

August 10, 2017

City of Atlanta
Renew Atlanta Bond
Attn: Faye DiMassimo
55 Trinity Avenue SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Ms. DiMassimo,


The Kirkwood Neighborhood Association (KNO) strongly supports the DeKalb Avenue Complete Street project proposed by the City of Atlanta, as illustrated by options 70A and 50B below.

We believe this project is important because it prioritizes safe mobility options for all street users, regardless of age or what mode of transportation they use, and reconnects many of Atlanta's eastside neighborhoods.

KNO supports roadway designs that make streets safer for all modes of transportation and improves traffic operation. By replacing the reversible lane with a center turn lane, this project will reduce backups caused by unprotected left-turns at signalized intersections like Arizona Avenue. Installing medians and refuge islands in the center turn lane, the project will make it safer and easier for pedestrians to cross the street. By adding a multi-use trail, the project will increase access by people biking, and connect with MARTA stations and the City of Decatur.

KNO believes that these design improvements will increase access to local businesses, parks, MARTA, and other destinations; while enhancing safety and quality of life for the residents, employees, and visitors to Kirkwood and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Sincerely,


Tearrese Latham, President
Kirkwood Neighborhood Association (KNO)

cc: Councilmember Natalyn Archibong