

Session 5
August 13, 2024 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Doors open at 6:00 PM, Presentation at 6:30 PM
Atlanta History Center
Theme: Schools

Speakers
Council Member Mary Norwood
AECOM Alex Hofelich
District 8 School Representatives

Run of Show			
Start	Finish	Speaker	Topic(s)
6:30 PM	6:35 PM	ATLDOT Lenor Bromberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Any introductions Encourage participation
6:35 PM	7:10 PM	AECOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event traffic School traffic School safety Holistic school mobility plans
7:10 PM	7:20 PM	The Lovett School Gray Kelly – Chief Operating Officer Ted Gilbreath – Director of Strategic Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus Program
7:20 PM	7:50 PM	Panel Q&A with School Representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Q&A
7:50 PM	8:00 PM	ATLDOT Lenor Bromberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing remarks

The opening discussion related to event parking (concerts) at the Chastain Park Amphitheater. Discussion included talks about ride share operations, parking availability, the largest issue is with arrival more than departure. Brief discussion of managed (paid) parking, preference parking for those carpooling, etc. Discussion about traffic officers not necessarily being familiar with the area and with traffic flow. Discussion included NYO recreational sporting events as well. A comment made that there is plenty of parking, but folks don't want to walk.

School discussion – question about how many kids walk to school now, and would more if there were sidewalk (number not known). Statement that more kids walk home from school than to school (per resident) and that more overall would if there were sidewalks. Discussion about safe routes to schools working with public schools, but was not working with private, as safe routes are city office working with APS and city grants would go to APS. The Lovett schools spoke about their bus program and how it has expanded. Schools spoke about working with neighborhoods. Concerns raised to APS included bus inconsistency and lack of police officers to assist with traffic. Shortage of resources officers is an issue. Discussion about ways to queue cars through technology to help get them off neighborhood and larger volume streets. Discussion about improving bike and sidewalks to allow for more kids to walk. Issue is when sidewalks would be along heavy traffic and speed streets. Discussion of traffic signal coordination and challenge of some schools being at state routes, which requires GDOT inclusion. Discussion about how commercial construction projects can reduce parking near schools and create more traffic problems. APS is currently building a location for buses, which are now being stationed at North Atl HS.

Attendees

Chastain Park Civic Association	Alden Stern
NPU-A representative	Brink Dickerson
Chastain Park Conservancy	Briand McHugh
Margaret Mitchell Civic Association	Caren Bharwani
Buckhead Business Association	Cordell Carter
Buckhead Council of Neighborhoods	Debra Wathen
Livable Buckhead representative	Denise Starling
Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy	Eric Franz
Mount Paran-Northside Citizens Association	Fred Meyer
Memorial Park Civic Association	Glenn Cartledge
Atlanta History Center	Jackson McQuigg
Collier Hills Civic Association	Jason Barfield
West Paces Northside	Jim Hannon
Huntingdon Park Townhomes	Judy Powell
Peachtree Battle Alliance	Kendra Adams
Channing Valley Neighborhood Assoc.	Leanne Fowler
Atlanta Department of Transportation	Lenor Bromberg
Collier Hills North	Mary Kilgo
Westminster/Milmar	Mary Lunsford
Wesley Battle Civic Association	Nowland Gwynn
Wildwood Civic Association	Peyton Johnston
Castlewood Civic Association	Rick White
Ardmore Park Neighborhood Assoc.	Rob Glen
NPU-B representative	Robert Patterson
Margaret Mitchell Civic Association	Robin Morgan
Wesley Battle Civic Association	Steve Shirley
Paces Civic Association	Susan Kreuer
Peachtree Battle Alliance	Tom Cromartie
Springlake Civic Association	William Hennessy
NPU-C representative	Zack Gober
Atlanta Public Schools	John Franklin
Pace Academy	Fred Assaf
The Westminster Schools	Toni Boyd
The Westminster Schools	Victor Panchuk
The Lovett School	Gray Kelley
The Lovett School	Ted Gilbreath
The Galloway School	David Penden
Trinity School	Reginald Haley
E. Rivers elementary	John Waller
Sutton Middle School	Amanda Fielder
Brandon Elementary	Jay Blank