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**Project Type:** Public Transit related projects - Athens Transit System

**Previously submitted but not selected:** No

**Continuation Project:** No

**Executive Summary:** The purpose of this project is to provide for the addition of and/or upgrade the existing bus stops on College Avenue, Hoyt Street, & Fourth Street by providing bus shelters, seating, sidewalk improvements, and other amenities at each location.

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**Project Total Cost: \$ 566,000**

**Total Operating Cost: \$ 7,000**

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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:** The purpose of this project is to provide for the addition of and/or upgrade the existing bus stops on College Avenue, Hoyt Street, & Fourth Street by providing bus shelters, seating, sidewalk improvements, and other amenities at each location.

College Avenue - Currently there are no transit stops on College Ave. Likely locations along College Avenue would require land acquisition.

Fourth Street - Currently there are four transit stop on Fourth Street: two with art shelters and seating; two without shelters [677 Fourth Street - Google Maps](#) and [510 Fourth Street - Google Maps](#). The location at 510 Fourth Street will require land acquisition. The right of way line at this property is the back of the curb. (In the past, the property owners have been unwilling to provide the necessary land for the improvements.) The 510 Fourth Street location will require connecting sidewalks and ADA ramps; which will require removal and replacement of the apartment signage and landscaping (included in the budget).

Hoyt Street – Currently there are two locations on Hoyt Street, across the street from each other, [198 Hoyt St - Google Maps](#) that do not have bus shelters. Both locations will require land acquisition.

Project budget is based on added bus shelters, seating, sidewalk improvements, and other amenities at each or the four locations currently not having shelters and at two new locations on College Avenue.

## 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:** Many users of our transit stops are not covered. This makes it difficult for users to use the transit system in inclement weather. Providing improvements to these existing bus stops would provide a respectful and welcoming environment to keep users dry.

**Goal Area 1; Section E: Support & promote healthy lifestyle: moving, eating, forming healthy relationships, physical and psychological care:** Many users of our transit stops are not covered. This makes it difficult for users to use the transit system in inclement weather. Providing improvements to these existing bus stops would provide a respectful and welcoming environment to keep users dry.

**Goal Area 5; Section E: Enhance safety for all modes of transportation:** Many users of our transit stops are not covered. This makes it difficult for users to use the transit system in inclement weather. Providing improvements to these existing bus stops would provide a respectful and welcoming environment to keep users dry.

**Goal Area 6; Section B: Ensure equitable access to infrastructure to enhance safety and identity:** Many users of our transit stops are not covered. This makes it difficult for users to use the transit system in inclement weather. Providing improvements to these existing bus stops would provide a respectful and welcoming environment to keep users dry.

## 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:	\$ 30,000
2. Design Fees: (Min.12% of New Const.; 14% of reno.; 16% for LEED proj.)	\$ 60,000
3. Miscellaneous Fees: (Min. Minimum of 3% of Construction Costs – used for permitting, etc. Utilize minimum of 10% if land acquisition if necessary.)	\$ 30,000
4. Construction:	\$ 300,000
5. Construction Contingency: (10% of the Construction line item)	\$ 30,000
6. Testing:	\$ 9,000
7. Project Management: (4% of the total budget line items above) *	\$ 42,000
8. Project Contingency: (10% of the total budget line items above)	\$ 51,000
9. Public Art: Calculated at 1% of the Construction line item.	\$ 3,000
10. Other 1:	\$
11. Other 2:	\$
<b>Project Subtotal:</b>	\$ 555,000
14. Program Management (2% of Project Subtotal):	\$ 11,000
<b>TSPLOST 2026 Project Total:</b>	<b>\$ 566,000</b>

\*PM Fees are higher than minimum percentages because of the added cost for multiple locations and the required effort, despite the smaller construction budget.

## 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	2,000
8. Other: Life Cycle Replacement	4,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>7,000</b>
<b>NET OPERATING COSTS OF PROJECT:</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>