

# Athens in Motion Commission

## AGENDA

**MARCH 28, 2023**

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

[Recorded Meetings Posted on YouTube here](#)

**4pm-6pm**

### Welcome

4:00 pm, 10 minutes

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

### Executive Committee

Lauren Blais, Chair

- Will attempt to do in March

### Major Items

4:10 pm, 20 minutes

#### *Athens in Motion Plan Update*

15 minutes

Lauren Blais, Chair + AiMC + Staff

- Proposing an extended timeline with plan to be updated a year from now.
- Meeting next Tuesday

### NACTO Conference

5 minutes

Lauren Blais, Chair + AiMC + Staff

- Discuss sending rep/ reps from AiMC to NACTO conference in Denver. May 15-17

## Staff Updates

4:30pm, 60 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
  - This Thursday, March 30th, 4-6pm
- Sidewalk mapping
- Georgia Safe Sidewalks
- GDOT pedestrian task force
- GDOT bike task force
- Trail Lighting conversation - updates?
- As time allows - AiM Project + updates
  - [Is this AiM-maintained spreadsheet accurate](#) - Policy + Projects to review with TPW
  - Projects
    - Barber Street Bike/Ped (AiM)
      - Vote tabled, see above item
    - Riverbend Road MUP (AiM)
      - Preliminary Engineering (first to go to M&C)
    - Jefferson River Road MUP (AIM)
      - Preliminary Engineering (second to go to M&C)
    - Cherokee Road MUP (AiM)
      - Preliminary Engineering (last to go to M&C)
    - North Avenue Project (AiM)
      - Grant agreement in progress
    - Prince Avenue Project (TSPLOST 2018 Prince Avenue User Group)
      - Zippers are being installed soon
      - Draft short term plan has been submitted to SPLOST Office and user group will review soon
    - Lexington Sidewalks (TSPLOST 2018 Lexington User Group)
      - In final design and ROW acquisition
      - SPLOST Office has not given any updates since approval
    - Atlanta Highway (TSPLOST 2018 Atlanta Highway User Group)
      - Unknown
    - Oglethorpe/Hancock Intersection improvements (AiM + TPW + Mayor and Commission?)
      - Received 85% plans and in the queue for plans review
- Additional Staff updates as time allows

## Committee Reportback

5:30pm, 20 minutes

### Corridor Committees

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

### AiMC Committees

#### Determine meeting dates this month with Daniel

- Grants and Data - Chair: Mark Ebell
  - Working on project prioritization with staff
- Education and Communication - Chair: Teresa Friedlander
  - Ordered vests and reflective bands
- Policy and Projects - Chair: Randy Halstead
  - Discussed projects and status

### 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

5:50pm, 10 minutes

AiM Commissioners briefly share other business or a parting thought.

## Adjourn

6:00pm

New Executive committee: TBD

Next meeting: April 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.