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

**General Program Goal:** Social Well-Being

**Previously Submitted and Rejected:** No

**Continuation Project:** No

**Project Total Cost:** \$ 543,000

**Total Annual Operating Cost:** \$ 0

**Abbreviated - Project Description:** This project provides funding for the design and construction of a sidewalk along the eastern side of Lexington Road from Cooper Road (from Bus Stop in front of the Brighton Park apartments) to the East Athens Marketplace property (Walmart Shopping Center), 0.4 of a mile total length. To meet GDOT standards work will require curb & gutter and stormwater.

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**Project Location/Address:** Extend from Bus Stop in front of the Brighton Park apartments just the edge of the East Athens Marketplace property. 0.4 of a mile total length.

**Is the Site currently owned by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County?** No

**Is the Site within State Highway Rights-of-Way?** Yes

**Site Specific Information:** There is currently a gap in the sidewalk along the eastern / northern side of Lexington Road, between Cooper Road and the Walmart.

**Does this Project require the acquisition of any land rights, whether existing sites, new site, easements, or Rights-of-Way?** Yes, probably will require additional construction easements and may require the payment for restoration of the row of cedar trees from the adjacent apartment complex.

**Project/Program Description:** My sister-in-law lives in Brighton Park apartments (corner of Lexington and Cooper) and works at Walmart. She does not drive, and purposely moved to Brighton Park because it is the only affordable complex within walking distance to Walmart. However, the sidewalk there is incomplete, so she walks through the grass and far off the road to get there. It is not a safe walk. There are many other people from Brighton Park and Deer Park, the community of rental homes off of Cooper Road, making this same unsafe walk down to Walmart to work and to shop. There is a sidewalk along this side of Lexington Road from Cherokee Road to Cooper Road, so all that is needed is to extend it 0.4 of a mile from Cooper Road to the Walmart traffic signal.

There is sidewalk for this stretch of road on the opposite side of Lexington but there is not a signalized crossing at the Cooper Road intersection. Potential improvements are being reviewed by the Lexington Road Corridor Improvements Project that is currently underway but there is no guarantee that GDOT will allow an additional signalized intersection at this location.

**Project Mission Statement/Selection Criteria:** Provide safe access from an area where many people do not drive or own vehicles to a nearby retail area where many of these folks work and shop.

**How is this Project recommended/included in any approved ACCGov Land Use Plan, Master Plan, Corridor Study, or Service Delivery Plan?** N/A

**How is this Project included in the Madison Athens-Clarke County Oconee Regional Transportation Study (MACORTS) long-range Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)?** N/A

**Attachments:**

[Attachment 1 - Lexington Road Sidewalk Extension](#)

## **PROJECT JUSTIFICATION**

**How will the Project meet one or more of the Selection Criteria?**

**Promotes the Goal of improving Equitability of capital improvements throughout the Community:**

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**Reduces Pavement Maintenance deficit:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Promotes the Upgrade and Continued Use of Alternative Transportation Facilities:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Promotes increased access to existing public facilities:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Promotes increased usage of the Transit System, including improving Pedestrian access to Transit Facilities:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Increases capital for Transit Services or expands the Transit System:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Maintains or Improves Air Quality:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Reduces vehicle miles traveled and traffic congestion:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Reduces time spent traveling in vehicles:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Continues TSPLOST 2018 Corridor Improvements or transportation related safety improvements:**

It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Promotes Health and Safety:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Continues Sidewalk & Multi-Use Trail construction:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Implements components of an updated Greenway Network Plan:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

### Triple Bottom Line Impacts

**Positive Benefits for the Economic Prosperity of Athens-Clarke County:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Detrimental Impacts to the Economic Prosperity of Athens-Clarke County:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Positive Benefits for the Social Well-Being of our Residents and visitors:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Detrimental Impacts for the Social Well-Being of our Residents and visitors:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Positive Impacts on the Environment:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Detrimental Impacts on the Environment:** It's a short sidewalk extension that saves vehicle trips and greatly enhances essential work/retail connectivity.

**Positive/Negative Impacts on ACCGov Departments, Agencies, or other Organizations, if not covered in one of the above questions:** Many positive impacts for a relatively low cost. Low hanging fruit. High rate of return. Excellent value. Etc.

## Project Costs

**Detailed project capital budget costs (to be funded from TSPLOST 2023 only):**

Project Costs (round to thousand)	Amount
1. Land Acquisition / ROW / Easement:	\$ 100,000
2. Design Fees: (Min.12% of New Const.; 14% of reno,; 16% for LEED proj.)	\$ 60,000
3. Miscellaneous Fees: (Min. Minimum of 3% of Construction Costs – used for permitting, etc. Utilize minimum of 10% if land acquisition if necessary.)	\$ 25,000
4. Construction:	\$ 220,000
5. Construction Contingency: (10% of the Construction line item)	\$ 22,000
6. Acquisition of Capital Equipment:	\$
7. Testing:	\$ 35,000
8. Project Management: (4% of the total budget line items above)	\$ 19,000
9. Project Contingency: (10% of the total budget line items above)	\$ 48,000
10. Public Art: Calculated at 1% of the Construction line item.	\$ 3,000
11. Other 1:	\$
12. Other 2:	\$
<b>Project Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ 532,000</b>
14. Program Management (2% of Project Subtotal):	\$ 11,000
<b>TSPLOST 2023 Project Total:</b>	<b>\$ 543,000</b>

## Project Financing

**Is the proposed Project to receive funding from source(s) other than TSPLOST 2023? No**

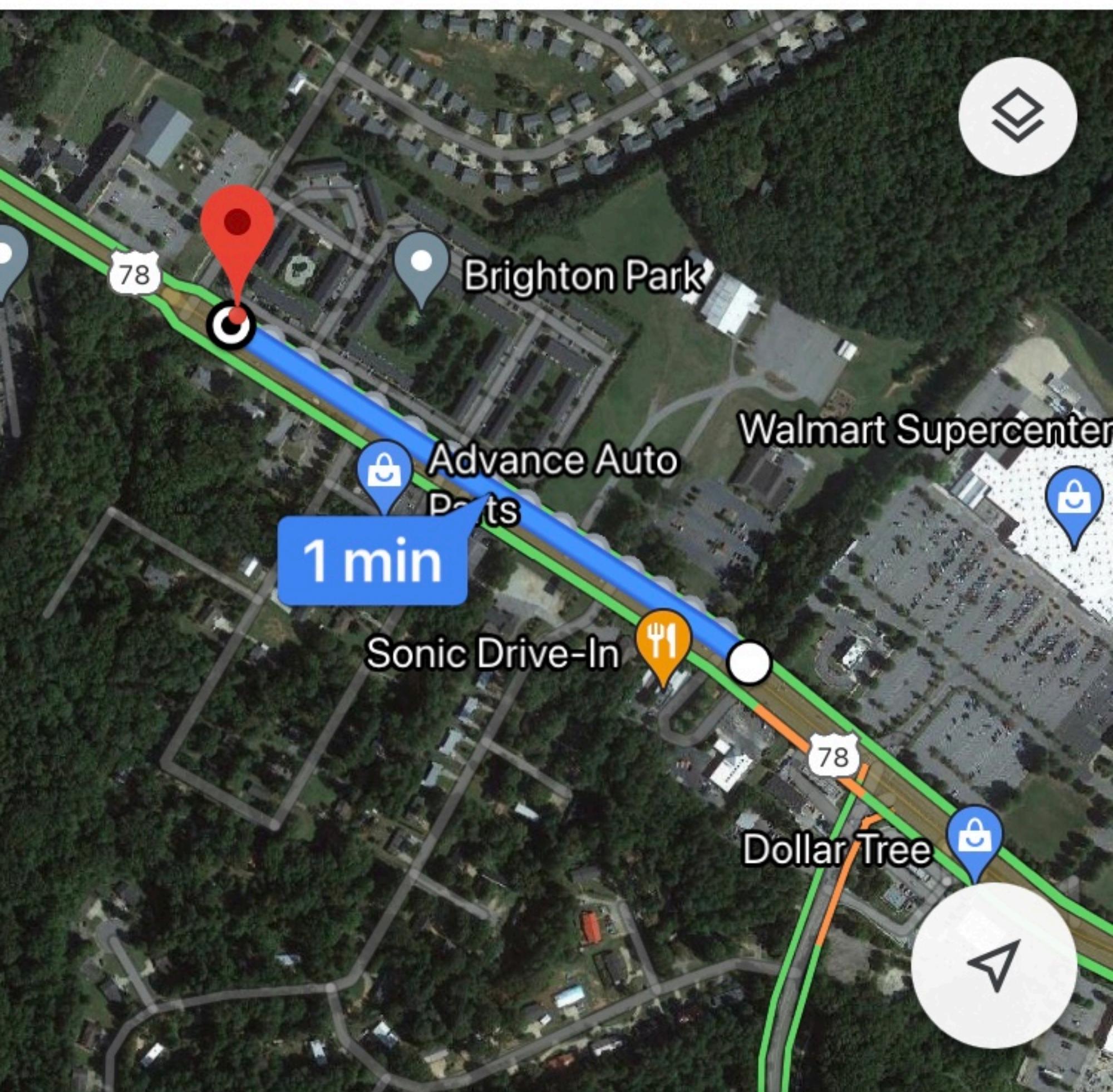
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Fastest route now due to traffic conditions

**This haphazard area in front of Brighton Park apartments forces pedestrians into the roadway and needs to be safely reconfigured as soon as possible.**

