

Reconnecting Sweet Auburn

CONCEPT PLANS: DESIGN APPROACH & ADDRESSING HARM



DESIGN APPROACH

FOUR LEVELS OF PROJECTS, INCREASING IN COMPLEXITY. THEY COULD OCCUR CONCURRENTLY OR INDEPENDENTLY. SEE THE STATIONS FOR EACH CONCEPT PLAN TO VOTE ON INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS.

BEST OF THE BASICS

- Replace standard elements of the public realm with the very best, particularly in the core blocks (between Jesse Hill, Jr. Drive and Fort Street from Irwin Street to Leonard Tate Street). At a minimum, meet the City standards.
- Stormwater management and flooding mitigation
- Street trees
- Pedestrian-scale lighting on streets and in underpasses
- Sidewalk maintenance
- Benches and street furniture
- Street paving and maintenance

ART AND ANIMATION

- Add "topical" elements at key places on core streets, in public spaces, or on the viaduct. These can be art installations and installations that celebrate neighborhood history and pride.
- Murals on retaining walls and in underpasses
- Interactive lighting and music, which could accompany murals
- Neighborhood history and pride reflected in artwork
- Additional landscaping
- Events, temporary public space installations on vacant properties and parking lots (dog park, play ground landscaping, games)

BIG DREAMS

- Identify discrete capital projects to improve the public realm or redevelopment opportunities. For this effort, we will look at public space concept designs and identify places for redevelopment (but no redevelopment plans are formalized).
- New parks and plazas
- Improvements to existing parks and plazas (Dobbs Plaza and John Calhoun Park)
- Major streetscape overhaul on key corridors, like Auburn, Irwin, Edgewood, Fort Street, Leonard Tate Street
- Remove grade-level ramps off Irwin Street
- Stormwater management through green infrastructure and landscape design
- Fix intersections to make them safer for pedestrians.

MOONSHOT

- Aim high for projects that require significant coordination and collaboration among agencies and that will incur significant financial investment. We will look at public space concept designs and identify places for redevelopment (but no redevelopment plans are formalized).
- Reclaim space by potentially removing flyover ramps at Irwin Street interchange
- Puncture through retaining walls for new street connections and larger public spaces (like West to Edgewood)
- Streetscape improvements on more streets
- Accessible, usable stormwater park under the interchange

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SEE BIG DREAMS CONCEPT PLANS FOR ALL AREAS

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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE CONSISTENT DESIGN ELEMENTS?

THESE IDEAS WOULD BE USED THROUGHOUT THE STUDY AREA TO MAKE PROJECTS FEEL COHESIVE

VISIT THE HEROES WALK STATION TO LEARN MORE

Murals on retaining walls and underpasses



PLACE DOTS HERE IF YOU LIKE THE IDEA

Heroes Walk quilt pattern on intersection "bulb-outs" and interstate retaining walls (designed by JIMA Studio)



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Green infrastructure for stormwater management



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Hanging planters on retaining walls



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Artistic lighting in underpasses



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HOW DESIGN IDEAS TIE TO THE HARM METRICS

EACH METRIC IS ASSIGNED A COLOR AND ICON, SO THAT YOU CAN SEE WHAT HARM METRICS ARE ADDRESSED WHEN YOU VOTE ON INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS.

LAND USE / CONNECTIVITY LOST



- New street connections
- New pedestrian and bike connections
- New public spaces
- Opportunities for redevelopment
- Current redevelopment projects

HEAT RISK



- Planting street trees
- Planting trees and increasing landscaping in parks and public spaces
- Adding more landscaping to reduce hard surfaces, like concrete and asphalt, that increase the temperatures
- Adding shade

FLOOD RISK



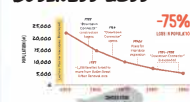
- Fixing existing stormwater / drainage issues to City standards
- Stormwater management through green infrastructure (planters and large green spaces with water-tolerant plants selected specifically to collect and filter stormwater runoff)
- Increasing green space / more landscaping to reduce hard surfaces that cause water to flow too fast and place burden on stormwater system

PARK ACCESS



- Making improvements to existing parks
- Adding new parks and green spaces
- Adding new greenway / trail connections

POPULATION AND BUSINESS LOSS



The goals of all public space interventions are to encourage reinvestment in Sweet Auburn, growing the population and economy with the residents.

MENTAL DISTRESS + ISOLATION



- Adding new park and public spaces
- Community events and programming
- Neighborhood history and pride reflected in public spaces, public art installations
- Visibility of green space and nature

AIR QUALITY



- Planting street trees
- Planting trees and increasing landscaping in parks
- Adding plants that can specifically absorb air pollutants
- Providing walking and biking options that reduce car trips

FOOD ACCESS



- Improving walking and biking conditions to existing sources of fresh food (Municipal Market, the forthcoming Goodmarket on Edgewood)
- Wider and maintained sidewalks, safer crossings with signals and bright crosswalks, buffered bike lanes

TRAFFIC CRASHES



- Improve intersections for pedestrian safety with narrower turning radii, brighter crosswalks, and signals
- Streetscape designs that prioritize pedestrians and cyclists (wider sidewalks, turn lane removal, street trees, lighting, two-way streets)
- Major changes to the interstate underpasses and potential changes to interstate ramps

VISIT THE TIMELINE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW WE DEFINED THESE HARM METRICS AND HOW SWEET AUBURN COMPARES TO PONCEY-HIGHLAND AND INMAN PARK

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CONCEPT PLANS: WHOLE STUDY AREA

BIG DREAMS CONCEPT

PLEASE VISIT THE STATIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC AREAS TO PROVIDE DETAILED FEEDBACK ON PROJECTS!

- OPPORTUNITY TO REPURPOSE AT-GRADE NORTHBOUND RAMP SPACE FOR STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE
- WALDEN ATHLETIC COMPLEX
- IRWIN STREET
- ATLANTA HOUSING
- JOHN WESLEY DOBBS
- BIG BETHEL REDEVELOPMENT PLANNED ONLY IMPLEMENTATION TBD
- GEORGIA POWER SUB-STATION
- RENOVATION OF 15th UNIT
- TEMPORARY PLACEMAKING OPPORTUNITIES
- 10th STREET DDO PARK + LAWN (MONTREAL)
- AUBURN AVENUE
- THE CRANE ROACH 15th UNIT + RETAIL (CONSTRUCTION TO BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR)
- OLD WHEAT STREET
- EDGEMOOD AVENUE
- PHASE 1 SWEET AUBURN GEORGE (15th UNIT + RETAIL) CONSTRUCTION TO BE COMPLETED 2024
- MAETTA MAINTENANCE
- WHEAT STREET TOWERS
- 60V PROJECTS
- EDGEMOOD AVENUE
- LEONARD TATE / BELL
- MUNICIPAL MARKET
- OPPORTUNITY FOR LARGER COMMUNITY SPACE
- WE ARE HERE
- SELENA S. BUTLER PARK
- COMMUNITY EVENT AT THE BEAUFORT (TORONTO)
- 5th STREET UNDERPASS (PHILADELPHIA)
- GRADY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
- FUTURE GRADY HOSPITAL PROJECT
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- DR. MICK JEL RECREATION CENTER
- LIGHTING AND ART INSTALLATION

MOONSHOT CONCEPT

PLEASE VISIT THE STATIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC AREAS TO PROVIDE DETAILED FEEDBACK!

- OPPORTUNITY TO REPURPOSE SPACE FOR EASTERN ELEVATED RAMP AS FREEDOM PARK TRAIL EXTENSION
- WALDEN ATHLETIC COMPLEX
- IRWIN STREET
- ATLANTA HOUSING
- JOHN WESLEY DOBBS
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IRWIN STREET - STREETSCAPES: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THESE IDEAS?

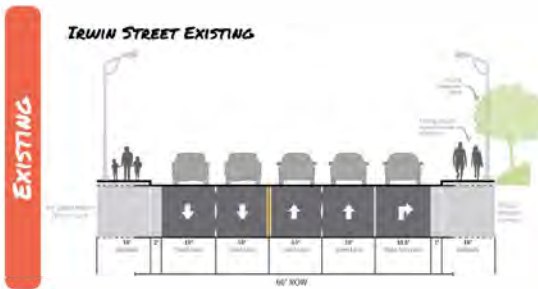


C IRWIN STREET STREETSCAPE RE-DESIGN OPTIONS AT FORT STREET (AADT 6,000-7,100, SOURCE: REPLICA, 2024)

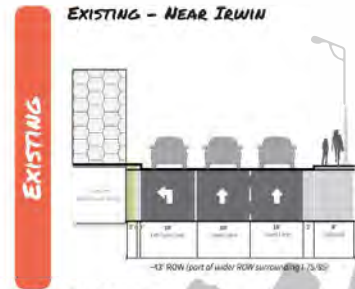
- Remove right-turn lane and replace with landscaped center median with stormwater infrastructure to address flooding
- Work with property owners (especially 315 and 339 Irwin) to add street trees and reconstruct sidewalk and encourage green infrastructure
- Three options: Landscaped center median and varied layouts with fewer travel lanes, parking, and bike lanes

D FORT STREET STREETSCAPE RE-DESIGN OPTIONS FROM IRWIN STREET TO AUBURN AVENUE (AADT 1,800 - 1,900, SOURCE: REPLICA, 2024)

- Convert from one-way to two-way street
- Build a shared use path on the west side (next to retaining wall) to connect Freedom Park Trail to the Municipal Market
- As vacant GSU lot is redeveloped with the EV bus charging facility and other future redevelopment, add landscaped buffer and new sidewalk on the east side

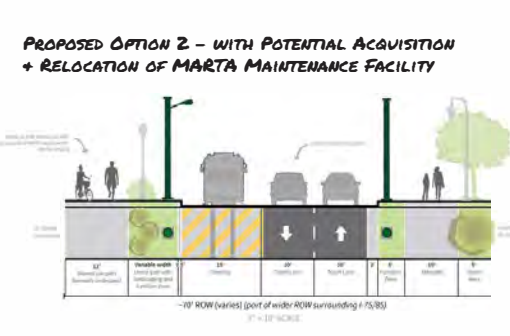
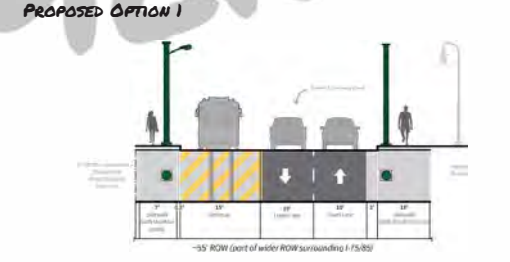
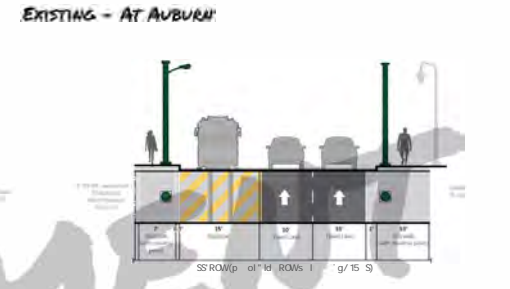


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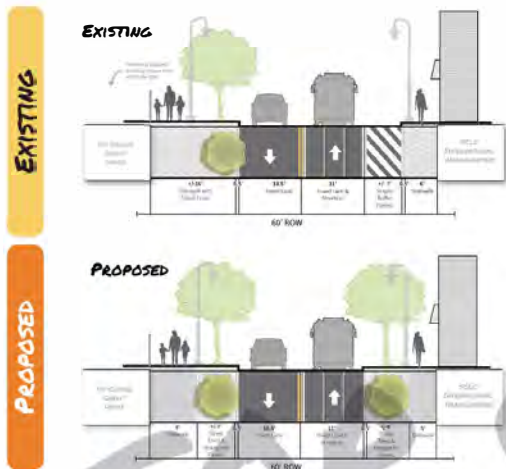
AUBURN / EDGEWOOD STREETSAPES: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THESE IDEAS?



C AUBURN AVENUE STREETSAPPE RE-DESIGN OPTIONS

AT FORT STREET
(AADT 2,600-3,600, SOURCE: REPLICA, 2024)

- Retain existing streetcar tracks
- Extend sidewalk in striped buffer area to create space for street trees
- Concrete sidewalk for walkways, with historic hexagonal pavers in the furniture zone, along with street trees, benches, and trash receptacles



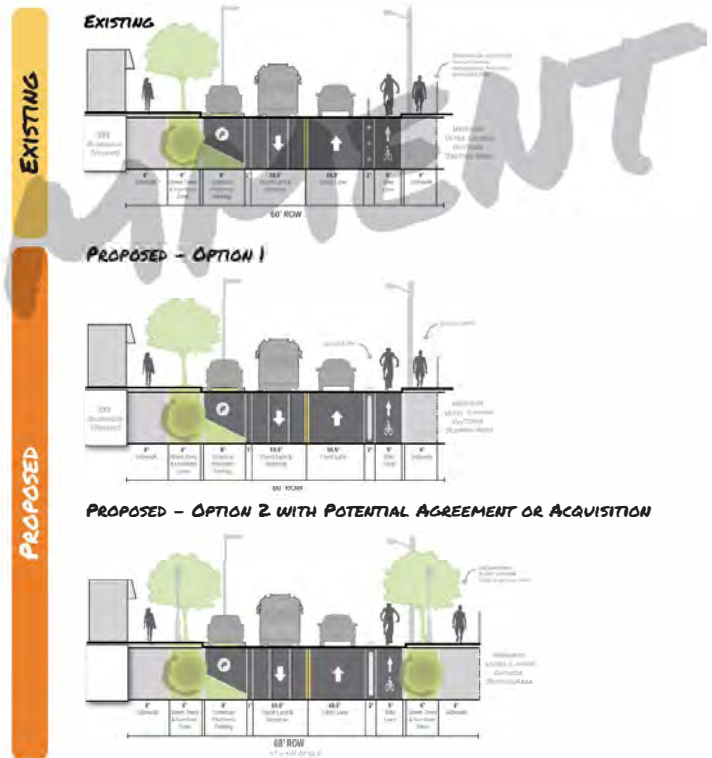
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS STREETSAPPE RE-DESIGN?

LOVE IT!	NOT A FAN!

D EDGEWOOD AVENUE STREETSAPPE RE-DESIGN OPTIONS

AT HILLIARD STREET
(AADT 6,600-10,400, SOURCE: REPLICA, 2024)

- Maintain most of the existing layout, but make improvements
- Retain existing streetcar tracks and platforms
- Repair broken sidewalks, repaint crosswalks, upgrade bike lane buffer
- Reduce turn radii on corners at the intersections where possible
- Where possible to get an agreement with property owners on the north side (many properties are parking lots), add a furniture zone with street trees, lighting, signage, widen sidewalks to at least 8 feet to create a shaded sidewalk without obstacles



WHICH OPTION DO YOU LIKE BEST?

OPTION 1	OPTION 2

IRWIN STREET BIG DREAMS: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THESE IDEAS?

NOTE: ALL CHANGES TO THE INTERSTATE 485 TO BE COORDINATED WITH AUST AND FORTIFIED WITH SITE SURVEYS. EXISTING WALLS EXISTING AND COLUMN CONSTRUCTION WILL REQUIRE STRUCTURAL CONSULTATION AND ENGINEERING.

1. ADD A DOT ON THE SCALE OF "NOT A FAN" TO "LOVE IT!" TO INDICATE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH IDEA.
2. PLEASE SHARE DETAILED THOUGHTS ON A POST-IT!

#	NAME	1 - NOT A FAN	2	3 - NEUTRAL	4	5 - LOVE IT!	HARM METRICS ADDRESSED
A	Stormwater management / green infrastructure under fly overramps						Water Quality, Air Quality, Noise, Safety, Livability, Equity
B	Extend the Freedom Parkway Trail into Senior Suburb between Walden Athletic Complex and Lookout O&W apartments						Equity, Safety, Livability, Recreation, Air Quality, Noise
C	Remove all grade ramp to interstate from Irwin Street (Neighborhood retains access to I-75/85 northbound via Freedom Parkway and MLK Jr Dr)						Equity, Safety, Livability, Recreation, Air Quality, Noise
D	Irwin Street Re-design (reduce lanes, add green trees, remove turn lanes to interstate, add bike lanes)						Equity, Safety, Livability, Recreation, Air Quality, Noise
E	East Street Two-Way Conversion						Equity, Safety, Livability, Recreation, Air Quality, Noise
F	Leonard Tate Street Two-Way Conversion						Equity, Safety, Livability, Recreation, Air Quality, Noise
G	Linear Skate Park on extra space under the overpass on Irwin Street						Equity, Safety, Livability, Recreation, Air Quality, Noise
H	Art and / or neighborhood history six pedestrian sidewalks and walkways						Equity, Safety, Livability, Recreation, Air Quality, Noise

PLEASE SEE THE SMALLER BOARD TO VOTE ON THE STREET TSCAPE DESIGN OPTIONS FOR IRWIN AND FOR T STREETS!

IRWIN STREET MOONSHOT: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THESE IDEAS?



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DO YOU HAVE THOUGHTS ON THE SPECIFIC RECREATION IDEAS? NOTE ON THE AUBURN N TO EDGEWOOD BOARD!

#	NAME	1 - NOT A FAN	2	3 - NEUTRAL	4	5 - LOVE IT!	HARM METRICS ADDRESSED
A	Stormwater management / green infrastructure park around the re-designed interchange						Water Quality, Air Quality, Noise, Safety, Livability, Equity
B	Remove eastern flyover ramp from I-75/85, Freedom Parkway Trail connects around Walden Athletic Complex						Equity, Safety, Livability, Recreation, Air Quality, Noise
C	Re-design the interchange to reduce impacts to the neighborhood						Equity, Safety, Livability, Recreation, Air Quality, Noise
D	Retaining walls removed and replaced with park, park under the overpass expanded to include sports courts and fields, art installations, and more						Equity, Safety, Livability, Recreation, Air Quality, Noise
E	Linear Park where ramps and walls are removed (open-air playground, exercise equipment, gardens, sports courts, playgrounds, games, dance floor, stormwater management, public art)						Equity, Safety, Livability, Recreation, Air Quality, Noise
F	Historic Lyons Street / Green Street: Reconnect from Jackson Street to Jesse Hill, Jr. Drive under the Interstate						Equity, Safety, Livability, Recreation, Air Quality, Noise
G	Old Wheat Street Extended: Reconnect from Fort Street to Jesse Hill, Jr. Drive and improve the streetscape						Equity, Safety, Livability, Recreation, Air Quality, Noise

INTERCHANGE RAMP DESIGN ALTERNATIVES



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WHAT COMES NEXT: ALL CONCEPT PLANS



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A	Remove right turn lane onto Interstate and expand sidewalk on Edgewood in front of Municipal Market						Accessibility, Safety, Air Quality, Noise, Visual Quality, Cultural Resources, Historic Resources, Socioeconomics, Transportation, Urban Design
B	Change paving in Municipal Market's back-of-house and add a pedestrian connection from Edgewood Avenue						Accessibility, Safety, Air Quality, Noise, Visual Quality, Cultural Resources, Historic Resources, Socioeconomics, Transportation, Urban Design
C	Coca Cola Place streetscape and intersection re-design under sidewalks, street trees, lighting, improved bike lanes, reducing turning radius on corners						Accessibility, Safety, Air Quality, Noise, Visual Quality, Cultural Resources, Historic Resources, Socioeconomics, Transportation, Urban Design
D	Reconfigure Municipal Market parking to add outdoor sidewalks, more trees, and a direct pedestrian connection from Coca Cola Place and Jesse Hill to Dillard. The re-design can complement the future Grady project.						Accessibility, Safety, Air Quality, Noise, Visual Quality, Cultural Resources, Historic Resources, Socioeconomics, Transportation, Urban Design
E	Expand Tate Street street in-lane re-design to accommodate City of Atlanta's planned bike network under sidewalks, street trees, lighting, bike lanes reducing turning radius on corners						Accessibility, Safety, Air Quality, Noise, Visual Quality, Cultural Resources, Historic Resources, Socioeconomics, Transportation, Urban Design
F	Art and interactive lighting installation in the underpass						Accessibility, Safety, Air Quality, Noise, Visual Quality, Cultural Resources, Historic Resources, Socioeconomics, Transportation, Urban Design
G	Pratt Street streetscape and intersection re-design (under sidewalks, street trees, lighting, improved bike lanes, turning radius on corners)						Accessibility, Safety, Air Quality, Noise, Visual Quality, Cultural Resources, Historic Resources, Socioeconomics, Transportation, Urban Design

ART AND INTERACTIVE LIGHTING IN THE LEONARD TATE / BELL STREET TUNNEL

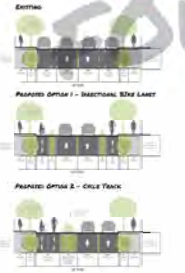


LEONARD TATE / BELL STREETScape RE-DESIGN

- AT AUBURN POINTE**
(4007 S.W. 43RD AVENUE, SUITE 300)
- Add bicycle lane, reflecting this street being part of the City's planned bike network
 - Two options: directional bike lanes vs. cycle track
 - Enhanced retaining walls, lighting, more street trees
 - Stormwater infrastructure for flooding

WHICH OPTION DO YOU LIKE BEST?

OPTION 1	OPTION 2



1 PLAN REVISIONS

- Review the feedback from this meeting
- Make adjustments to the designs based on the feedback from this meeting and the Steering Committee
- Remove projects if not supported by the feedback received

2 PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

Rank the remaining projects based on the evaluation matrix (see diagram below), which includes metrics tied to the harm metrics, previous questions asked in the community survey, and the project's shared values.



3 CREATE AN ACTION PLAN

Develop an action plan for the final concept plan(s) and associated projects based on feedback and the evaluation matrix's results.

4 CONFIRM WITH YOU IN MAY!

Confirm the final recommendations and action plan with you at the final public meeting in May. Adjustments will be made to the final concepts and action plan if deemed necessary at this May meeting.

WHAT ELSE IS ON YOUR MIND?