

Questions for Renew Atlanta from Morningside Lenox Park Association
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Goals of the Monroe Complete Streets Project are improving safety and mobility. A related goal, already approved by the City of Atlanta, is maintaining the viability of single family residential neighborhoods such as Morningside Lenox Park.

External Issues that must be considered:

- Density in the City of Atlanta will continue to increase. Traffic is likely to continue to increase as a result.
- Apps such as WAZE are already directing traffic to cut through single family neighborhoods. This traffic often significantly exceeds the speed limits set for local streets and may have already have affected traffic counts on Monroe, Piedmont, and nearby streets.

The following data would be helpful in assessing options:

1. What traffic count data is available for Monroe Drive (from Armour Drive to Ponce de Leon)? Where were the traffic counts taken (what intersections) and when (date and time)? Please separate counts for bicyclists, pedestrians, and cars. The attached spreadsheet outlines information that would, ideally, be available.
2. Has Renew Atlanta or the City generally accumulated traffic count data for Morningside local streets which intersect Cheshire Bridge Road, Piedmont Road and Monroe Drive? If so, please provide all data, as well as date and time of collection. If not collected by a City department, is this data available from other sources (e.g. State DOT, prior traffic studies/improvement plans, WAZE)?
3. What is the maximum level of automobile traffic for which a road diet provides a benefit? How is that level defined (total cars over the course of 24 hours, peak hour traffic, etc.)?
4. How are consequences managed in other cities when traffic on a road that has been dieted exceeds the maximum level and travel times increase?
5. There appear to be road diets that have been successful in producing increases in safety and mobility and some that have not been successful. How do the proposed changes and the projected results for the Monroe Road Complete Streets Project compare to the successful projects? The unsuccessful projects?
6. Present complete combinations of potential solutions along with expected changes in travel time. Options presented at the Monroe Complete Streets meeting on February 28 were presented at the intersection level. It is difficult to assess how different combinations of those options would affect the whole corridor.
7. How do alternative solutions such as speed humps, traffic cameras, etc. impact goals of safety and mobility?
8. Was a study completed on beginning the road diet at the intersection of Monroe and Montgomery Ferry? If not, why? This seems like a more logical starting point given two lanes moving into four just past that intersection. If there is pertinent data around this idea, please provide and include how data collected, date and length of data collection, as well as travel time impacts.
9. Has Renew Atlanta considered or studied burying utility lines as part of the Complete Streets project?