

# **Athens in Motion Commission**

## **MINUTES – JULY 22, 2025**

**Location: ACC Gov Planning Department, 120 W. Dougherty Street**

**Planning Auditorium**

### **Attendees**

#### **In Person**

##### **AiM Commissioners**

- Lauren Blais
- Art Edison
- Randy Halstead
- Ed Maioriello
- Blaine Van Note

##### **ACCGov Staff**

- Katie Goodrum
- Jason Jones
- Daniel Sizemore

#### **Virtual**

##### **ACCGov Staff**

- Jeremy Barnett
- Todd Miller

#### **Ex-Officio**

- Scott Long, Bike Athens

#### **Absent**

##### **AiM Commissioners**

- Teresa Friedlander
- Allen Jones
- Gabriella Sandberg

##### **Public Attendance**

- Aaron Redman, Committee member – AiMC Policy & Projects

## **Welcome**

Lauren opened the meeting at 4:10 pm

Roll Call – Quorum achieved

Public Comment – no public comments

### **Agenda**

Lauren shared the agenda and entertained a motion to accept. Art moved to accept the agenda; Ed seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.

### **Minutes**

Lauren shared the June meeting minutes and entertained a motion to accept. Ed moved to accept the minutes; Randy seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

## **Minutes**

### **General Updates (3:12)**

#### Safe Streets for All – Roadway Safety Improvements survey outreach

Katie Goodrum, Vision Zero Coordinator

- Survey deadline, August 3 – almost 300 responses
- Will update Mayor & Commission in September
- Near-miss cameras to be installed

#### TSPOST 2026

Lauren Blais, Chair of Athens in Motion

Randy Halstead, AiMC TSPLOST 2026 Advisory Committee

- Presentations have been made to Mayor & Commission
- Will be discussed further in September work session

### **Major Updates (10:38)**

#### AiMC Plan Revision – Toole

Daniel Sizemore, Bike, Pedestrian and Safety Coordinator

Byron Rushing and Connor Lake, Toole Design

- Projects in Plan
  - Discussed removing networks from the 2018 plan
  - Proposed network update – developed from feedback, workshop

- Next steps
- Will provide copy of the plan/felt map and seek feedback from AiMC
  - Next move to prioritize networks, corridors, and individual projects

## Staff Updates (1:18:58)

### Park Planning

Todd Miller, Park Planning Coordinator

- Firefly Phase III – final completion 02/12/2026. Started concrete work on segment 2
- Greenway Trail Expansion – MLK Jr Parkway – North Ave to East Broad St – currently in design stage. Open house is scheduled slated for September 4, 2025
- Oak/Oconee St bridge is under construction, currently only two driving lanes are open. Anticipated completion is 2028. Trail construction will be completed after bridge

### Transit

Jeremy Barnett, ACC Transit

- Will adjust schedule changes on August 11
  - Coordinating with UGA Transit
- 20 AiMC donated bike racks are being dispersed throughout the county
- Transit is fully staffed

### Transportation and Public Works

Daniel Sizemore, Bike, Pedestrian and Safety Coordinator

Katie Goodrum, Vision Zero Coordinator

Jason Jones, Senior Transportation Planner

- Monthly Crash Report June 2025 – 301 total crashes reported
- An agenda item has been discussed for short term improvements to pedestrian safety at the Classic Center intersection (Thomas St)

## Committee/Org Reportback (1:41:03)

### Corridor Committees

- Atlanta Highway - Teresa Friedlander – no updates
- Lexington Road - Randy Halstead – scheduled meeting with traffic engineer, initiated sidewalk design
- Prince Avenue - Lauren Blais – no updates

### AiMC Committees

- Education and Communication – Chair:
  - Tabling the UGA Watch for Dawgs event – Thursday, August 21 (11am-1pm)
- Policy and Projects – Chair: Randy Halstead
  - Reviewed MOU for bike rack share plan, will compare to other communities

#### Other Committees

- UGA - Blaine Van Note – Watch for Dawgs date 08/21 (11am-1pm) – Tate Plaza
  - East Campus Rd – from Milledge Ave to north of Carlton St – disappearing bike lane
  - ACC Transit – new map with UGA routes – are those being updated
- Greenway - Ed Maioriello – have started to update the Greenway network map
- TSPLOST 2023 – no updates

#### **AiM Commissioner Round**

- Randy – enjoyed seeing Breaking Away at Winterville Festival, Thank you Bike Athens
- Bike Athens joy ride this Friday at 6:00 pm

#### **Adjourn**

Lauren entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed moved. Art seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Adjourn: 6:05 pm

**Next meeting date:** Tuesday, August 26 at 4:00 pm