



TSPLOST 2023

Project 26: West Broad & Hancock

Neighborhood Pedestrian Improvements Program

Proposed Project Concepts

MAYOR AND COMMISSION WORKSESSION

August 12, 2025

Presented by:

- **Diana Jackson, SPLOST Administrator**

Meeting Agenda and Purpose

- ❖ Purpose :

Present to the Mayor and Commission, the User Group's list of Proposed Project Concepts for the West Broad & Hancock Neighborhood Pedestrian Improvements Program and public art.

- ❖ History – Review of Previous Studies
- ❖ User Group
- ❖ Study Area
- ❖ Proposed Project Concepts
- ❖ Project Timeline & Next Steps
- ❖ Q&A

Historical Studies – February 2013

A Participatory Community Improvement Planning Process for the Brooklyn/Rocksprings Neighborhood

Clarke County School District, Athens Housing Authority, and ACCGov along with UGA Center for Community Design and Preservation developed a report to understand area needs and resident desires for the future

Key Results:

- CCSD relocate the District offices from Mitchell Bridge Road to the old West Broad School and H.T. Edwards campus;
- AHA initial success with the Columbia-Brookside redevelopment and is considering a similar project elsewhere in the community. Broadacres and Rocksprings Homes are two potential redevelopment sites;
- CCSD, AHA, and ACCGov staff has recognized that the three entities have a unique concentration of assets proximate to a historically underserved neighborhood; and
- Discussed ideas anchored in a collective cooperation of housing, educational, and wellness efforts in the area, with an aim of strengthening the neighborhood.



Historical Studies – March 2017

Feasibility Analysis for the West Broad Study Area

Identified a wide array of potential community and facility enhancements in cooperation with Clarke County School District, Athens Housing Authority, ACCGov, and Athens Land Trust

Big takeaways:

- Need a focus on new sidewalks/pedestrian safety
- Need to enhance E-W connectivity (Henderson Ext)
- Housing revitalization ongoing - needs to continue and expand
- West Broad & West Hancock intersection needs fixing
- Major concerns over gentrification
- Facing larger scale development pressure due to proximity to Downtown



Historical Studies - October 2018



Goals and Objectives:

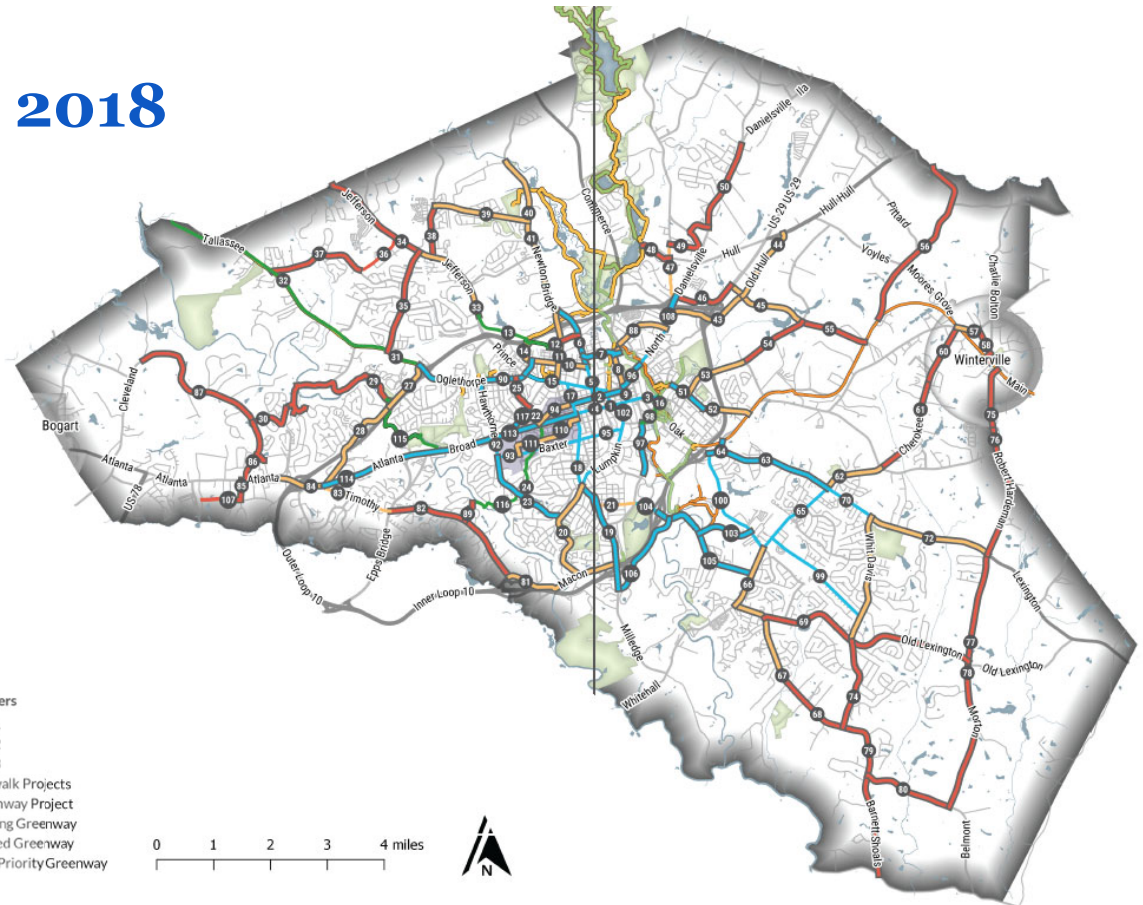
- Create a vision for a future of biking and walking through strategic goal setting.
- Continue to evolve into more bikeable and walkable community.

➤ Goals:

Connectivity, Equity, More Users, Education Implementation

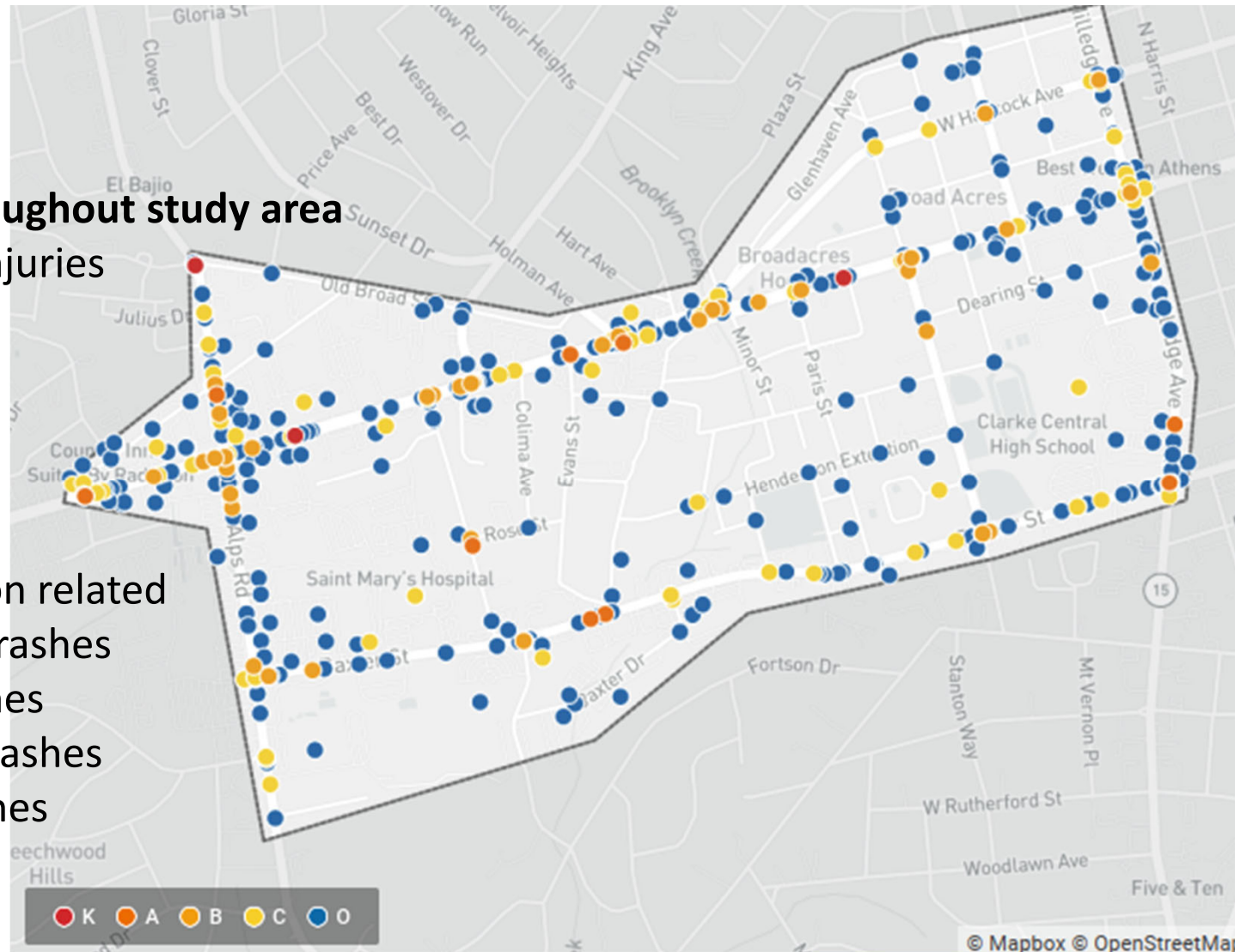
➤ Projects included:

- ❖ Sidewalks on W Hancock Ave, Henderson Ext/Pedestrian Bridge, Waddell/Clarke Central/Dearing, Evans St/Hancock Ave/Waddell Ext, and Rose St
- ❖ Comprehensive crosswalk upgrades including ADA ramps



Crash Data – 2013 to 2023

- **4,337 total crashes throughout study area**
 - ✓ 220 suspected injuries
 - ✓ 7 fatalities
- **Manner of Collision**
 - ✓ 3,404 intersection related
 - ✓ 1,830 rear end crashes
 - ✓ 1464 angle crashes
 - ✓ 505 sideswipe crashes
 - ✓ 83 head on crashes



User Group Members

Residents **Krysia Ara and Kim Cherewick**
Staff **Stephen Bailey, Tim Griffeth, and Daniel Sizemore**

User Group's First Tasks

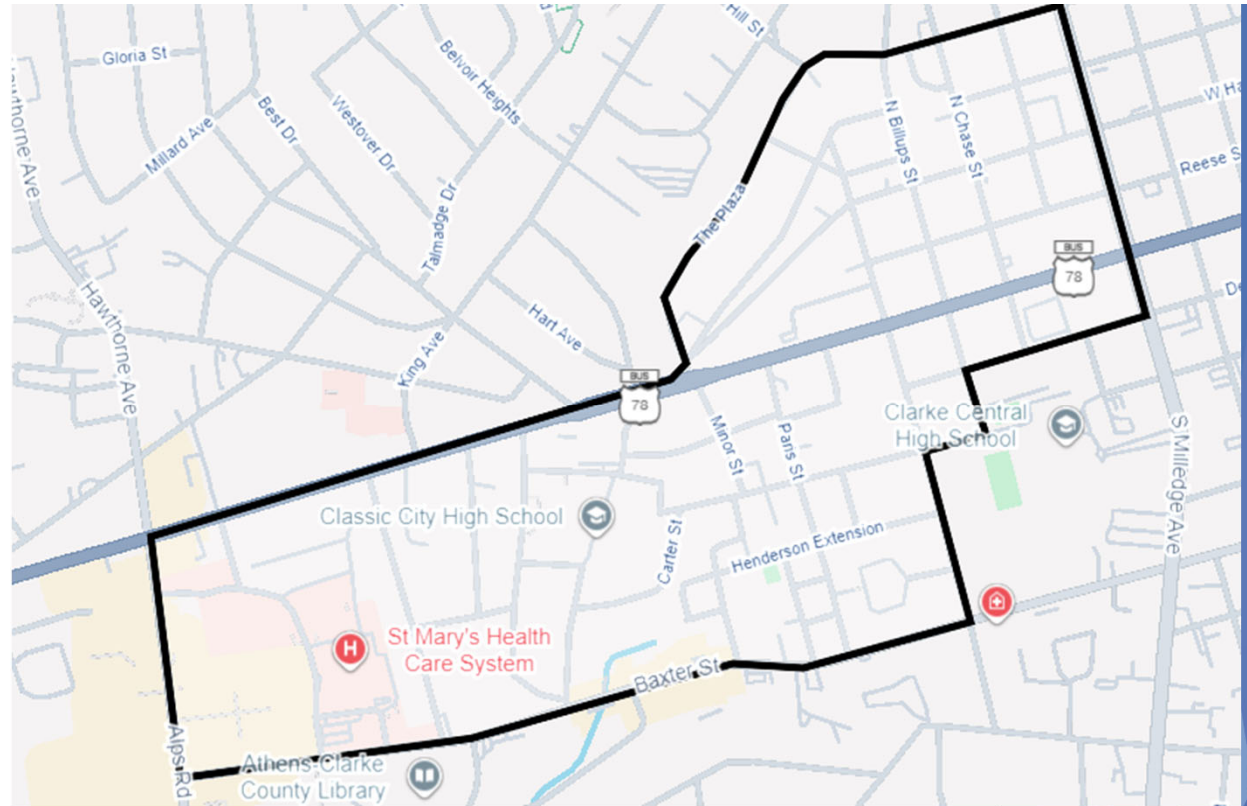
- ▶ Review previous studies and data for the corridors (Transit, Planning, Traffic Engineering, etc.).
- ▶ Develop a prioritized list of Pedestrian Improvements that enhance the corridor.
- ▶ Walks and bike rides through the area in developing project ideas.

Initial Project Statement

West Broad & West Hancock Neighborhood Pedestrian Improvements Project, includes capital improvements for bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements within the general vicinities of the W. Broad Area and Hancock neighborhoods. Depending upon actual costs and funding availability, improvements may include, but are not limited to, traffic calming, speed bumps, speed tables, sidewalks, pedestrian and street lighting, traffic signals, parking improvements, and/or traffic management devices to improve safety and pedestrian movement within the neighborhoods. This project is a continuation of the TSPLOST 2018 Project 13 W. Broad Area Pedestrian Improvements Project.

Existing Conditions

- **Project Limits:** Alps Rd, Milledge Ave, W. Broad St and The Plaza/Glenhaven Ave on the north; and Baxter St on the south
- **Typical Section :** Other than W Broad St, Baxter St, Milledge Ave, Rocksprings St, and portions of Hancock Ave streets are typically residential roads with curb & gutter and on-street parking
- **Transit Routes:** 5, 6, and 20
- **Bicycle Lanes:** W. Hancock Ave, Rocksprings St, Baxter St, Milledge Ave
- **Sidewalks:** Continuous sidewalks (at least one side of street) on Milledge Ave, Baxter St, W Hancock Ave, Rocksprings St, Magnolia St, and W Broad St. Other streets are not continuous sidewalks.



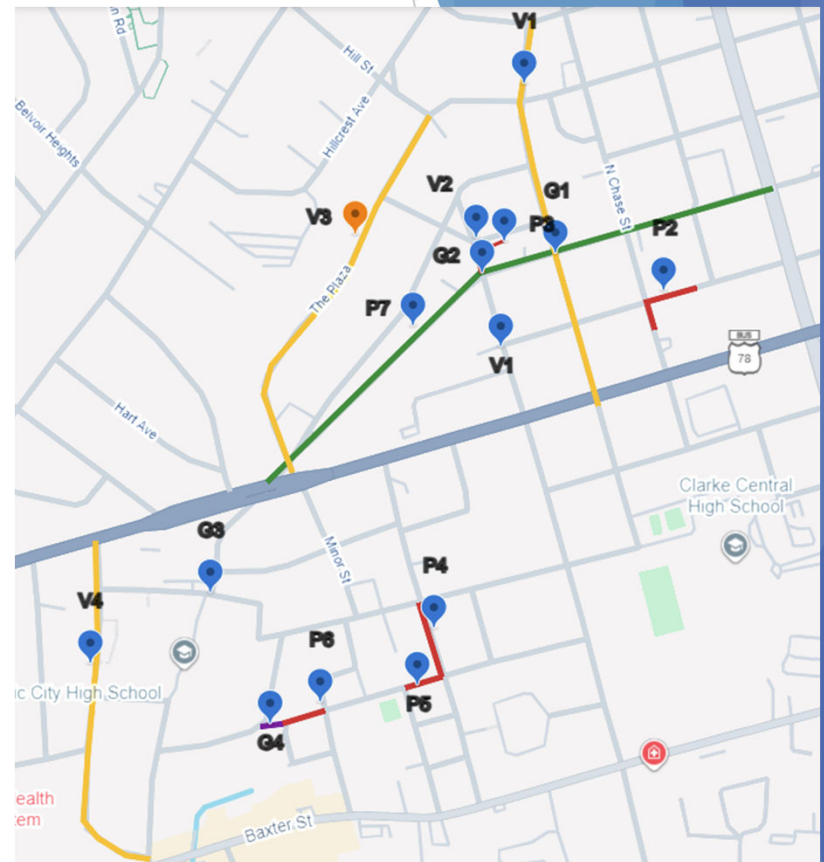
W Broad & W Hancock Neighborhood - Proposed Project Concepts

**Construction/Contingency
Budget: \$716,000**

		Cost Estimate \$: < \$25,000 \$\$: \$25,000 - \$75,000 \$\$\$: > \$75,000
Must Have projects	Who Benefits	
G2: W Hancock Ave and N Rocksprings St Intersection Improvements	All Users	\$
P2: Sidewalk gap on Reese St and N Chase St (where new Publix is)	All users	\$\$\$
P7: Refresh bicycle lane pavement markings on W Hancock Ave	Bike users	\$
V2: Glenhaven Ave and Indale Ave Area Intersection Improvements	All users	\$
G3: W Hancock Ave & Dearing Ext - mid-block crossing	Pedestrian/Transit users	\$\$
V1: N Chase St and Reese St/N Billips St Intersection Improvements	All users	\$\$
P4: Sidewalk gap on Paris St - Henderson Ext to Waddell St	Pedestrian/Transit users	\$\$\$
P5: Sidewalk gap on Henderson Ext - Paris St to Columbus Ave	Pedestrian/Transit users	\$\$\$
Subtotal Tier 1		\$700,000-\$750,000

		Conceptual Budget
Highly Wanted projects	Who Benefits	
P6: Sidewalk gap on Henderson Ext - Collins Ave to Albany Ave	Pedestrian/Transit users	\$\$\$
P3: Sidewalk gap on N Rocksprings St - W Hancock Ave to Indale St	Pedestrian/Transit users	\$\$\$
V3: Traffic Calming on The Plaza - W Broad St to Hill St	All users	\$\$\$
V4: Traffic Calming on Evans St - W Broad St to Baxter St	All users	\$\$\$
Subtotal Tier 2		\$350,000-\$400,000

		Conceptual Budget
Nice to Have projects	Who Benefits	
G1: W Hancock Ave and N Chase St Intersection Improvements	All users	\$\$
P1: Sidewalk maintenance W Broad & W Hancock Ave Neighborhoods	Pedestrian/Bike users	\$\$
G4: Henderson Ext Pedestrian Bridge Replacement	Pedestrian/Bike users	\$\$\$
Subtotal Tier 3		\$300,000-\$350,000
TOTAL		\$1,350,000-\$1,500,000



Must Haves – G2: W Hancock Ave and N Rocksprings St Intersection Improvements

- Create all-way stop and refresh pavement markings

Cost: \$



Notes:

- This improvement removes the signal creating visual improvements.
- Refreshes markings.
- Eliminates \$5,000 in annual O&M costs

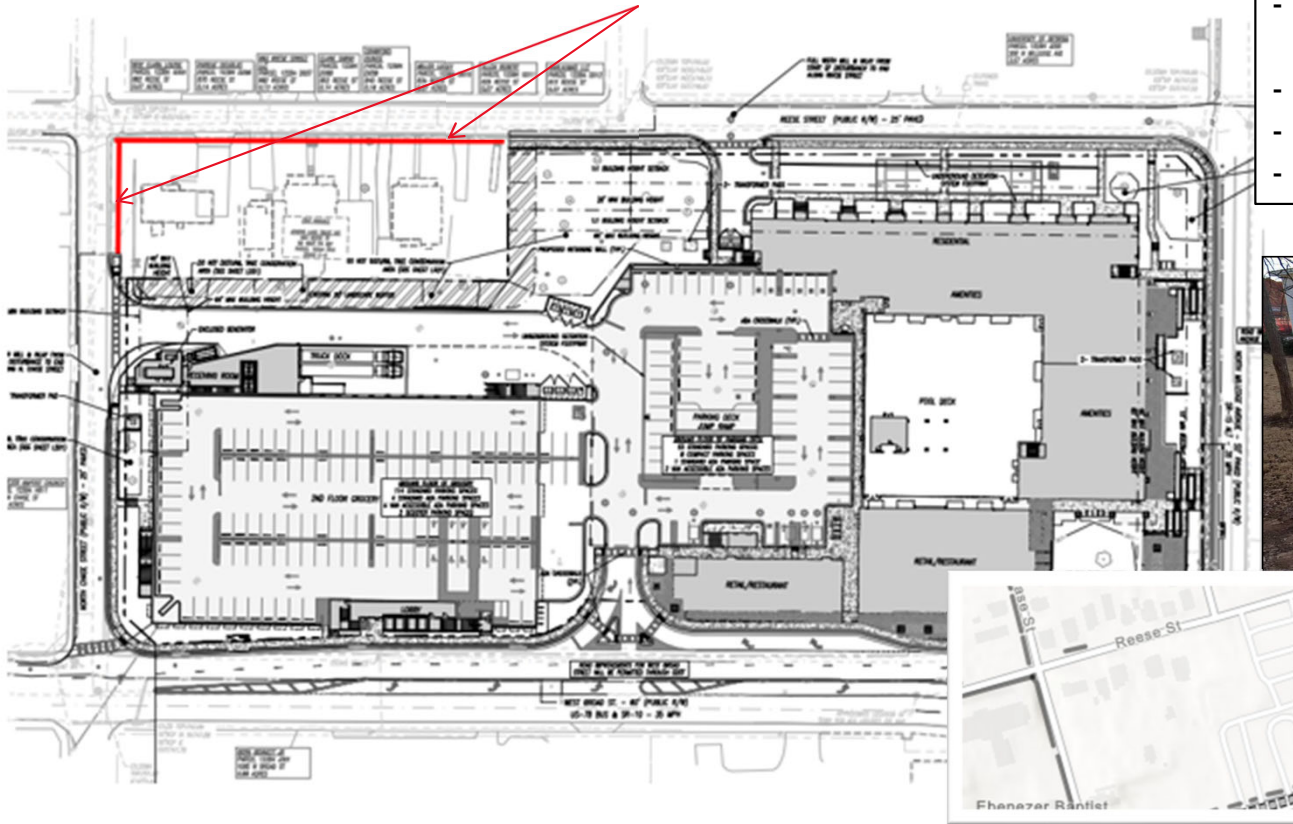
Must Haves – P2: Sidewalk gap on Reese St and N Chase St (where new Publix is)

- Install new sidewalk to complete the block

Cost: \$\$\$

Notes:

- Athens Land Trust owns this single parcel containing four houses.
- Improves ADA access at corners.
- Adds a low retaining wall.
- Minor utility relocations required.



Must Haves – P7: Refresh bicycle lane pavement markings on W Hancock Ave

- From N. Milledge Ave to W Broad St

Cost: \$



Notes:

- This improvement refreshes bike lanes on both sides of the street.
- Approximately 3,300 feet in length

Must Haves – V2: Glenhaven Ave and Indale Ave Area Improvements

- Create all-way stop and add speed signage

Cost: \$



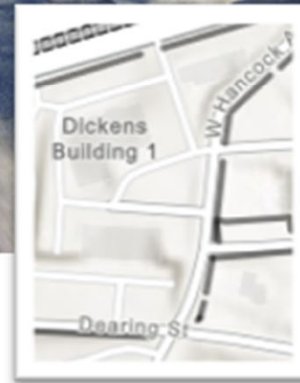
Notes:

- This improvement adds stops signs and stop bars only.
- No sidewalks or crosswalks
- Effort is mostly for speed control.

Must Haves – G3:W Hancock Ave & Dearing Ext

- Install a mid-block crossing across Dearing Extension tying W Hancock to HT Edwards Learning Center

Cost: \$\$



Note: This improvement will be a raised crosswalk not a RRFB due to ongoing maintenance costs.



Notes:

- This improvement will include ADA access on corners that have sidewalks.
- Install crosswalk markings.
- Speed humps along approximately 2,100 feet of roadway.

Must Haves – V1: N Chase St and Reese St/N Billups St

- Create all-way stop
- Install speed humps along N Billups St from W Broad St to Cobb St Cost: \$\$



Must Haves – P4: Sidewalk gap on Paris St

- Install new sidewalk from Henderson Ext to Waddell St

Cost: \$\$\$



Notes:

- This improvement will include ADA access on corners that have sidewalks.
- Install crosswalk markings.
- Ties into P5 sidewalk and Christine W. Howard Park sidewalk.

Must Haves – P5: Sidewalk gap on Henderson Ext

- Install new sidewalk from Paris St to Columbus Ave

Cost: \$\$\$



Notes:

- This improvement will include ADA access on corners that have sidewalks.
- Install crosswalk markings
- Ties into P4 sidewalk and Christine W. Howard Park sidewalk.

Project Budget: \$1,470,000

Budget Estimate		Description
\$	19,334	Expenses & Encumbered
\$	171,000	Designated Design Fee (All-Sub-Projects)
\$	161,666	Designated Testing, Misc, & PM Fees (All-Sub-Projects)
\$	397,000	Designated Land Acquisition (All-Sub-Projects)
\$	5,000	Designated Public Art (All-Sub-Projects)
\$	716,000	Available for Construction & Contingency

Next Steps

- ❖ Mayor & Commission Consideration of the Proposed Project Concepts* (September Regular Session)
- ❖ Staff
 - Advance “Must Haves” projects to the Preliminary Plan Phase

*Proposed Project Concepts can be utilized for both this project and future TSPLOST planning

Questions and Comments