

Birmingham Northern Beltline
Community Outreach Group
Meeting Notes
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Meeting Notes:

- I. Construction of the first section of the Birmingham Northern Beltline
 - a. Grade and Drain project between Highway 79 and Highway 75
 - b. Work has started along Highway 79 and 75 and a 45 mile per hour speed limit is in effect in the construction zone. It is likely that reduced speed limits will remain in effect until the fall of 2016.
 - c. The western half of the culvert that will extend under Highway 79 is complete and traffic will be shifted over the new section while the other half is built in the next few weeks. A press release will be issued.
 - d. Two other projects, Bridges and Base and Pave, will be required before this section can be opened to traffic.
 - e. Construction on-going on mainline
 - i. Soil Nail Wall complete
 - ii. Retaining Wall complete
 - iii. Best management practices (BMPs) installed and functioning

1. Diversion berms, slope drains, silt fencing, sediment retention barriers, wattles, ditch checks, temporary seeding and mulching
2. All permanent sedimentation basins are complete. Active stormwater treatment is conducted before water is discharged from the basins.

- f. Funding
 - i. The Federal funds are currently only short-term reauthorizations and not enough to commit to any large projects. Until there is a long term funding plan in place, capacity projects, like the Beltline will be limited.
 - ii. The next scheduled construction is the bridges for the current section. There are no other sections in the current plan but ALDOT will be meeting with Federal Highway Administration soon and may have additional updates at the next meeting.
 - iii. ALDOT will continue with preliminary engineering, design and purchase of right-of-way so that construction can commence when funds are available.
 - iv. It is not determined at this time which section will be started after the current section is finished. That will be dependent on funding, right-of-way acquisition and status of plans.
- II. A short educational video on building this first section of the Birmingham Northern Beltline was shown to the members for feedback. The video will be placed on the website with an interactive quiz.