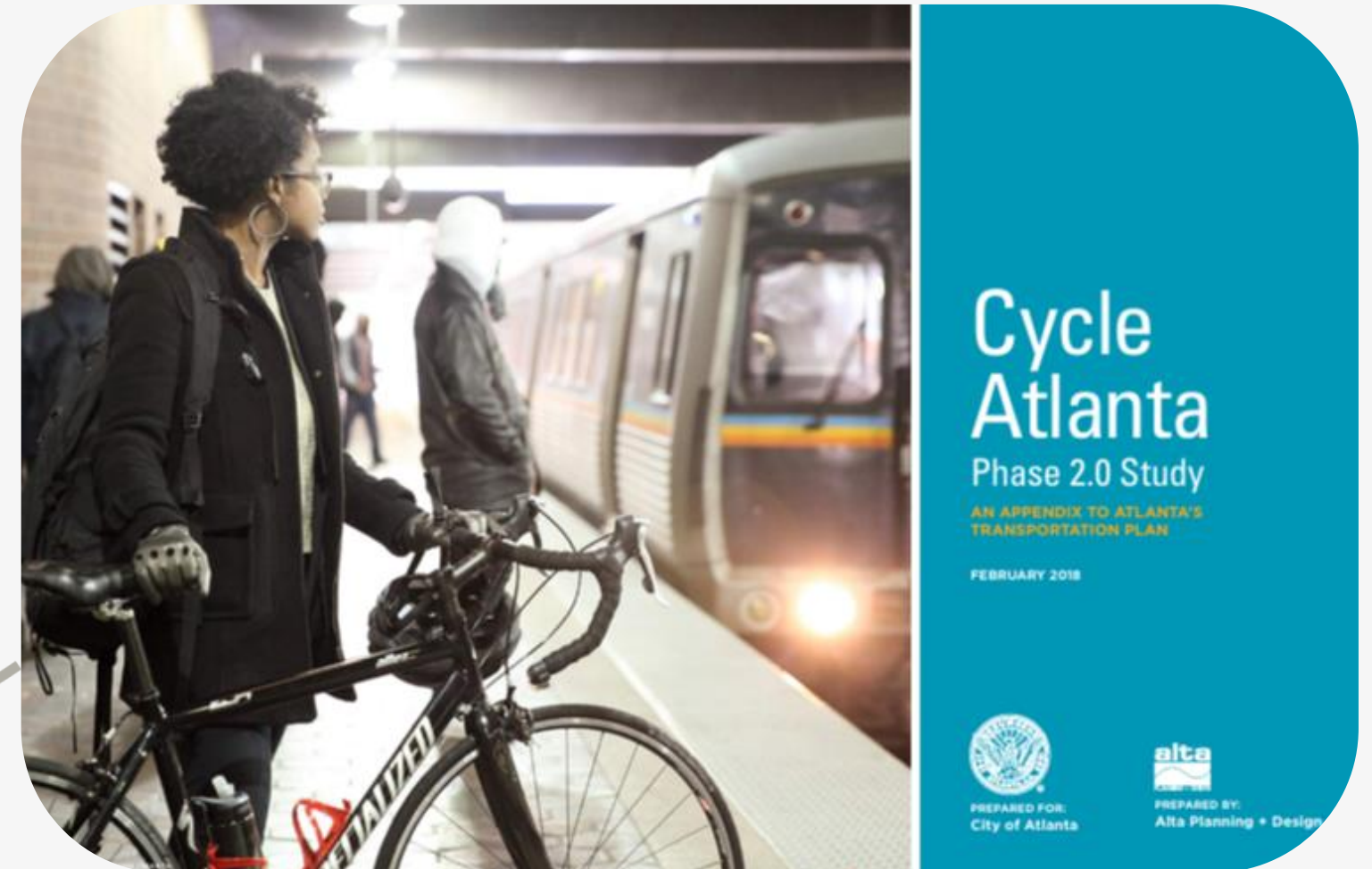
Safety Improvements for All Users

- Calm traffic or reduce vehicle speeds that lead to dangerous crashes
- Shorten pedestrian crossings
- Adjust signal timing or intersection control types (signal, stop sign)
- Provide safer connections to Metropolitan Parkway ART & MARTA Rapid A-Line
- Make RD Abernathy Boulevard accessible for more ages and more abilities

Project Concept

Cycle Atlanta Phase 2.0 Study (2018)

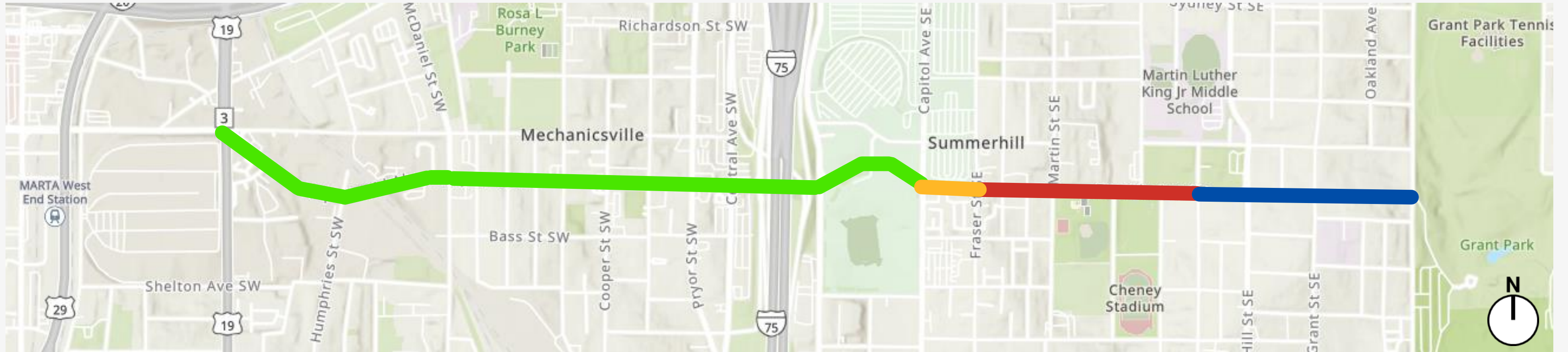
The City of Atlanta with help from the community developed planning level concepts to connect RD Abernathy Boulevard to the West End MARTA Station.



Cycle Atlanta Phase 2.0 Study



Cycle Atlanta Recommendations



- Metropolitan Parkway to Hank Aaron Drive - Separated Bike Lanes**
- Hank Aaron Drive to Fraser Street - Buffered Bike Lanes**
- Fraser Street to Connally Street - Bike Lanes**
- Connally Street to Cherokee Avenue - Striped Bike Lane/Buffered Bike Lane**

Types of Bike Lanes



Separated Bike Lane



Buffered Bike Lane



Bike Lane

What Has Changed Since Cycle Atlanta

- Increased foot, bike, and vehicle traffic to businesses
- More student housing
- Introduction of new modes – e-scooters and e-bikes
- Improved transit access with upcoming ART & BRT
- Continued need for safe routes to the Atlanta Beltline



*The Railyard
Business District*



*Summerhill
Business District*



Activity: Identify where the Cycle Atlanta concepts align or do not align with community's needs.

Connections & Upcoming Projects

- Metropolitan Parkway ART & MARTA Rapid A-Line (2026)
- Atlanta Beltline Westside & Southside Trail (2026)
- McDaniel Street Safe Street (2028)
- Pryor Street & Central Avenue Safe Streets (2029)

More information available at

<https://atldot.atlantaga.gov/projects>.



Dunbar Elementary School SRTS Event



Parkside Elementary School Bike Bus

We want to hear from you!

- Participate in an activity this evening!
- Submit comments to mobility@AtlantaGA.gov with “RDA/Georgia Ave” in the subject line
- Engage with ATLDOT at Streets Alive
- Attend next meeting in Summer 2026

A promotional poster for the Atlanta Streets Alive event. The top half features a photograph of a cyclist in a green shirt and white shorts riding a white bicycle on a city street. In the background, other people are walking and cycling. Overlaid on the photo are several graphic elements: a yellow shield-shaped logo with 'Atlanta STREETS ALIVE' in black and white text; a blue speech bubble on the left that says 'SUNDAYS IN SPRING'; and another blue speech bubble on the right that says 'FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY'. Below the photo is a blue banner with white text that reads 'WEST END TO GRANT PARK' and 'MAY 31 ★ 2PM TO 6PM'. Underneath the banner, there are three columns of text: 'CAR-FREE STREETS TO WALK, BIKE, ROLL & PLAY STREET CLOSURE: 12PM - 7PM', '3.4 MILES RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY BLVD TO GEORGIA AVE', and 'More info at AtlantaStreetsAlive.org' next to a QR code. At the bottom, a black bar contains the text 'RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY TO GEORGIA AVENUE BETWEEN LAWTON ST & CHEROKEE AVE' in white.

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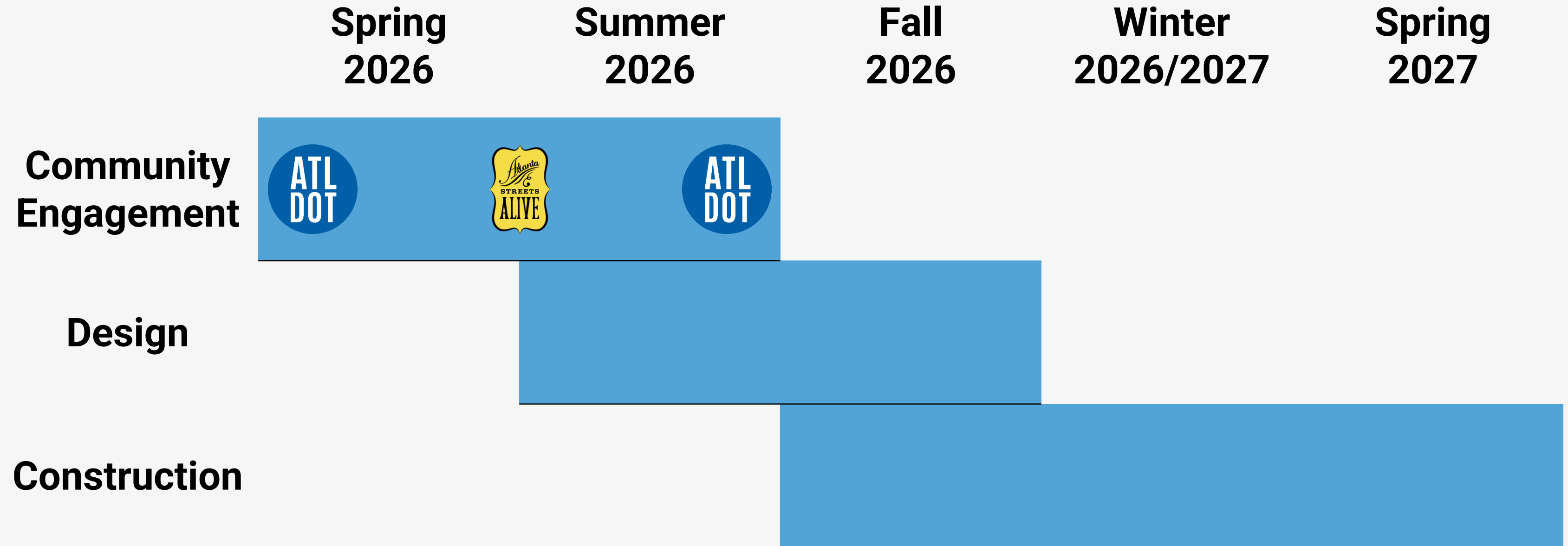
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Tell us what you think!

Project Schedule



Questions?

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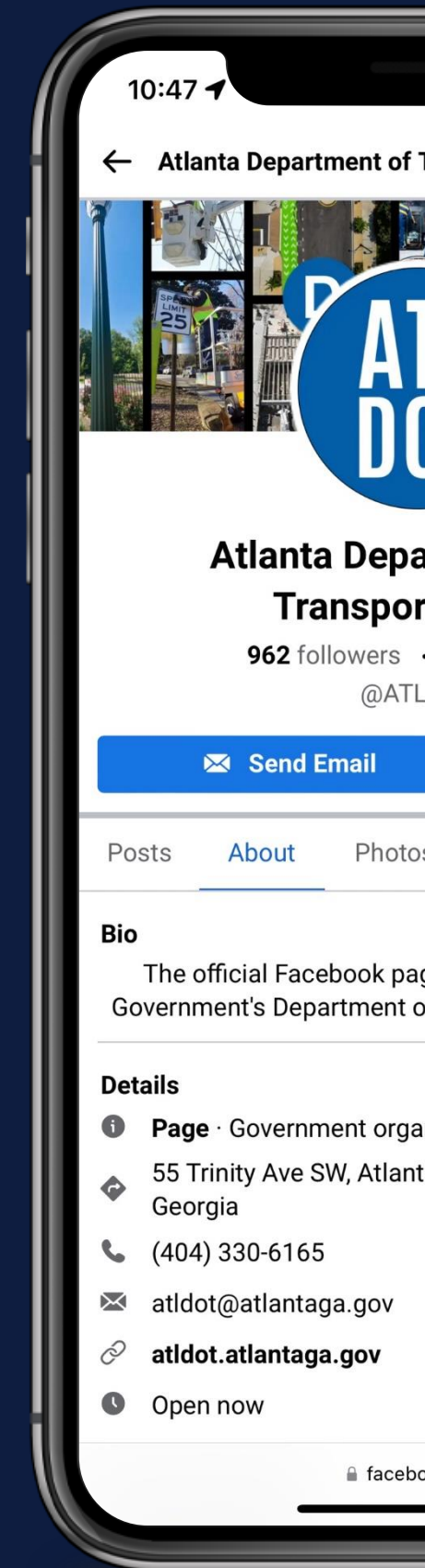
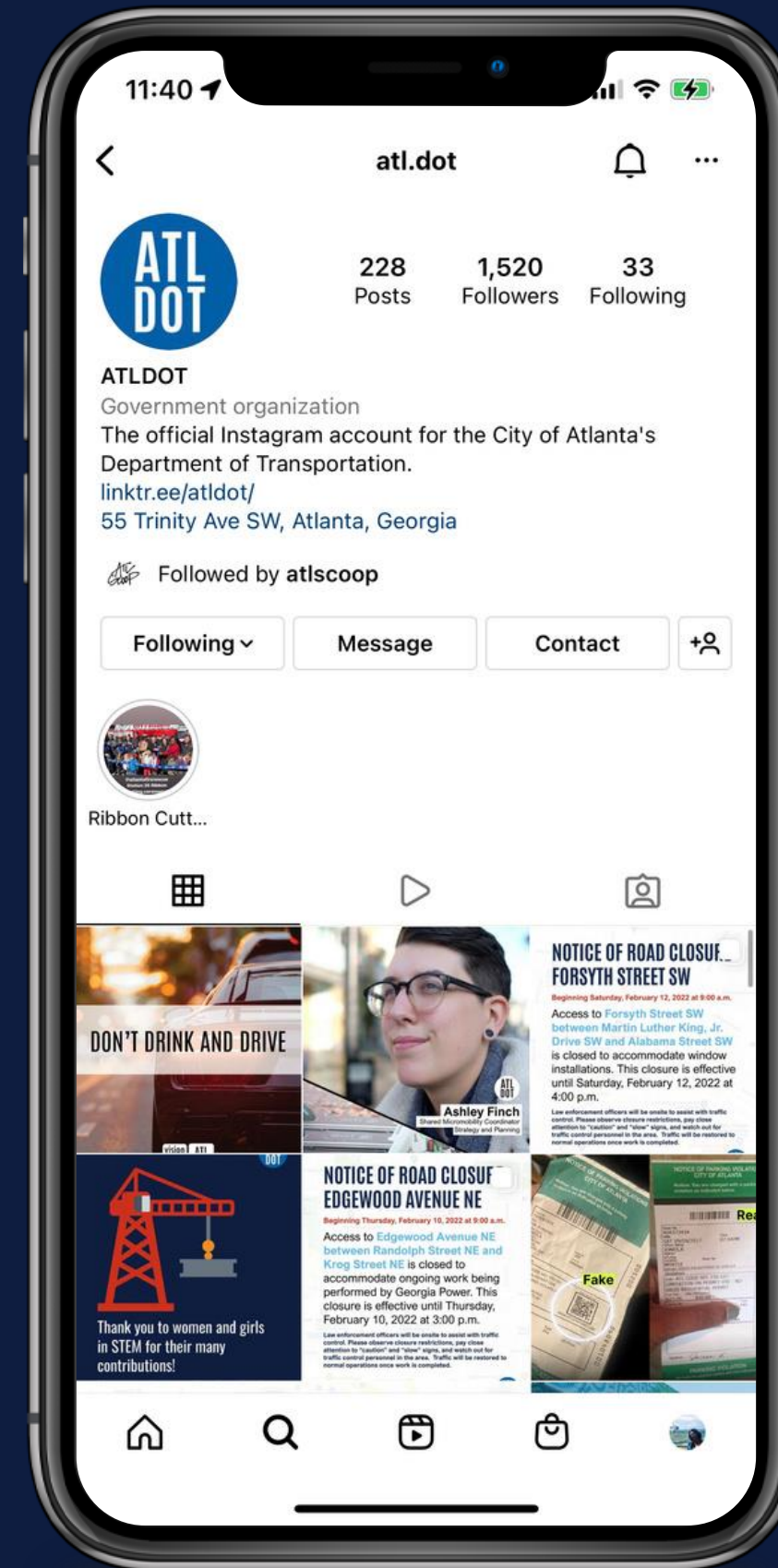
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