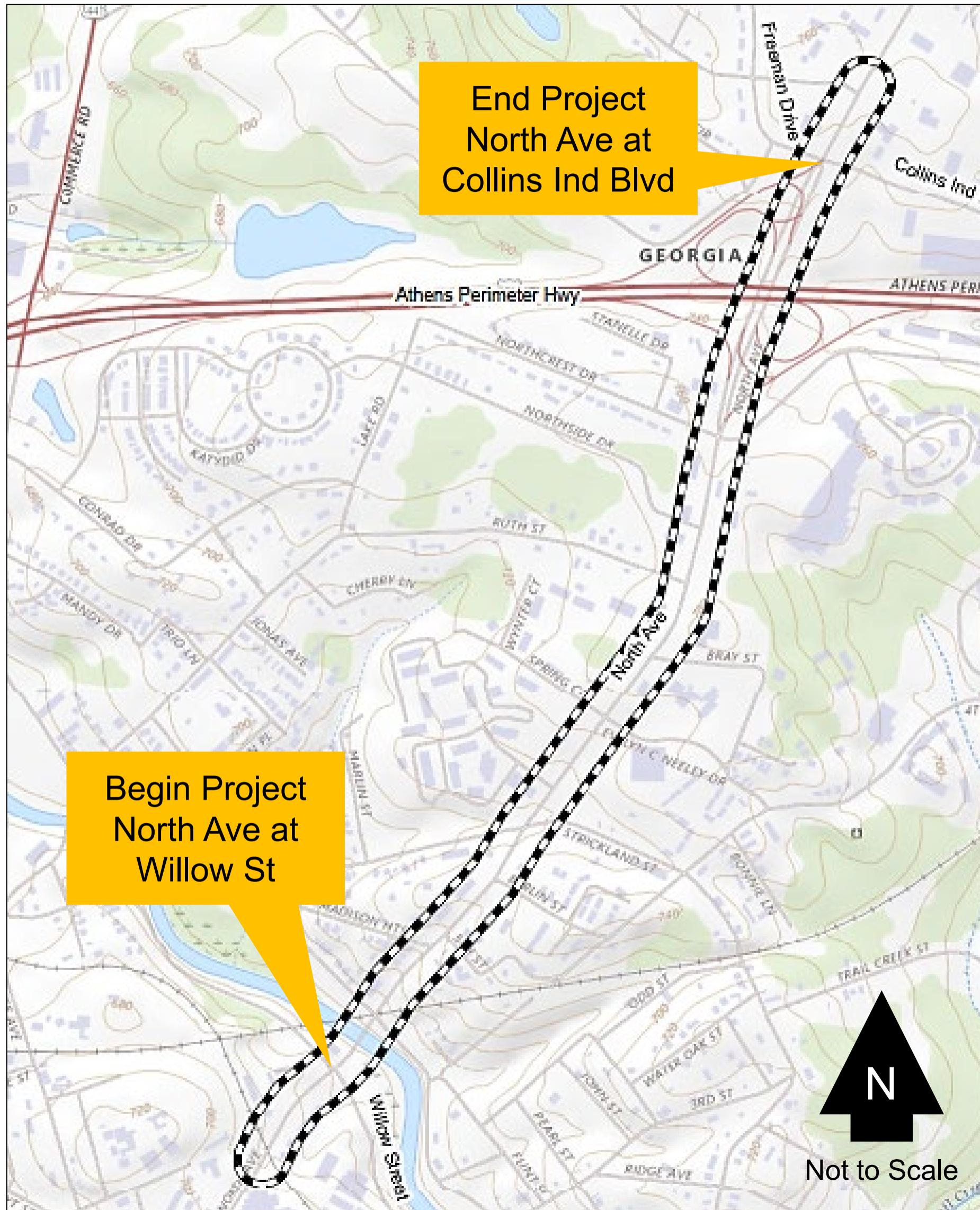


# Why are we here?



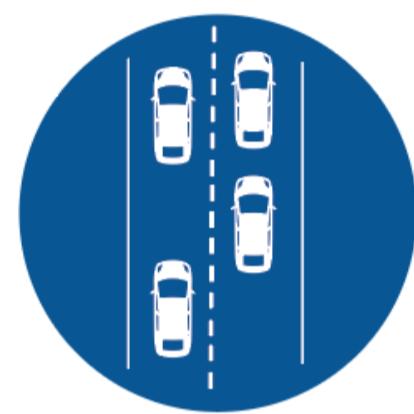
Athens-Clarke County is seeking feedback for the proposed construction of multimodal improvements along North Avenue from Willow Street to Freeman Drive/Collins Industrial Boulevard funded through a federal grant – Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE). The total project length is approximately 1.2 miles.

We appreciate your  
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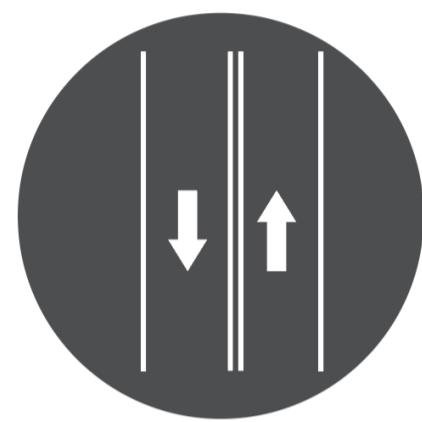


# Project Goals

## Mobility



## Operations



## Connectivity



## Safety



## Minimizing impacts to properties and the environment



- Create pedestrian and bicycle connections to job centers and services.
- Improve connectivity and mobility options for transit-dependent populations.
- Address racial equity through better access and opportunity.
- Reduce climate impacts through lower emissions and improved water quality.
- Increase economic prosperity for areas of persistent poverty.
- Improve safety, while reducing conflicts for all modes of transportation.
- Improve state of good repair through reconstruction of aging infrastructure.
- Create an attractive, welcoming, and cohesive community corridor.
- Improve stormwater management and quality through green infrastructure.



# Existing Conditions

## Crash Data:

From 2018-2023,  
**452 crashes**  
occurred along  
corridor.

68% of crashes  
were property  
damage only (non-  
injury) crashes, and  
32% were injury or  
fatality crashes.

From 2018-2023,  
there were 2 crashes  
involving people on  
bicycles and 11  
involving people  
walking. All but one of  
these resulted in an  
injury or fatality.



# Existing Configuration

- Three (3), 12-to-14-foot travel lanes with 12-foot left-turn lanes between Willow Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway.
- Four (4), 12-foot travel lanes with 12-foot left-turn lanes between Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and Freeman Drive/Collins Industrial Boulevard.
- Sidewalks varying from 5 to 7 feet wide between Willow Street and Northcrest Drive/Old Hull Road.
- No sidewalks between Northcrest Drive/Old Hull Road and Freeman Drive/Collins Industrial Boulevard.
- No bicycle facilities along the corridor.
- Bus stops at intervals along the corridor.

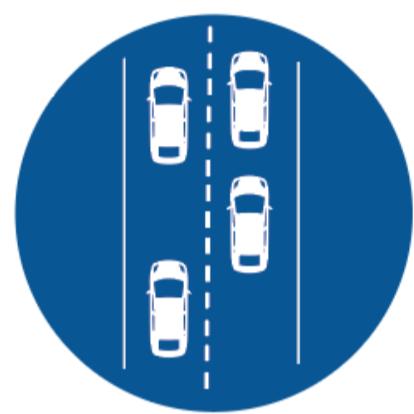
# Proposed Improvements

- Reconfiguring existing lanes on North Avenue and reconfiguring the intersection with the SR 10 eastbound ramps.
- Construction of multimodal facilities, supporting bicycle and pedestrian travel.
- Pedestrian signal upgrades at key intersections and consideration of mid-block crossings.
- Upgrades to sidewalks and transit stops.
- Installation of lighting, landscaping, and wayfinding throughout the corridor.
- Road resurfacing with drainage improvements.

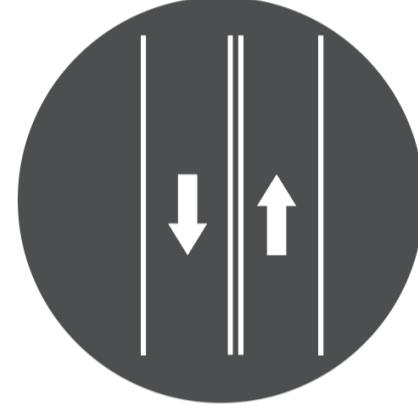


# Without this Project (No Build)

## Mobility



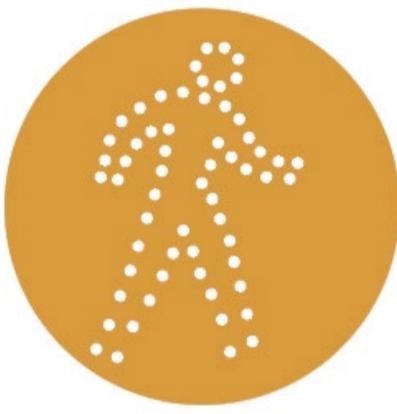
## Operations



## Connectivity



## Safety



## Minimizing impacts to properties and the environment



- The corridor will not have pedestrian and bicycle access throughout and connections to job centers and services will remain limited.
- The absence of bicycle facilities and gaps in sidewalks will continue to mix users and not address separating of travel types, without addressing safety or mobility.
- The ongoing safety issues will negatively impact community's quality of life in an area that includes persistent poverty.
- The lack of safe alternative forms of transportation will result in continued reliance on motor vehicles, leading to increased climate impacts and emissions.

