

Birmingham Northern Beltline
Community Outreach Group
Meeting Notes
June 4, 2015

COG Members present-

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Meeting Notes:

ALDOT Personnel and Support

I. Introduction of Region Engineer Staff

a. DeJarvis Leonard-Region Engineer

Mr. Leonard welcomed the group and explained ALDOT's new Regional Structure. The Department has consolidated from 9 Divisions to 5 Regions.

b. Lance Taylor-Assistant Region Engineer-Pre-Construction

c. Mike Mahaffey-Assistant Region Engineer-Operations

II. Construction of the first section of the Birmingham Northern Beltline

a. Grade and Drain project between Highway 79 and Highway 75

b. Two other projects, Bridges and Base and Pave, will be required before this section can be opened to traffic.

c. Construction on-going on mainline and SR-79 ends of project

i. Soil Nail Wall about 2/3 complete (will be 160 feet tall)

ii. Retaining Wall complete

iii. Box culvert being constructed west of Highway 79.

iv. Highway 79 will be closed on Saturday, June 6 to install a pipe across the road. Traffic will be re-routed and emergency vehicles have been notified.

v. Best management practices (BMPs) installed and functioning

1. Diversion berms, slope drains, silt fencing, sediment retention barriers, wattles, ditch checks, temporary seeding and mulching
 2. Sedimentation basins with active stormwater treatment as needed
- vi. Water Quality
1. Reviewed rainfall totals and days of rainfall
 2. Only a few temporary turbid discharges
 3. No sediment loss. There are about 2.5 million cubic yards of material being moved during this project.
- d. Monthly Construction and Environmental Updates posted on www.betterbeltline.com under Updates section
- III. Upcoming work
- a. Geotechnical Evaluation (Drilling)
- i. Drilling section west of current project
 - ii. Environmental Technical Section (ETS) looking at alignment on other sections regarding archaeological issues
 - iii. I-59 end-waiting on property owner to complete timber harvesting in proposed alignment
 - iv. New requirements because of newly listed Threatened Species-the Northern Long Eared Bat
 - v. Some of the work has been slowed down because consultants have been pulled to work on the CBD bridges in downtown Birmingham.
- b. Design (Pre-construction)
- i. Waiting on Geotechnical work to set Right-of-Way Limits
 - ii. Glenwood Road to Old Dixiana Road-evaluating adjustment of alignment
 - iii. SR-75 to Old Springville Road-trying to reduce cuts along long, tall slopes and avoid water tank
- c. Funding
- i. The Federal funds are currently only short-term reauthorizations and not enough to commit to any large projects. Until there is a long term funding plan in place, capacity projects, like the Beltline will be limited.
 - ii. ALDOT will be hosting a STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program) Public Information meeting on June 17.
 - iii. The next scheduled construction is the bridges for the current section. There are no other sections in the current plan.
 - iv. ALDOT will continue with preliminary engineering, design and purchase of right-of-way so that construction can commence when funds are available.
- IV. Steven Meredith from Pan American gave an overview of the findings from the archeological investigation of the area. A video of his presentation will be posted on the BNB website.