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Project Type: Streets/Roads/Bridges related projects - Transportation & Public Works Department

Previously submitted but not selected: No

Continuation Project: No

Executive Summary: Reconstruct approximately 950 LF of the portion of Georgia Ave, from Marigold Lane to the western end of the street, including concrete curb and gutter, driveway aprons, sidewalks, stormwater, and interconnectivity with Firefly Trail.

Project Total Cost: \$ 1,513,000

Total Operating Cost: \$ 15,000

Does this Project require the acquisition of any land? Yes

What means of land acquisition will be required? Rights of Way; Easement

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[Google Map to N. Georgia Ave Winterville](#)

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

How will the Project meet the stated Program Goals in the Mayor & Commission Strategic Plan to provide long-term, ongoing contributions to the Sustainable Transportation needs of the Athens-Clarke County?

Goal Area 1; Section D: Drive community transformation with a focus on creating spaces that are respectful and welcoming: This portion of Georgia Ave runs parallel to the Firefly Trail. This project will create interconnectivity with the Trail building upon the City of Winterville's continued interconnectivity and welcoming atmosphere.

Goal Area 5; Section A: Improve, expand, and maintain sidewalks, shared-use paths, and bike facilities to provide greater opportunities for residents to use active transportation safely: This portion of Georgia Ave runs parallel to the Firefly Trail. Unfortunately, the only connectivity to the Firefly Trail is by walking in the middle of Georgia Ave until the street is near grade with the Trail. Adding a sidewalk along the northern side of Georgia Avenue would provide safe connectivity to the Trail. Another possibility would be to add steps and railing to connect the Trail to Georgia Ave up the adjacent embankment.

Goal Area 5; Section C: Expand multi-modal Transit access to reduce auto dependency and provide greater mobility for Athens residents: This portion of Georgia Ave runs parallel to the Firefly Trail. Unfortunately, the only connectivity to the Firefly Trail is by walking in the middle of Georgia Ave until the street is near grade with the Trail. Adding a sidewalk along the northern side of Georgia Avenue would provide safe connectivity to the Trail. Another possibility would be to add steps and railing to connect the Trail to Georgia Ave up the adjacent embankment.

Goal Area 5; Section D: Create more usable and aesthetically pleasing corridor connections between residential and commercial areas: This portion of Georgia Ave runs parallel to the Firefly Trail. This connectivity between the Firefly Trail and Georgia Ave would connect residents along Georgia Ave to the Trail, and thus to commercial areas west of Winterville and further into downtown Athens.

Goal Area 6; Section A: Develop well-planned new infrastructure according to future land use values and framework: This portion of Georgia Ave was never fully constructed and paved. What pavement exist has numerous utility cuts. The subgrade, base, and asphalt has degraded to the point that the resurfacing is no longer a resilient solution. By reconstructing Georgia Ave from the subgrade up, this provides for a more resilient street and less future operating and maintenance cost.

Goal Area 6; Section B: Ensure equitable access to infrastructure to enhance safety and identity: This portion of Georgia Ave runs parallel to the Firefly Trail. This connectivity between the Firefly Trail and Georgia Ave would connect residents along Georgia Ave to the Trail, and thus to commercial areas west of Winterville and further into downtown Athens.

Goal Area 6; Section C: Provide adequate funding for maintenance of existing and newly constructed infrastructure: This portion of Georgia Ave was never fully constructed and paved. What pavement exist has

numerous utility cuts. The subgrade, base, and asphalt has degraded to the point that the resurfacing is no longer a resilient solution. By reconstructing Georgia Ave from the subgrade up, this provides for a more resilient street and less future operating and maintenance cost.

Staff Comments: To promote clean energy/sustainability goals, consider adding: All lighting to be dark sky compliant and, when in association with trails/woods/residences, wildlife “friendly” (2700 K or less) ; If installed, bike racks to include solar/storage charging options; if installed, bench and rest areas to include solar/storage charging rest areas; Solar/storage/canopy may be included to power needed lights and provide shade/heat mitigation in open concrete areas (ex: rest areas/open areas along path). Where plantings are needed, utilize native species, which are better adapted to the Piedmont region.

Project Costs

Detailed project capital budget costs (to be funded from TSPLOST 2026 only):

Project Costs (round to thousand)		Amount
1. Land Acquisition / ROW / Easement:	\$	40,000
2. Design Fees: (Min.12% of New Const.; 14% of reno,; 16% for LEED proj.)	\$	120,000
3. Miscellaneous Fees: (Min. Minimum of 3% of Construction Costs – used for permitting, etc. Utilize minimum of 10% if land acquisition if necessary.	\$	86,000
4. Construction:	\$	860,000
5. Construction Contingency: (10% of the Construction line item)	\$	86,000
6. Testing:	\$	26,000
7. Project Management: (4% of the total budget line items above)	\$	49,000
8. Project Contingency: (10% of the total budget line items above)	\$	127,000
9. Public Art: Calculated at 1% of the Construction line item.	\$	9,000
10. Other 1: (Legal, Surveying, Land Acquisition Services)	\$	50,000
11. Other 2:	\$	
Project Subtotal:	\$	1,483,000
14. Program Management (2% of Project Subtotal):	\$	30,000
TSPLOST 2026 Project Total:	\$	1,513,000

Project Financing

Is the proposed Project to receive funding from source(s) other than TSPLOST 2026? No

Operating Cost

Total Annual Net Operating Costs when Project is complete:

Only identify additional or net operating costs to be paid by ACCGov as a result of this Project. Identify the additional or net costs needed, above ACCGov's current operating budget, to operate the requested project; as well as any additional Project related revenues that would be generated. Provide budget costs for each identified category below.

Operating Costs (round to thousand)	Estimated Impact for Annual Operating Expenditures
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FROM PROJECT	
PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	
1. Personnel Costs: from Appendix A	
2. Annual Utilities:	
• Natural Gas:	
• Electrical:	
• Water:	
• Sewer:	
• Phone:	
• Solid Waste Collection:	
• Other:	
3. Operating Supplies:	
4. Equipment Maintenance:	
5. Facility Maintenance:	
6. Other: Public Art Maintenance	1,000
7. Other: Annual Maintenance	5,000
8. Other: Life Cycle Replacement	9,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	
NET OPERATING COSTS OF PROJECT:	\$ 15,000



GEORGIA AVENUE

FIREFLY TRAIL

MAIN STREET

MARIGOLD LANE