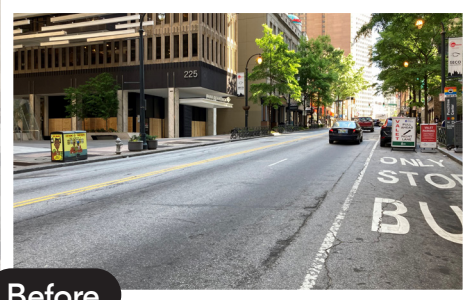




PEACHTREE SHARED SPACE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

30-DAY UPDATE



Before

Phase 1 (Current)



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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The City of Atlanta is testing a new design for a shared space on Peachtree Street by installing a temporary demonstration project. While we cannot test a true, curbless shared space, there are parts that can be tested with removable materials in a short-term, low-cost installation including:



What would happen if we take some space on Peachtree Street away from vehicles and give it back to people?

How do we use this additional space on Peachtree Street to improve the experience of being Downtown?

How do we accommodate adjacent businesses needs and other daily uses like parking and loading?

Phase 1 was installed the week of June 21st between Baker Street and Ellis Street. The outer lanes were repurposed as expanded pedestrian space using paint, wheel stops, and planters. A new mid-block crossing was added at Peachtree Center and pedestrian crossing distances at intersections were shortened. It uses simple, adjustable materials to allow changes to the design as needed. It will last

90 days while the City observes impacts, listens to the community, and evaluates if the redesign should move to Phase 2.

Phase 2 would include a mural painted on the expanded pedestrian space, outdoor seating, and programming to activate the space and would last until the full shared space is installed.

Staff and Volunteers Installing Phase 1



WHAT WE'VE SEEN & HEARD SO FAR

Based on initial observations and feedback, several adjustments will be made soon, including:

Observation/Feedback	Planned Adjustment
Pedestrians are actively using the new mid-block crossing at Peachtree Center. Some vehicles are yielding for pedestrians before the mid-block crossing, while others continue through.	Add temporary stop signs on both sides of the mid-block crossing at Peachtree Center.
Buses and MARTA Mobility pick-up/drop-off points need to be better aligned for ADA access and to minimize traffic backups.	Coordinate with MARTA to tweak bus stop locations and MARTA Mobility pick-up/drop-off points.
Some rideshare and delivery drivers are continuing to pick up and drop off on Peachtree Street, blocking the flow of travel.	Coordinate with rideshare providers like Uber and Lyft to use geofencing within the apps to direct pick-up and drop-off points to side streets. Coordinate with businesses to ensure deliveries are using appropriate locations on side streets. Continue to enforce existing city ordinances, which already prohibit loading and parking on this part of Peachtree Street.
People are interested in more outdoor dining to activate the space.	City is currently working with corridor restaurants to permit and support on-street dining.
People have mentioned concerns about emergency vehicle access.	The Fire Department and Police Department have been operating in the space. Staff will continue to coordinate with these departments as they adjust and make changes if needed.
Increased levels of vehicular congestion is frustrating for drivers.	Continue to monitor travel patterns and adjust signal timing if needed.
Buses turning south from Andrew Young International Boulevard onto Peachtree Street have challenges when northbound vehicles stop past the stop bar.	Modify design at this location to more comfortably accommodate turns for large vehicles.

Other feedback and observations will continue to be monitored and may be adjusted at a later date.

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WHAT'S NEXT

Over the next two months, observation, engagement, and evaluation will continue, including:



City staff will continue to regularly monitor and document observed behaviors on site.



City staff and Central Atlanta Progress are working with restaurants along the corridor to permit and support outdoor dining in the expanded space.



Data on traffic patterns is being collected using Miovision cameras. It will be analyzed and compared to “before” data, including equivalent data collected right before the demonstration was installed and historic, pre-COVID traffic data. The initial results will be included in next month’s report.



Cameras have been installed to analyze pedestrian, cyclist, scooter, bus, and driver behaviors.



Maintenance of the expanded pedestrian space and planters will continue.



Continue to coordinate with the Atlanta Police Department and Policing Alternatives and Diversion (PAD) Initiative to address concerns about personal safety.



Make minor adjustments to the design as needed.

City staff will host a weekly booth at the Peachtree Center Green Market on Thursdays from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm to talk to community members.

The online survey will remain open through September 8, 2021 to continue collecting community input on the temporary design.



The Department of City Planning’s Design Over Donuts series will have its next event on Peachtree Street, walking the corridor with community members on August 6th from 8 to 9 am. Meet us at the tables at the Hub at Peachtree Center outdoor plaza to join!

City staff will continue to reach out directly to residents and businesses on the corridor, as well as partners like MARTA.

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