



14TH STREET BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Purpose

The 14th Street Bridge has been torn down and is being reconstructed in order 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 has been created on the west side of the connector for southbound vehicles from I-85 that are exiting to 10th Street. Vehicles no longer have to stop at the 14th Street intersection to go to 10th Street; this new ramp goes under 14th Street.



Key Construction Milestones

- 14th Street Bridge is closed to traffic and is scheduled to reopen **early fall 2009**.
- Williams Street between 10th and 16th Streets has been reduced to one lane, but will remain open during the course of the project.
- Techwood Drive has closed between 16th and 10th Streets. The roadway is expected to reopen by **September 2009**.
- As of June 2009, the 10th Street slip ramp from I-85 south is open to traffic.
- The westbound lane of 16th Street between Spring and Williams Streets will remain closed until **winter 2009**. Motorists on Williams Street are still able to travel east on 16th Street.
- 14th Street is reduced to westbound lanes only until **September 2009**.
- New ramp from I-75/85 northbound to 17th St. scheduled to open **April 2010**.
- Project scheduled for completion **May 2010**.

Transportation Alternatives

Midtown Transportation Solutions, a program of Midtown Alliance, has developed 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, and commuter information, visit www.14thStreetBridge.com.

