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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed construction of multimodal improvements along North Avenue from Willow Street to Freeman Drive/Collins Industrial Boulevard including reconfiguring existing lanes on North Avenue and reconfiguring the intersection with the SR 10 eastbound ramps. The total project length is approximately 1.2 miles, PI Number 0019833. The Athens-Clarke County Unified Government (ACCGov) is currently in the concept phase of this project and are here to gather information from the public as well as to provide project updates from the last outreach conducted in 2023.

In this handout, you will find a description of the transportation issue we are attempting to solve, a proposed solution, a location map, and a comment card for you to provide additional feedback for the project team.

Your comments are important to us. You may provide your comments today by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box. If you wish to provide your verbal comments, a court reporter is located onsite who will transcribe your comments and provide those to the project team.

If you prefer to leave comments after the meeting, you can also provide comments by **Friday, November 1, 2024** using any of the following methods:

- Online at <https://www.accgov.com/northavenue>
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Rani Katreeb, Athens-Clarke County Department of Transportation and Public Works, 120 W Dougherty Street, Athens, Georgia 30601
- Email your comments to [rani.katreeb@acgov.com](mailto:rani.katreeb@acgov.com)
- Call 762-400-8373 and leave your comments by voicemail

The project displays and plans seen here at the meeting will be available for review at the website noted above. Hard copies will also be available for ten days following this open house at the ACCGov Transportation and Public Works Department office located at 120 W Dougherty Street. Athens, GA 30601. All comments will become part of the project's official record. The goal will be to respond to comments to by the end of **November 2024**.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Rani Katreeb, at [Rani.Katreeb@acgov.com](mailto:Rani.Katreeb@acgov.com)

Sincerely,

Rani Katreeb  
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## **Why are we here and what is the issue we are seeking to address within your community?**

ACCGov is seeking feedback for the proposed construction of multimodal improvements along North Avenue from Willow Street to Freeman Drive/Collins Industrial Boulevard funded through a federal grant – Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE). The total project length is approximately 1.2 miles. Project goals include:

- Create pedestrian and bicycle connections to job centers and services.
- Improve connectivity and mobility options for transit-dependent populations.
- Address racial equity through better access and opportunity.
- Reduce climate impacts through lower emissions and improved water quality.
- Increase economic prosperity for areas of persistent poverty.
- Improve safety, while reducing conflicts for all modes of transportation.
- Improve state of good repair through reconstruction of aging infrastructure.
- Create an attractive, welcoming, and cohesive community corridor.
- Improve stormwater management and quality through green infrastructure.

## **What are the existing conditions along North Avenue?**

### **Crash Data:**

- From 2018-2023, 452 crashes occurred along corridor.
- 68% of crashes were property damage only (non-injury) crashes
- 32% were injury or fatality crashes.
- From 2018-2023, there were 2 crashes involving people on bicycles and 11 involving people walking. All but one of these resulted in an injury or fatality.

### **Existing Configuration:**

- Three (3), 12-to-14-foot travel lanes with 12-foot left-turn lanes between Willow Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway.
- Four (4), 12-foot travel lanes with 12-foot left-turn lanes between Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and Freeman Drive/Collins Industrial Boulevard.
- Sidewalks varying from 5 to 7 feet wide between Willow Street and Northcrest Drive/Old Hull Road.
- No sidewalks between Northcrest Drive/Old Hull Road and Freeman Drive/Collins Industrial Boulevard.
- No bicycle facilities along the corridor.
- Bus stops at intervals along the corridor.

## **What is the proposed solution?**

The project proposes to create a multimodal corridor along North Avenue by constructing continuous bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the project area with connections to existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities at both ends of the project limits. The project proposes to reallocate existing roadway space and right-of-way for the improvements to avoid acquiring additional right-of-way where possible. Green infrastructure and stormwater improvements are proposed at locations where the existing right-of-way width is sufficient to accommodate them. Intersection modifications are proposed at the intersection of North Avenue and the SR 10 eastbound ramps.

### **Proposed Improvements**

- Reconfiguring existing lanes on North Avenue and reconfiguring the intersection with the SR 10 eastbound ramps.
- Construction of multimodal facilities, supporting bicycle and pedestrian travel.
- Pedestrian signal upgrades at key intersections and consideration of mid-block crossings.
- Upgrades to sidewalks and transit stops.
- Installation of lighting, landscaping, and wayfinding throughout the corridor.
- Road resurfacing with drainage improvements.

### **Without this Project (No Build)**

- The corridor will not have pedestrian and bicycle access throughout and connections to job centers and services will remain limited.
- The absence of bicycle facilities and gaps in sidewalks will continue to mix users and not address separation of travel types, without addressing safety or mobility.
- The ongoing safety issues will negatively impact community's quality of life in an area that includes persistent poverty.
- The lack of safe alternative forms of transportation will result in continued reliance on motor vehicles, leading to increased climate impacts and emissions.

### **How can you assist?**

Please provide feedback about our proposed solution as well as information about any resources important to you or to the community.

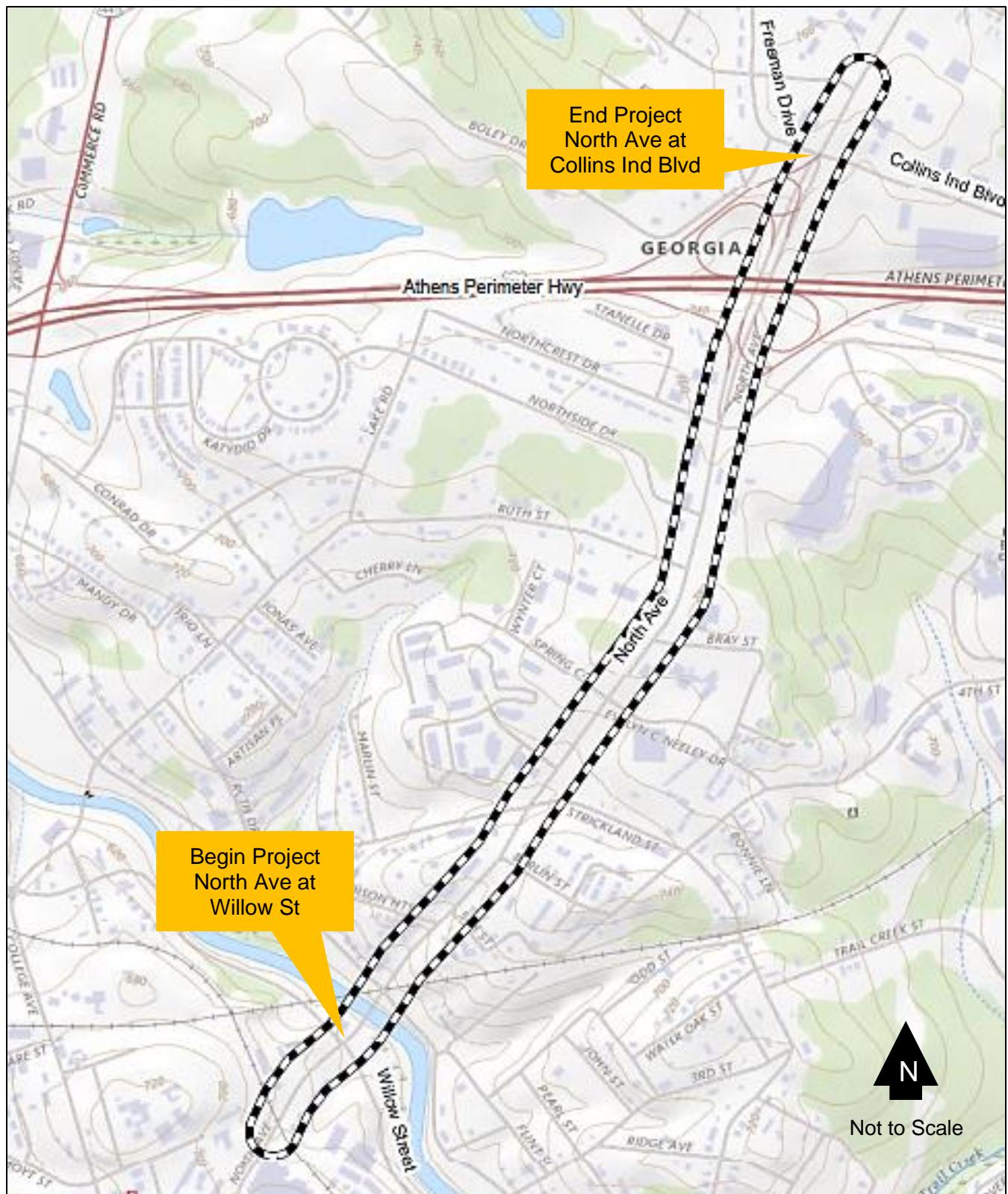
### **Where is this project in the process?**

This project is currently in the concept phase. The concept phase defines the existing issue seeking to be resolved along with a proposed solution that will meet the community's needs.

### **What are the next steps?**

After the public meeting is held, feedback will be assessed, revisions may occur to the proposed plan initially brought to the public, or the no build alternative may be selected. The project alignment will be refined during the preliminary plans phase. If major changes occur to what was previously shown to the community, additional public outreach will occur. If no major changes are proposed, the project would advance to right-of-way acquisition (if needed) and into final design. After all right-of-way acquisition occurs (if needed), project design is finalized, and the project would advance to construction.

## Project Location Map



### Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the project area (check your responses)

*Nearby resident*    *Daily motorist*    *Occasional nonmotorized user*    *Nearby business staff (owner or employee) user*    *Occasional transit rider*    *Daily nonmotorized user (daily walk/bike/etc.)*  
 *Daily transit rider (daily ride bus through area)*    *Other* \_\_\_\_\_

How do you use North Ave?

*Access Shopping / Eating*    *Commute to Work*    *Exercise*    *Access Transit*    *Commute to School*  
 *Access Services*    *Other* \_\_\_\_\_

Do you support the project? (check your responses)

**For**    **Against**    **Conditional (I would support this project if... describe below)**    **Uncommitted**

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Word of mouth*    *Social Media*    *Post card*    *Other* \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendance:** Did you attend in person?    *Yes*    *No*

Questions:	Answer	If answer is no please provide a suggestion/comment
Was the location convenient?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Was the time convenient?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Were your questions answered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you understand the project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Were Materials (in person or virtual) understandable	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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