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Community Involvement & Civic Engagement

INTRODUCTION

- **Mandated by the legislation**
 - Reflect neighborhoods and communities' **opinions**
 - Warrant the **transparency** of the planning process
- Existing **Community Engagement Framework (CEF)** should play a key role.
 - TADAC, BeltLine Affordable Housing Advisory Board, Atlanta BeltLine Study Groups, Community Representation on the ABI Board of Directors, Citizen Participation Advocate



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INTRODUCTION

- Visualization is an effective method for communicating with the public.
- Both Off- and Online methods can facilitate communications with the public.
 - GIS mapping system
 - Internet based GIS system
 - Online survey

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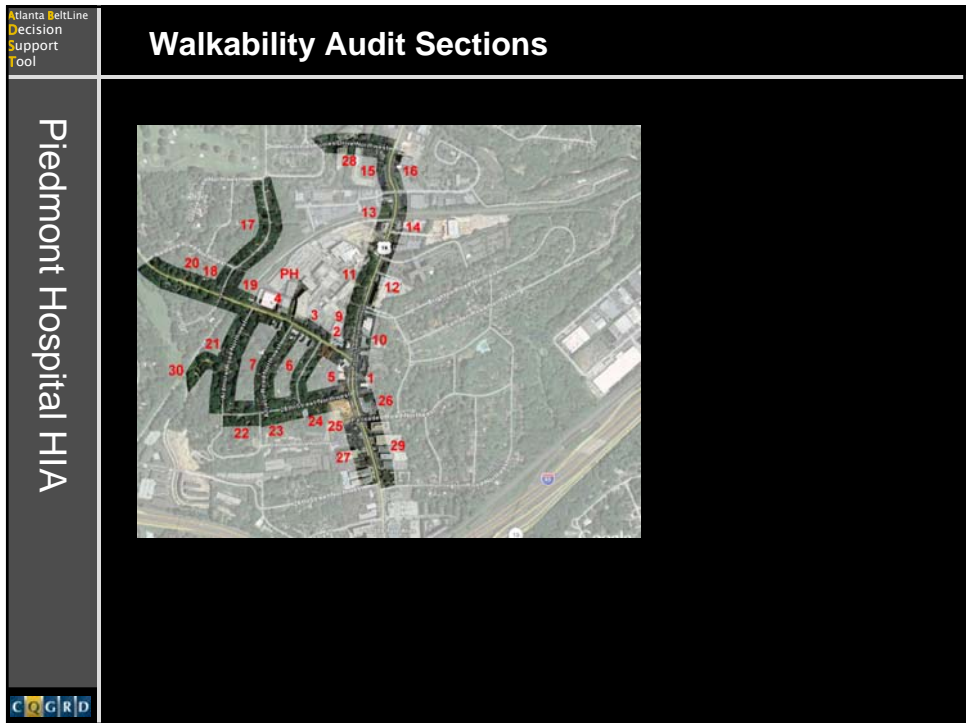
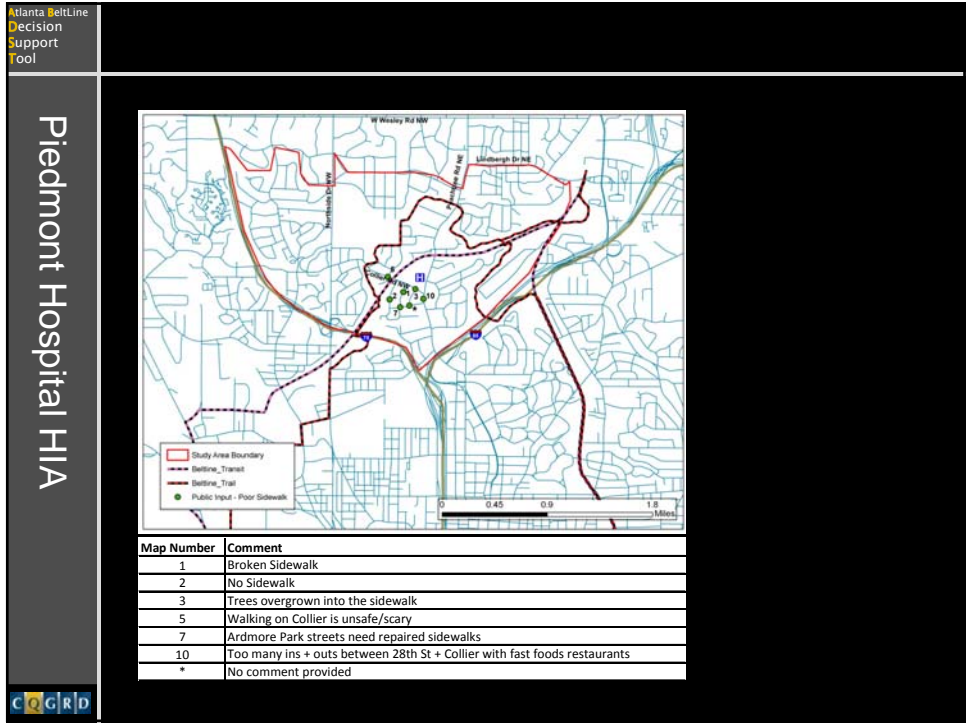
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- Used maps to gather public input on
 - Traffic problems
 - Undesirable walking conditions
 - Crime

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The roadway, although in good condition, was extremely wide and somewhat curvy throughout this segment. Although sidewalks mimicked the street orientation with no buffer in between the two, sidewalks were often scattered with debris and dust and were essentially the same height as the roadway.



Examples of poor pedestrian conditions: although shady and separated from the street, these sidewalks are raised and broken and are narrow.



Along parts of the segment, there are times that the sidewalk height is even with the roadway height, creating essentially a continuous curb cut, with no separation between pedestrians and automobiles.

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Example of Walkability Audit Questions

A. ENVIRONMENT

1. Uses in segment (all that apply)

- Housing- Single Family Detached
- Housing- Multi-Family
- Housing- Mobile Homes
- Office/Institutional
- Restaurants/Cafe/Commercial
- Industrial
- Vacant/Undeveloped
- Recreation

2. Slope

- Flat
- Slight hill
- Steep hill

3. Segment Intersections

- Segment has 3-way intersection
- Segment has 4-way intersection
- Segment has other intersection
- Segment dead ends but path continues
- Segment dead ends
- Segment has no intersections

D. WALKING/CYCLING ENVIRONMENT

25. Roadway/path lighting

- Road-oriented lighting
- Pedestrian-oriented lighting
- Other lighting
- No lighting

26. Amenities (all that apply)

- Public Garbage cans
- Benches
- Water fountain
- Street vendors/vending machines
- No amenities

27. Are there wayfinding aids?


- No
- Yes

28. Number of trees shading area

- None or Very Few
- Some
- Many/Dense

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KEY FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATIONS	RELATIONSHIPS		
		Traffic	Access	Connectivity
Walkability and Bikeability				
<p>The Walkability Audit (see Section 4.2 and Appendix A.4) found significant barriers to walking and bicycling in the study area, including poorly-maintained sidewalks, insufficient buffers between pedestrians and traffic, insufficient signage, a lack of shade, and a lack of accommodation for bicycles.</p>	<p>Improve and increase barriers between pedestrian and automotive traffic along high-volume corridors, such as .</p>		X	X
	<p>*Make improvements to the pedestrian environment, which could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Improve the quality of the sidewalks; o Ensure sidewalk width is adequate for two adults walking abreast; o Increase the number of crosswalks; o Increase and maintain lighting for pedestrians; o Add pedestrian signals to existing intersections; o Narrow roadways or lanes; o Reduce number of lanes; o Add medians; o Add textured pavement; o Add speed tables; and o Add or upgrade landscaping. 	X	X	X
	<p>*Identify those destinations easiest to reach by bicycle and install bicycle-friendly facilities (such as bicycle racks, water fountains, etc.).</p>		X	X
	<p>*Increase pedestrian education to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Wayfinding signage to make pedestrian routes easier to follow; and o Conduct outreach within the community to make residents familiar with new walking and bicycle options in the community. 		X	X

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Decatur Community Transportation Plan	<h3>HIA/Transportation Plan HIA</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted by CQGRD, City of Decatur officials, and CDC • 60 Participants • Raised key issues for the transportation plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance between modes • Safety for kids • Walking should be the norm • Bike and Pedestrian safety
	

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- Plan should address four broad areas
 - Intersection improvements
 - Bicycle facilities
 - Sidewalk improvements
 - Traffic Safety
- Also came up with a customized definition of health:
 - Health is a holistic sense of spiritual, mental, and physical well-being and the absence of illness and disease.

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- These guiding principles were the underlying foundation of the study and drove the analysis and recommendations

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- Develop a process for prioritizing pedestrian route improvements based on a combination of latent demand score (high demand), existing conditions (low level of quality), adjacent land uses (street typology), and proximity to a designated Safe Route to School corridor.
- Decrease walking distance around large intersections
- Bicycle parking facilities throughout the city.
- Opportunities for bicycle facilities should be considered in the design or reconstruction of new or existing streets, recreational areas, or site developments.

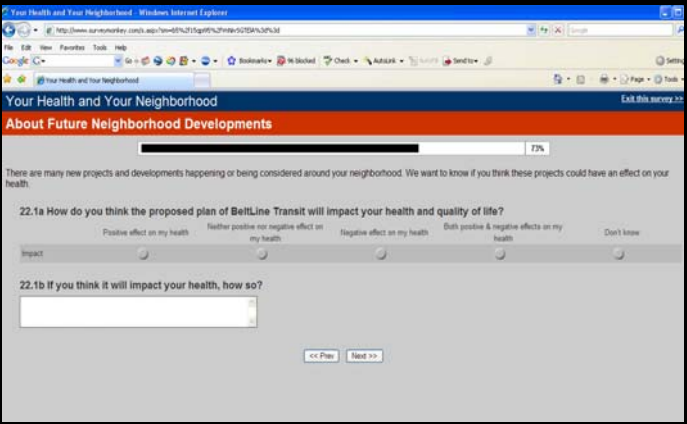
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HIA Survey

- **Both paper and online surveys were conducted.**



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a survey titled "Your Health and Your Neighborhood". The survey is currently at question 22.1a, which asks: "How do you think the proposed plan of BeltLine Transit will impact your health and quality of life?". The question is followed by five radio button options: "Positive effect on my health", "Neither positive nor negative effect on my health", "Negative effect on my health", "Both positive & negative effects on my health", and "Don't know". Below this, question 22.1b asks: "If you think it will impact your health, how so?", with a text input field. At the bottom of the survey interface, there are "Previous" and "Next" navigation buttons. The browser's address bar shows a URL starting with "http://www.commissioners.covd...".

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