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Project Type: Streets/Roads/Bridges related projects - Transportation & Public Works Department

Previously submitted but not selected: No

Continuation Project: No

Executive Summary: The proposed project includes improvements to the intersection of Vine Street and Oak Ridge Avenue, and may include necessary improvements, including pedestrian crosswalks, sidewalks, improved cyclist experiences, improved bus stops, lighting, utility relocations, and other necessary improvements to ensure the safety of all users.

Project Total Cost: \$ 341,000

Total Operating Cost: \$ 5,000

Does this Project require the acquisition of any land? Yes, depends on the level of improvements.

Likely additional ROW

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[Oakridge Ave & Vine St - Google Maps](#)

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: These modification will promote pedestrian and cyclist safe transit through this intersection. It will also encourage the surrounding community to walk and ride their bikes instead of driving. As such, the intersection is unsafe for vehicular and pedestrian users. Improving this intersection would provide physical and psychological safety for the users.

Goal Area 1; Section E: Support & promote healthy lifestyle: moving, eating, forming healthy relationships, physical and psychological care: These modification will promote pedestrian and cyclist safe transit through this intersection. It will also encourage the surrounding community to walk and ride their bikes instead of driving. As such, the intersection is unsafe for vehicular and pedestrian users. Improving this intersection would provide physical and psychological safety for the users.

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: These modification will promote pedestrian and cyclist safe transit through this intersection. It will also encourage the surrounding community to walk and ride their bikes instead of driving. As such, the intersection is unsafe for vehicular and pedestrian users. Improving this intersection would provide physical and psychological safety for the users.

Goal Area 5; Section C: Expand multi-modal Transit access to reduce auto dependency and provide greater mobility for Athens residents: These modification will promote pedestrian and cyclist safe transit through this intersection. It will also encourage the surrounding community to walk and ride their bikes instead of driving. As such, the intersection is unsafe for vehicular and pedestrian users. Improving this intersection would provide physical and psychological safety for the users.

Goal Area 5; Section D: Create more usable and aesthetically pleasing corridor connections between residential and commercial areas: These modification will promote pedestrian and cyclist safe transit through this intersection. It will also encourage the surrounding community to walk and ride their bikes instead of driving. As such, the intersection is unsafe for vehicular and pedestrian users. Improving this intersection would provide physical and psychological safety for the users.

Goal Area 5; Section E: Enhance safety for all modes of transportation: The current intersection has is currently dangerous to all users. The proposed intersection improvements would incorporate safety for all users, including sidewalks and crosswalks for pedestrians to access the existing bus stop, reduce the number of conflict points within the intersection, and improve lighting and signage.

Goal Area 6; Section A: Develop well-planned new infrastructure according to future land use values and framework: These improvements enhance the current and future land use plan by removing the potential damages for pedestrians, bicycles and vehicular traffic.

Goal Area 6; Section B: Ensure equitable access to infrastructure to enhance safety and identity: These modification will promote pedestrian and cyclist safe transit through this intersection. It will also encourage the surrounding community to walk and ride their bikes instead of driving. As such, the intersection is unsafe for vehicular and pedestrian users. Improving this intersection would provide physical and psychological safety for the users.

Goal Area 6; Section E: Address ecosystem health, infrastructure sustainability, and resilience: This project does not add to or enlarge the existing footprint of the existing project intersection.

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:	\$ 45,000
2. Design Fees: (Min.12% of New Const.; 14% of reno,; 16% for LEED proj.)	\$ 15,000
3. Miscellaneous Fees: (Min. Minimum of 3% of Construction Costs – used for permitting, etc. Utilize minimum of 10% if land acquisition if necessary.)	\$ 5,000
4. Construction:	\$ 200,000
5. Construction Contingency: (10% of the Construction line item)	\$ 20,000
6. Testing:	\$ 5,000
7. Project Management: (4% of the total budget line items above)	\$ 12,000
8. Project Contingency: (10% of the total budget line items above)	\$ 30,000
9. Public Art: Calculated at 1% of the Construction line item.	\$ 2,000
10. Other 1:	\$
11. Other 2:	\$
Project Subtotal:	\$ 334,000
14. Program Management (2% of Project Subtotal):	\$ 7,000
TSPLOST 2026 Project Total:	\$ 341,000

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
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES FROM PROJECT	
PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	
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	1,000
8. Other: Life Cycle Replacement	3,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	
NET OPERATING COSTS OF PROJECT:	\$ 5,000