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Atlanta council adopts transportation plan

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The **Atlanta City Council** Monday unanimously adopted a long-range plan for dealing with growing traffic congestion.

Connect Atlanta, a plan developed during the last year and a half, calls for converting some major one-way streets in the downtown and Midtown areas back to two-way traffic.

On the transit side, the plan envisions expanding rail service to high-density corridors not already served by MARTA. Those rail projects would take various forms, including a streetcar to run along the Peachtree

Street corridor between downtown and Buckhead.

City planners say two-way streets would encourage shops and restaurants to expand beyond Peachtree Street, fostering retail growth.

The price tag for the various improvements ranges from \$3.3 billion to \$6 billion, said Tenee Hawkins, spokeswoman for Atlanta's **Department of Planning and Community Development**.

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