

Athens in Motion Commission

AGENDA

FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Location: ACCGov Planning Department, 120 W. Dougherty Street
Planning Auditorium (upstairs)

[Recorded Meetings Posted on YouTube here](#)

4pm-6pm

Welcome

4:05 pm, 10 minutes

- Welcome!
- Public Comment
 - Recorded meeting access - [AiMC Playlist can be found here](#)
- Agenda - additions/approval
- January 24 minutes - additions/approval

Major Items

4:15 pm, 60 minutes

Athens in Motion Plan Update

25 minutes

Lauren Blais, Chair | Teresa Friedlander, Vice Chair | Daniel Sizemore, Bike, Pedestrian and Safety Coordinator

See *Daniel's original notes, attached*

- Scope of plan update, role of committees... ad hoc committee:
 - Text/semantics
 - Data
 - Public input
- [Plan Comments can be made here](#) (you will need to be logged in)
 - Deadline for initial comments: extended to February 28 (tonight)
- Timeline draft

Barber Street

10 minutes

Lauren Blais, Chair | Teresa Friedlander, Vice Chair | Daniel Sizemore, Bike, Pedestrian and Safety Coordinator

- Vote tabled by Mayor and Commission
- Our role on the AiM Commission

- Current efforts:
 - Reaching out to current Commissioners to serve as a resource
- Next steps

New RAISE Grant 2023

10 minutes

Daniel Sizemore, Bike, Pedestrian and Safety Coordinator | Shirelle Hallum, Vision Zero Coordinator | Lauren Blais, Chair

- Project overview
- Approve letter

Staff Updates

5pm, 30 minutes

Park Planning

Todd Miller, Park Planning Coordinator

Transportation and Public Works

Daniel Sizemore, Bike, Pedestrian and Safety Coordinator | Shirelle Hallum, Vision Zero Coordinator

- Local Road Safety Plan Workshop
 - Thursday, March 30th, 4-6pm
 - Lauren to facilitate?
 - Other commissioners asked to attend?
- Road Closure update if available
- Trails and Crossings - discussion
 - Ownership of infrastructure
 - Pedestrian Lead Interval now at Greenway Oak Street crossing
 - Thank you ACCGov Traffic Engineering
- Trail Lighting conversation - updates?
- AiM Project + updates
 - [Is this AiM-maintained spreadsheet accurate](#)
 - Projects
 - Barber Street Bike/Ped (AiM)
 - Vote tabled, see above item
 - Cherokee Road MUP (AiM)
 - Riverbend Road MUP(AiM)
 - Jefferson River Road (AIM)
 - North Avenue Project (AiM)
 - Prince Avenue Project (TSPLOST 2018 Prince Avenue User Group)
 - Passed on December, working with GDOT
 - Lexington Sidewalks (TSPLOST 2018 Lexington User Group)
 - Atlanta Highway (TSPLOST 2018 Atlanta Highway User Group)
 - Oglethorpe/Hancock Intersection improvements (AiM + TPW + Mayor and Commission?)
- Bike Friendly Community Application – SUBMITTED
- Additional Staff updates as time allows

Additional Items

5:30pm, 15 minutes

AiM Reportbacks

Teresa Friedlander, Vice Chair | Lauren Blais, Chair

- REI Tabling event with BikeAthens
- Budget Presentation to M&C Thursday, February 23
- Proposed Expenditures status
 - Notes from last month: 12k for items:
 - \$3.5K to re-open WikiMap (from Toole 2018 for new AiM) - Passed
 - \$3.5K public engagement & outreach as part of AiM revision - Tabled
 - \$2K reflective vests w/ new logo and any other safety tools for giveaways - Passed
 - Proposed Social campaign
 - \$3K for a social media intern - Passed
- New Logo (approved last month)
 - Do we have high-res png and other renditions available?

Committee Reportback

5:45pm, <10 minutes

Corridor Committees

- Atlanta Highway - Teresa Friedlander
- Lexington Road - Randy Halstead
- Prince Avenue - Mark Ebell

AiMC Committees

- Grants and Data - Chair: Mark Ebell
- Education and Communication - Chair: Teresa Friedlander
- Policy and Projects - Chair: Randy Halstead
 - See major item update

Other Committees/Commissions

- UGA - Blaine Van Note
- Greenway - Dale Van Cantfort
- TSPLOST 2018 - Lauren Blais - final meeting held in January
 - [See monthly update and project descriptions here](#)
- TSPLOST 2022 - Lauren Blais - Oversight group forming?
 - [See project descriptions here](#)

AiM Commissioner Round

5:55pm

AiM Commissioners briefly share other business or a parting thought.

Adjourn

6pm

Next meeting: March 28, 2023

AiMC Meeting Attachments

Plan Revisions Context

Hey all!

I wanted to provide some extra context to my last email. We are coming up on the 5 year revision of the Athens in Motion Plan. That means that we need to revisit the document and make changes as needed. I had a few ideas about the process that I outlined at the last meeting in November, but I wanted to refresh everyone's memories and get it down in writing. Essentially, we have four major sections of the document that I want to dive into.

1. Athens in Motion Plan Goals
 - a. The Athens in Motion Commission (AiMC) will meet to discuss the overall goals (Table 1-1) of the plan to ensure that they reflect the goals of the commission as a whole.
 - b. The short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals (Pages 73-76) will be evaluated to determine which goals have been achieved, which ones should be prioritized moving forward, and which ones might need to be moved out to a later date.
 - i. We will also do this for the success measures section (Pages 77-80).
2. Public Engagement
 - a. The Education and Communications Committee (ECC) will be getting started on the public input portion of the plan.
 - b. This will entail reopening the [wikimap](#) tool that was used in 2017 so that people can comment on their favorite routes to ride, barriers to riding, favorite places to walk, barriers to walking, etc.
 - c. ECC will start hosting public input tabling events in the spring to get the word out and we will be discussing some ideas for this in our upcoming meeting during the ECC update.
3. Project Network Development
 - a. The Projects and Policy Committee (PPC) will be examining the current project network that was proposed in 2017.
 - b. They will designate:
 - i. existing projects that were completed
 - ii. existing projects that could be expanded
 - iii. existing projects to remove
 - iv. new projects to add.
 - c. This process will result in a new project network map that will show the future vision of Athens broken down by facility type:
 - i. Separated facilities (multiuse path, separated cycle track, etc.)
 - ii. Protected facilities (protected lanes on Prince or Hancock for instance)
 - iii. Delineated bike facilities (painted bike lanes, advisory lanes, etc.)
 - iv. Shared facilities (bike boulevards, yield roads, sharrows, etc.)
4. Project Prioritization Criteria
 - a. The Grants and Data Committee (GDC) will dig into the existing criteria, new potential criteria, data sources, and subsequent analyses that will need to be done to run all of the Project Network through our prioritization criteria.
 - b. They will focus on the details of the new criteria, ensuring that they match up with our goals.

I hope that clears up the intent of what we are hoping to get started on. I plan on using comments from all of you (uploaded into this document) so that I can ensure our meetings and conversations are focused around our needs and priorities. Obviously, the update of the Athens in Motion Plan is going to be a very involved process, but I am hoping to streamline as much of this as possible.

Don't worry about being too detailed or too vague in your comments. I view the comments in this document as a starting point for a line of dialogue with the various Committees and for the Commission as a whole.