

North Athens Neighborhood Intersection and Pedestrian Safety Improvements

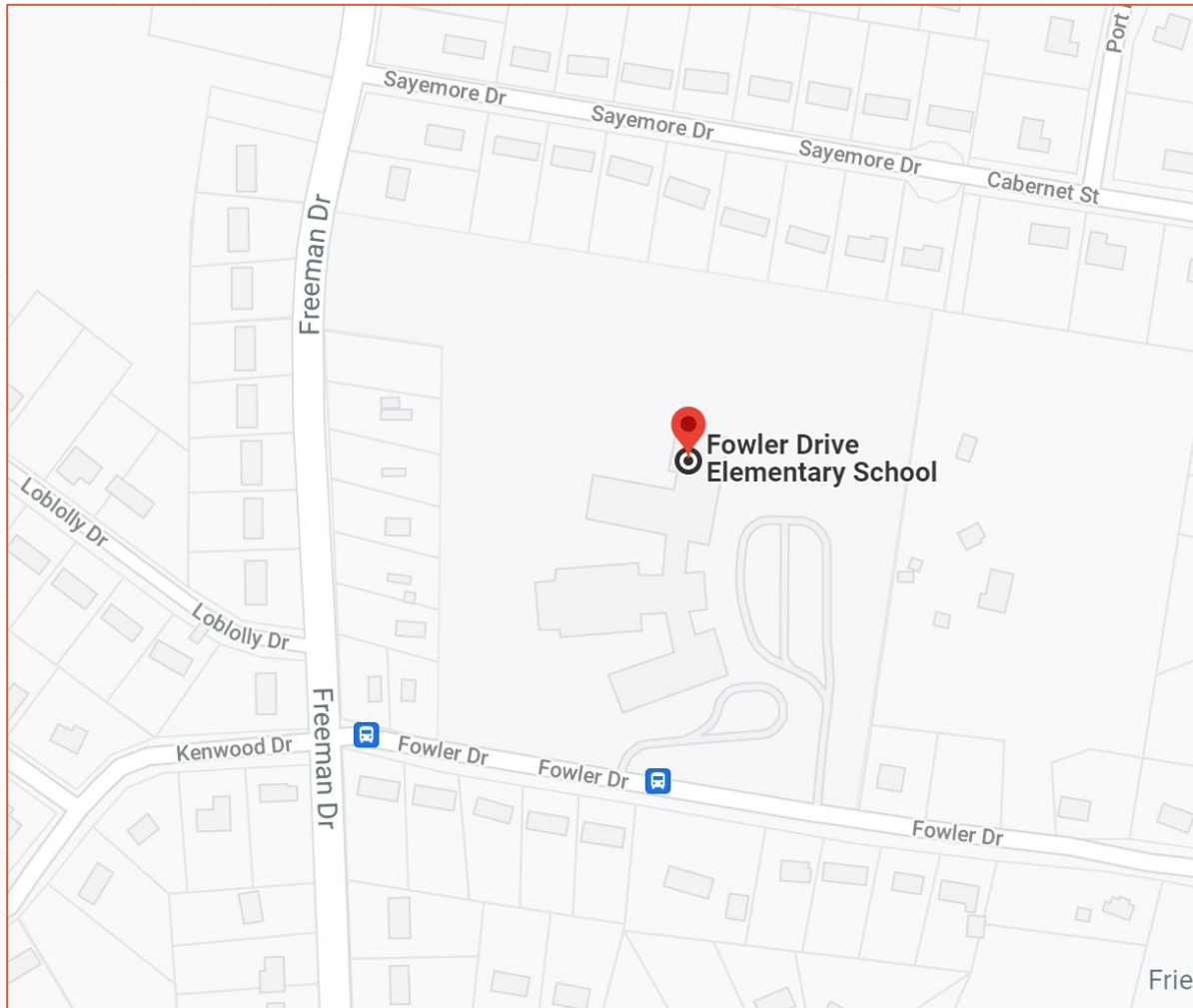
TSPLOST 2023 – Project No. 44

Project Scope

Improve pedestrian safety and safe routes to school for Fowler Drive Elementary students and parents and surrounding neighborhood residents.

- Freeman Drive @ Fowler Drive @ Kenwood Drive - Add accessibility ramps and striped crosswalks at all approaches, improve drainage inlets, stop bars and evaluate for all-way stop.
 - Improved street lighting for pedestrian safety.
 - Include trash receptacles.
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Fowler Drive Elementary School Area



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Fowler Drive Elementary Neighborhood Streets: Loblolly and Sayemore



- Evaluate surrounding neighborhoods and evaluate for ways to improve Safe Routes to School for Fowler Drive Elementary.

In what specific ways will this project “Close the Equity Gap” in Athens-Clarke County, by improving the Equitability of Capital Improvements throughout the entire community?

The project provides capital improvements to the North Athens Neighborhood, a traditionally underserved area of our community.

- The project invests in infrastructure improvements that address accessibility issues and gaps in connectivity within the neighborhood.
 - The project invests in infrastructure improvements that address health and safety concerns of existing conditions.
 - The project invests in infrastructure that will greatly improve residents' access to community facilities and resources, such as Fowler Drive Elementary School.
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How will this project address one or more of the Mayor and Commission approved Strategic Commitments and Project Selection Criteria?

- **Promotes the Goal of improving Equitability of Capital Improvements throughout the Community** by focusing on improvements to pedestrian connectivity in the North Athens Neighborhood, an underserved area of A-CC, specifically in the area of Fowler Drive Elementary School.
 - **Promotes increased access to existing public facilities** by improving pedestrian connectivity to Fowler Drive Elementary from adjacent residential areas, thus encouraging utilization of Safe Routes to Schools, which results in **reduced vehicular use** and contributes to **improved air quality**.
 - **Promotes Health and Safety** by encouraging pedestrian modes of transportation and active mobility. Improves intersection safety for both pedestrian and vehicular users.
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What aspects of this project will focus on improving the “Triple Bottom Line” (Impact on Economic Prosperity, Social Well-being, and the Environment)?

- This project offers positive impacts on **Economic Prosperity** by providing greater access to educational opportunities and community centers thereby increasing economic opportunities for traditionally underserved residents.
 - This project offers positive impacts on **Social Well-being** by improving the equitable access to public facilities for traditionally underserved neighborhoods.
 - This project offers positive impacts on the **Environment** by improving pedestrian modes of transportation thereby reducing vehicular traffic and CO2 emissions.
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Q&A



Fowler Drive Elementary School