

**Submitted By:** The City of Winterville  
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**Project Type:** Bicycle/Pedestrian (bicycle lanes, sidewalks, other bicycle or pedestrian infrastructure, not including Greenway or Rail-to-Trails) related projects - Transportation & Public Works

**Previously submitted but not selected:** No

**Continuation Project:** No

**Executive Summary:** Install approximately 5,300 LF of 5' sidewalk along Robert Hardeman Road, from the Firefly Trail to Martin Meadows and Lakeview Drive.

**Project Total Cost:** \$ 6,049,000

**Total Operating Cost:** \$ 60,000

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**Does this Project require the acquisition of any land?** Yes

**What means of land acquisition will be required?** Rights of Way; Easement

**Project/Program Description:** Install approximately 5,300 LF of 5' sidewalk along Robert Hardeman Road, from the Firefly Trail to Martin Meadows and Lakeview Drive.

[Google Map to Robert Hardeman Rd Winterville](#)

Staff Comments: To promote clean energy/sustainability goals, consider adding: All lighting to be dark sky compliant and, when in association with trails/woods/residences, wildlife "friendly" (2700 K or less) ; If installed, bike racks to include solar/storage charging options; if installed, bench and rest areas to include solar/storage charging rest areas; Solar/storage/canopy may be included to power needed lights and provide shade/heat mitigation in open concrete areas (ex: rest areas/open areas along path). Where plantings are needed, utilize native species, which are better adapted to the Piedmont region.

## PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

**How will the Project meet the stated Program Goals in the Mayor & Commission Strategic Plan to provide long-term, ongoing contributions to the Sustainable Transportation needs of the Athens-Clarke County?**

**Goal Area 1; Section D: Drive community transformation with a focus on creating spaces that are respectful and welcoming:** The City of Winterville continues to evolve as a community node and desirable location to bike, walk, and enjoy the community assets of the Winterville area. This project will connect residents along Robert Hardeman Road and Martin Meadows to the Firefly Trail, Pittard Park, Chandler Park, the Depot, and into the city center to the heart of the communities shared cultural spaces.

**Goal Area 1; Section E: Support & promote healthy lifestyle: moving, eating, forming healthy relationships, physical and psychological care:** The City of Winterville is home to the Marigold Festival, the Marigold Farmer's Market, the Buddy Christian Memorial 5k, the Winterville Snowflake 10k, Fall Concerts on the Porch, the Marigold Auditorium and many other regional attractions and events. The section of the Firefly Trail that runs along Main Street is some of the most used sections of trail. The project will connect residents along Robert Hardeman Road and Martin Meadows to the Firefly Trail. The proposed sidewalk and interconnectivity to various other nodes along the route.

**Goal Area 5; Section A: Improve, expand, and maintain sidewalks, shared-use paths, and bike facilities to provide greater opportunities for residents to use active transportation safely:** The project will connect residents along Robert Hardeman Rd and Martin Meadows to the Firefly Trail and into the city center to the heart of the communities shared cultural spaces. The Firefly Trail provides off-road multimodal transportation between the City of Winterville and Athens, including interconnectivity to various other nodes along the route.

**Goal Area 5; Section B: Pursue inter-city travel options to connect Athens with other cities:** The project will connect residents along Robert Hardeman Rd and Martin Meadows to the Firefly Trail. The Firefly Trail provides off-road multimodal transportation between the City of Winterville and Athens, including interconnectivity to various other nodes along the route.

**Goal Area 5; Section C: Expand multi-modal Transit access to reduce auto dependency and provide greater mobility for Athens residents:** The project will connect residents along Robert Hardeman Rd and Martin Meadows to the Firefly Trail. The Firefly Trail provides off-road multimodal transportation between the City of Winterville and Athens, including interconnectivity to various other nodes along the route.

**Goal Area 5; Section D: Create more usable and aesthetically pleasing corridor connections between residential and commercial areas:** The project will connect residents along Robert Hardeman Road and Martin Meadows to the Firefly Trail and into the city center to the heart of the communities shared cultural spaces. The Firefly Trail provides off-road multimodal transportation between the City of Winterville and Athens, including interconnectivity to various other nodes along the route.

**Goal Area 5; Section E: Enhance safety for all modes of transportation:** The project will connect residents along Robert Hardeman Road and Winterville Station to the Firefly Trail and into the city center to the heart of the communities shared cultural spaces. The Firefly Trail provides off-road multimodal transportation between the City of Winterville and Athens, other residential neighborhoods, commercial and retail spaces, and other important community nodes.

**Goal Area 6; Section B: Ensure equitable access to infrastructure to enhance safety and identity:** The project will connect residents along Robert Hardeman Road and Martin Meadows to the Firefly Trail and into the city center to the heart of the communities shared cultural spaces. The Firefly Trail provides off-road multimodal transportation between the City of Winterville and Athens, including interconnectivity to various other nodes along the route.

**Goal Area 6; Section D: Follow through on commitment to 100% Clean and Renewable Energy resolution:** The project will connect residents along Robert Hardeman Road and Martin Meadows to the Firefly Trail. This project will provide opportunities for residents along Lakeview Drive to walk and bike, reducing dependency on gasoline vehicles.

*Clean Energy Goals: All lighting should be dark sky and, in association with trails, wildlife “friendly” (2700 K or less) compliant; If installed, bike racks to include solar/storage charging options; if installed, bench and rest areas should include solar/storage rest areas; Solar/storage/canopy can be included to power any needed lights and provide shade/heat mitigation in open concrete areas (ex: rest areas/open areas along path)*

**Goal Area 6; Section E: Address ecosystem health, infrastructure sustainability, and resilience:** The project will connect residents along Robert Hardeman Road and Martin Meadows to the Firefly Trail. This project will provide opportunities for residents along Lakeview Drive to walk and bike, reducing dependency on gasoline vehicles.

## Project Costs

Detailed project capital budget costs (to be funded from TSPLOST 2026 only):

Project Costs (round to thousand)		Amount
1. Land Acquisition / ROW / Easement:	\$	170,000
2. Design Fees: (Min.12% of New Const.; 14% of reno.; 16% for LEED proj.)	\$	554,000
3. Miscellaneous Fees: (Min. Minimum of 3% of Construction Costs – used for permitting, etc. Utilize minimum of 10% if land acquisition if necessary.	\$	360,000
4. Construction:	\$	3,600,000
5. Construction Contingency: (10% of the Construction line item)	\$	360,000
6. Testing:	\$	108,000
7. Project Management: (4% of the total budget line items above)	\$	206,000
8. Project Contingency: (10% of the total budget line items above)	\$	536,000
9. Public Art: Calculated at 1% of the Construction line item.	\$	36,000
10. Other 1:	\$	
11. Other 2:	\$	
<b>Project Subtotal:</b>	\$	5,930,000
14. Program Management (2% of Project Subtotal):	\$	119,000
<b>TSPLOST 2026 Project Total:</b>	\$	<b>6,049,000</b>

## Project Financing

Is the proposed Project to receive funding from source(s) other than TSPLOST 2026? No

## Operating Cost

### Total Annual Net Operating Costs when Project is complete:

*Only identify additional or net operating costs to be paid by ACCGov as a result of this Project. Identify the additional or net costs needed, above ACCGov's current operating budget, to operate the requested project; as well as any additional Project related revenues that would be generated. Provide budget costs for each identified category below.*

Operating Costs (round to thousand)	Estimated Impact for Annual Operating Expenditures
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FROM PROJECT</b>	
<b>PROJECTED EXPENDITURES</b>	
1. Personnel Costs: from Appendix A	
2. Annual Utilities:	
• Natural Gas:	
• Electrical:	
• Water:	
• Sewer:	
• Phone:	
• Solid Waste Collection:	
• Other:	
3. Operating Supplies:	
4. Equipment Maintenance:	
5. Facility Maintenance:	
6. Other: Public Art Maintenance:	1,000
7. Other: Annual Maintenance	19,000
8. Other: Life Cycle Replacement	40,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	
<b>NET OPERATING COSTS OF PROJECT:</b>	<b>\$ 60,000</b>

MAIN STREET

ROBERT HARDEMAN ROAD

MARTIN MEADOW WAY