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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: Norwood Circle - Sidewalk or Multi-use trail along the full length of Norwood Circle starting at Danielsville Road and returning to Danielsville Road, including accessibility ramps, crosswalks and improved street lighting. Approximately 4,300 LF of 5-foot-wide sidewalk.

Project Total Cost: \$ 5,574,000

Total Operating Cost: \$ 43,000

Does this Project require the acquisition of any land? Yes

What means of land acquisition will be required? Rights of Way; Easement (mostly temporary or slope easements)

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[Norwood Cir - Google Maps](#)

Staff Comments:

- 1. 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).*
- 2. Addition of sidewalks would necessitate the addition of curb & gutter to properly handle existing stormwater drainage. No stormwater retention or treatment has been included in the budget.*
- 3. Approximately, 28 parcels that would require land acquisition in order to complete the project. Total probably about 1.5 acres of easements.*
- 4. Budget would likely only allow addition of sidewalks, not multi-use trail. Multi-use would require more land acquisition and*

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: Improve pedestrian connectivity to goods and services, grocery, and other services along the Danielsville Road corridor for the Norwood residents. This project encourages bike and pedestrian modes of transportation, reduces vehicular trips, and reduces CO2 emissions. This project promotes the Upgrade and Continued Use of Alternative Transportation Facilities

Goal Area 1; Section E: Support & promote healthy lifestyle: moving, eating, forming healthy relationships, physical and psychological care: Improve pedestrian connectivity to goods and services, grocery, and other services along the Danielsville Road corridor for the Norwood residents. This project encourages bike and pedestrian modes of transportation, reduces vehicular trips, and reduces CO2 emissions. This project promotes the Upgrade and Continued Use of Alternative Transportation Facilities

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: This project encourages bike and pedestrian modes of transportation, reduces vehicular trips, and reduces CO2 emissions. By providing adequate sidewalk and lighting for all pedestrians in the area promotes safety and healthy transportation alternatives.

Goal Area 5; Section C: Expand multi-modal Transit access to reduce auto dependency and provide greater mobility for Athens residents: This project directly supports sidewalk and multi-use trail construction and connectivity to public community centers.

Goal Area 5; Section E: Enhance safety for all modes of transportation: This project reduces dependencies on existing roadway infrastructure and reduces vehicular wear on existing facilities. This project encourages greater bike and pedestrian access to goods and services, community centers there by increasing economic opportunities for traditionally underserved residents.

Goal Area 6; Section A: Develop well-planned new infrastructure according to future land use values and framework: Improve pedestrian connectivity to goods and services, grocery, and other services along the Danielsville Road corridor for the Norwood residents. The proposed improvements are located in the North Athens Neighborhood, along Norwood circle, a traditionally underserved area of the Athens Community.

Goal Area 6; Section B: Ensure equitable access to infrastructure to enhance safety and identity:

Promotes the Upgrade and Continued Use of Alternative Transportation Facilities. This project encourages greater bike and pedestrian access to goods and services, community centers there by increasing economic opportunities for traditionally underserved residents.

Goal Area 6; Section D: Follow through on commitment to 100% Clean and Renewable Energy

resolution: This project encourages bike and pedestrian modes of transportation, reduces vehicular trips, and reduces CO2 emissions.

Goal Area 6; Section E: Address ecosystem health, infrastructure sustainability, and resilience:

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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:	\$ 50,000
2. Design Fees: (Min.12% of New Const.; 14% of reno,; 16% for LEED proj.)	\$ 420,000
3. Miscellaneous Fees: (Min. Minimum of 3% of Construction Costs – used for permitting, etc. Utilize minimum of 10% if land acquisition if necessary.)	\$ 350,000
4. Construction:	\$ 3,500,000
5. Construction Contingency: (10% of the Construction line item)	\$ 350,000
6. Testing:	\$ 75,000
7. Project Management: (4% of the total budget line items above)	\$ 190,000
8. Project Contingency: (10% of the total budget line items above)	\$ 494,000
9. Public Art: Calculated at 1% of the Construction line item.	\$ 35,000
10. Other 1:	\$
11. Other 2:	\$
Project Subtotal:	\$ 5,464,000
14. Program Management (2% of Project Subtotal):	\$ 110,000
TSPLOST 2026 Project Total:	\$ 5,574,000

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	12,000
8. Other: Life Cycle Replacement	30,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	
NET OPERATING COSTS OF PROJECT:	\$ 43,000