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Park Avenue / Talmadge Drive at Prince Avenue Intersection Improvement

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Submission:

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- Prince Avenue Corridor Improvements User Group

Support:

- ACC Transportation and Public Works
- Piedmont Athens Regional, Michael Burnett CEO

Park-Talmadge Intersection Alignment

- Improves safety for all users
- Recommended in Prince Avenue studies:
ACC 2012, GDOT 2014 & 2019, Benesch 2019, Prince Ave UG
- Not funded by TSPLOST 2018 Project 16 – Prince Avenue Corridor Improvements
- Project classification: Streets/Roads/Bridges
- TSPLOST 2026 project total: \$6.6 million

Current Configuration

- Offset intersection creates safety hazard
- Left turning movements from Prince Ave are long and confusing
- Especially dangerous for pedestrians
- No Prince Ave pedestrian crossing on west side of intersection
- Prince Ave crossing on east side is far from the corner of Talmadge
- Cyclists do not trigger light cycle from Park or Talmadge



Proposed Configuration

- Standard 4-way signalized intersection
- Safer vehicular turning movements
- Crosswalks on all four legs
- Improved crosswalk access from eastbound bus stop



Context

- Piedmont Athens tower at the corner of Prince and Talmadge will be a new “front door” for the medical center
- Normaltown commercial node – numerous facilities within two blocks of intersection:
 - UGA Health Sciences campus
 - Piedmont University
 - 17 restaurants, bars, cafes
 - 10 other businesses, including medical offices
- Prince Avenue classification: urban minor arterial street
- Commuter corridor (all modes of transportation)

Rationale

- Improves safety and efficiency for all road users: pedestrian, automobile, public transportation, and bicycle
- Identified as a priority by the Prince Avenue Corridor Improvements User Group, TSPLOST 2018
- GDOT partnership – pedestrian safety upgrades
- Strong support from Piedmont Athens Regional
- Supports Complete Streets and Vision Zero initiatives for our community

QUESTIONS?

