

TSPLOST 2018 Program
Prince Avenue Corridor Improvements: Project 16

User Group Meeting – Draft Minutes
May 26, 2021 9:00 A.M. - <https://youtu.be/spaYd3Snldw>

User Group Members Present: Ellen Walker, Jeanne Connell, Emily Tatum, Forrest Huffman, Mark Ebell, Stephen Bailey, Clint McCrory, Emily Tatum, Peter Norris, Ilka McConnell, Bruce Lonnee, Daniel Sizemore

Members Absent: Jennifer Rice

Other Staff Present: Victor Pope, Joseph D'Angelo, Mary Martin, Emilie Castillo, Gavin Hassemer, Pate Hale, Derek Doster, Keith Sanders, Diana Jackson

Guests: Ernie Boughman, John Walker, Erik Hammarlund

General Business

Diana Jackson, called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M., welcomed the members in attendance and thanked them for being present.

Quorum: Established quorum was present.

User Group Actions

Meeting Minutes Review & Approval – Clint McCrory made a motion to approve the edited May 12, 2021 Minutes and Ellen Walker seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Bruce Lonnee made a motion that the UG will request Benesch to meet with GDOT to discuss the UG's list of potential projects, the need for traffic studies, TPW support and request that GDOT consider adding these to their project. Jeannie Connell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ellen Walker made a motion that the UG will put forward the entire body of the ranked projects (high, medium, and low) to the Mayor & Commission. Peter Norris seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Peter Norris made a motion that the highest ranked projects only will be used for public engagement. Bruce Lonnee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Peter Norris made a motion that the UG will put forward TPW's streetlight recommendations to GDOT for implementation. Clint McCrory seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The below is a brief summary of the key discussion items, not a transcript. The full video is available at the above noted YouTube link. The below notes are only to identify the items discussed and the general order of those discussion to make finding the information on the video easier.

Potential Projects and TPW recommendations to GDOT/Need for Traffic Studies

Diana went through the results of the meeting with TPW regarding the UG's list of potential projects and the need for traffic studies and whether TPW would support taking these projects to GDOT. It was noted that TPW's recommendations will be subject to the completion of engineering studies. The following table shows the projects and results.

Opportunity Name	Description	Score	Traffic Study - Have/Need ¹	TPW will support taking this to GDOT ²
Midblock Crossings	Create near Sylvia, Boulevard Heights, Georgia	1.3	Have	yes, will request GDOT use ACC's standard
Crosswalk Improvements	Better signalized crossings and 4-leg crosswalks at Park/Talmadge	1.6	Have	yes
	General upgrades and move push button at Barber & Finley	1.7	Have	yes
	Better markings for pedestrian visibility, ADA ramps, bulb outs, curb cuts, signals, etc., throughout corridor.	1.75	Have/Need	case-by-case basis
	Speed table crosswalk near Cobb and King intersection	1.8	Have	need clarification of location
	Upgrade crosswalk at Newton, move to west side of intersection.	1.9	Need	yes
	Provide crosswalk safe havens	1.9	N/A	yes
Parking	Negotiate public access to Piedmont University parking structure	1.5	N/A	N/A
	Increase shared parking behind businesses	1.89	N/A	N/A
Center Raised Medians	Create where appropriate. GDOT suggestions: roughly Georgia to Talmadge, west of King, Nacoochee to Chase	1.8	Have	yes
Specific Intersection Improvements	Realign/reconfigure Park and Talmadge	1.8	Have	yes
	Various improvements to Milledge intersection - upgrading turn lanes, closing curb cuts, etc.	1.88	Need	yes
	Dedicated left turn signals at Satula/Oglethorpe	2	Have	yes
General Safety	Improve measures to reduce speeding - more enforcement, marked pavement, better signage	1.8	N/A	N/A
	3-lane Prince from Milledge to Barber and/or Pulaski or Barber to Pulaski	1.8	Need	yes, if traffic study supports
	Upgrades to existing signals throughout corridor - timing, visibility, location	1.9	Have/Need	depends on the magnitude
Bike Lanes	Protected bike lanes from Oglethorpe to Pulaski	1.8	Need	yes, if traffic study supports
Safety	Install signage indicating state bicycle laws along corridor - 3' passing zone, bikes can take whole lane, etc.	2	N/A	yes
Utilities	Remove unused utility poles	1.7	N/A	N/A, suggest this go to the corridor policy
Transit	More frequent bus trips along corridor	1.89	N/A	N/A
	More bus shelters	2	N/A	N/A
All Users	Reduce curb cuts - close some driveways, reduce width of some large pans	1.8	N/A	N/A
¹ Traffic studies from Sunset to Milledge are fairly current. Studies from Milledge to Pulaski need to be conducted.				
² All projects are subject to final engineering studies and recommendations.				

Keith asked Erik whether or not GDOT plan already had signal upgrades. Erik said that typically if a community wants to upgrade the mast arms to a powder coating than their typical GDOT standard then GDOT typically asks the community to contribute the additional dollar amount for that upgrade. Erik states that he would be seeking clarification on what GDOT intends to provide with their project.

Daniel provided some updated information on bicycle signage based on a recent discussion with Elliott Caldwell at Georgia Bikes. MUTCD is going through an update. "Bikes may use full lane" sign is MUTCD compliant; however, GDOT recommends the use of them only in urban settings where bicycles are going at or near the same speed as vehicles. "3' passing zone" sign is not MUTCD compliant.

Finalize List of Potential Projects

Ellen went through the latest condensing of the potential projects. The group has organized them into four categories; however, two more categories had to be added to the medium/lower priorities.

Daniel asked if this new list would replace or supplement the entire body of considered items. Ellen stated that she feels comfortable sharing high and medium projects, but not the low priority ones as it still contains projects that the subcommittee would not want to even include in any sort of recommendation. Bruce stated that while he agrees with the thinking, he feels like it might be better for the public to see that all items were considered, but some were ranked too low to continue. Public engagement would let them public know that all of these projects were considered but not moved forward.

The UG will submit to the M&C our list of preferred prioritized projects; however, we will give them, in an appendix, the entire body of items that were considered and prioritized lower.

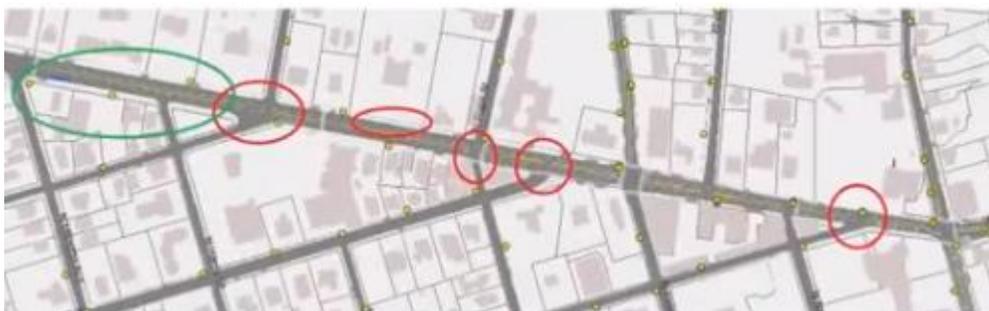
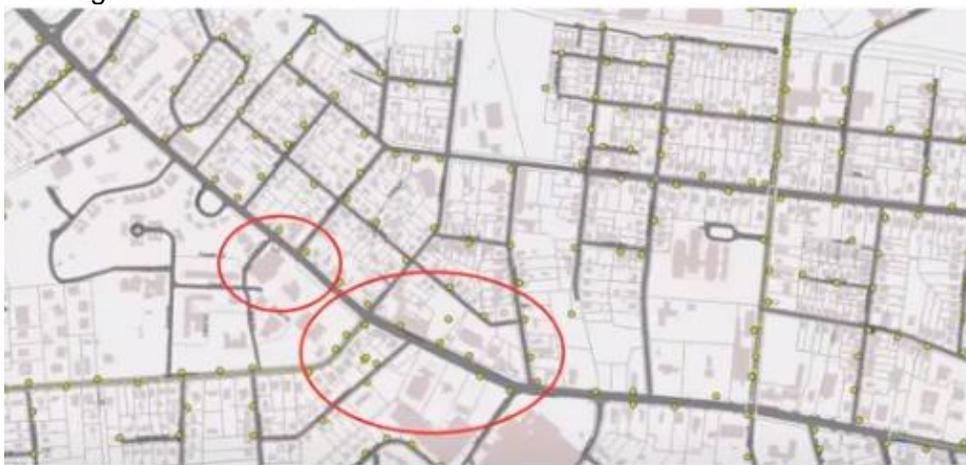
June 8th Work Session

Diana briefly went through the slides for the upcoming work session. Clint wanted to make sure that the M&C knows of the effort the UG has made towards investigating three-laning. After some discussion, the UG decided to add a short paragraph to Ellen's narrative:

Lastly, the user group also spent some time reviewing the potential concepts for three-laning the roadway from Milledge to Barber and from Barber to Pulaski. While there are options out there, further engineering/traffic studies are necessary to understand what may happen and to warrant the feasibility

TPW streetlight recommendation to GDOT – Stephen Bailey

Stephen reminded the UG of previous maps for additional areas needing lighting and some specific locations based on ACC lighting requirements. Clint confirmed that these are the 30' traditional streetlights.



Update from Public Engagement Subcommittee

Emilie went through a current status of the survey and story maps.

Project Schedule

Next step is to finalize the UG's list of Potential Projects and for the Public Engagement subcommittee to work with GIO staff to develop one category of the survey.

Assignment for future meetings

- Next meeting is **June 23, 2021 from 9-10:30 am**
- Results from June 8th Work Session (along with TPW's recommendation for traffic studies)
- Public Engagement subcommittee updates
- Blue medians – Stormwater
- Unused utility poles – Brad McCook, TPW
- Update from GDOT – Erik Hammerlund, Benesch

These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting but instead is a general summary of the key points, ideas, or considerations from the discussion.