



14TH STREET BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Purpose

The 14th Street Bridge has been torn down and is being reconstructed in order to better serve Midtown's growth and to accommodate a new under passing northbound exit ramp to the 17th Street Bridge. The new bridge will improve the pedestrian environment, traffic safety and operations at the 14th Street interchange.

Key Enhancements

Several enhancements will be made to improve aesthetics, functionality, and safety in the corridor.

- Midtown's streetscape palette will be extended throughout the 14th Street corridor and will include wider sidewalks, new street trees, decorative lighting, pavers and street furniture. The bridge itself will have decorative fencing and light pylons to enhance the pedestrian experience.
- The 14th Street corridor will contain a median extending from Fowler Street to West Peachtree Street to improve safety and help beautify this major gateway to Midtown. The medians will be planted with seasonal flowers, trees, and shrubs and will be maintained by Midtown Alliance.
- A slip ramp will be created on the west side of the connector for southbound vehicles from I-85 that are exiting to 10th Street. Vehicles will no longer need to stop at the 14th Street intersection to go to 10th Street; this new ramp will go under 14th Street.



Key Construction Milestones

- June 2007 – Project began with utility relocation.
- February 2008 – Techwood Drive closed to traffic between 16th and 10th streets.
- April 2008 – 14th Street Bridge closed to traffic.
- February 2009 – 14th Street traffic shift begins with major lane closures and will last approximately six months.
- Spring 2009 – 10th Street slip ramp serving I-85 southbound traffic will open.
- Winter 2009 – 14th Street Bridge and all ramps and lanes expected to reopen.
- May 2010 – Project scheduled for completion.

Transportation Alternatives

Midtown Transportation Solutions, a program of Midtown Alliance, is implementing a plan to proactively mitigate traffic congestion during this three-year construction project. This plan relies heavily on the adoption of transportation alternatives such as transit, carpooling, walking, and teleworking. To support this plan, MTS is working with employers and properties throughout Midtown to ramp up their commuter benefit programs. In addition, MTS and The Clean Air Campaign are offering a suite of incentives to individuals interested in changing their commute behavior. For more information on how you can be part of the solution, contact mts@midtownalliance.org.



Online Resources

For detour routes, project schedule updates, live construction images and commuter information, visit www.14thStreetBridge.com.

