



TSPL0ST 2026 PROJECT 4

Oconee Street Trail Bridge -

Greenway/Firefly

Friends of the Greenway

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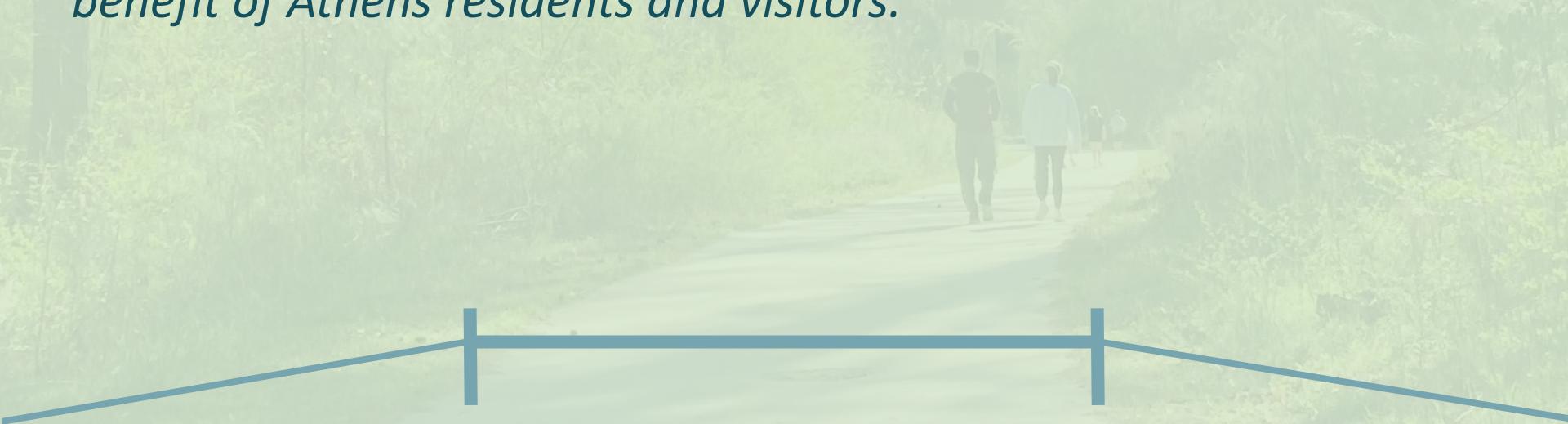
GREENWAY

ROAD
CLOSED

SPOILER ALERT
This is a trail crossing.

Hello, we're Friends of the Greenway

Our Mission: Friends of the Greenway, Inc. is a non-profit organization that seeks to conserve, improve, and promote the Oconee Rivers Greenway in Athens-Clarke County, Georgia for the benefit of Athens residents and visitors.



Hello, we're Friends of the Greenway

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CONTEXT

The Greenway and Firefly Trails are our low-stress transportation networks...

FIREFLY TRAIL



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Connector Trail, which leads to...





GREENWAY

This is a trail crossing.



GREENWAY

A paved path through a park with people walking and a dog.

GREENWAY

GREENWAY



CONTEXT

The Greenway and Firefly Trails are our low-stress transportation networks...

...but there's a problem.

GREENWAY





This intersection is part of our
low-stress trail network.





RaceTrac

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ROAD
CLOSED



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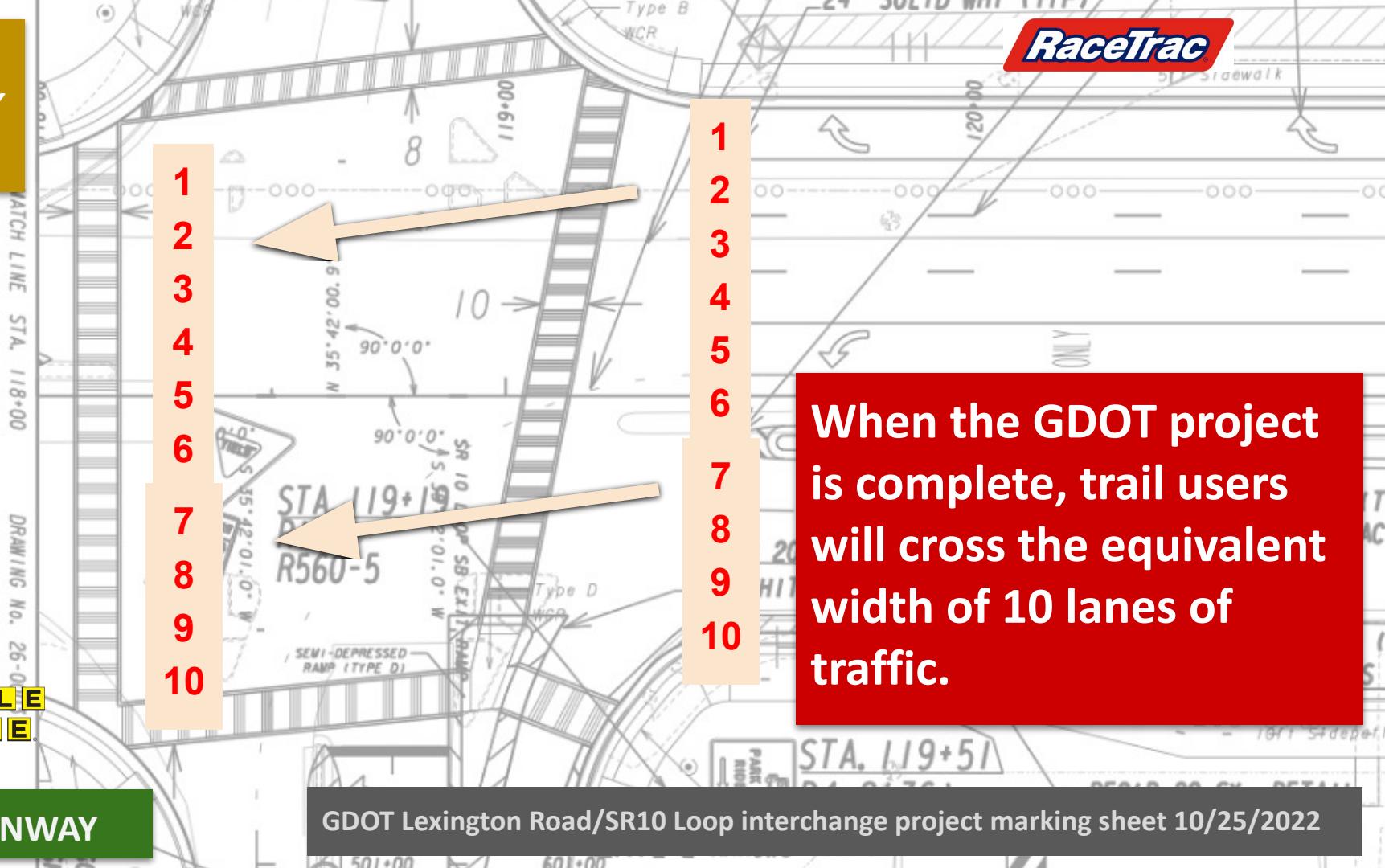


Before GDOT construction

To the
**FIREFLY
TRAIL**

**WAFFLE
HOUSE**

GREENWAY



1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10

**When the GDOT project
is complete, trail users
will cross the equivalent
width of 10 lanes of
traffic.**

OCONEE STREET

*When construction of the Lexington Interchange GDOT project is complete, people will have to cross the equivalent of **10 lanes of traffic** to continue on our low-stress trail network.*

HOW DO WE FIX THIS?

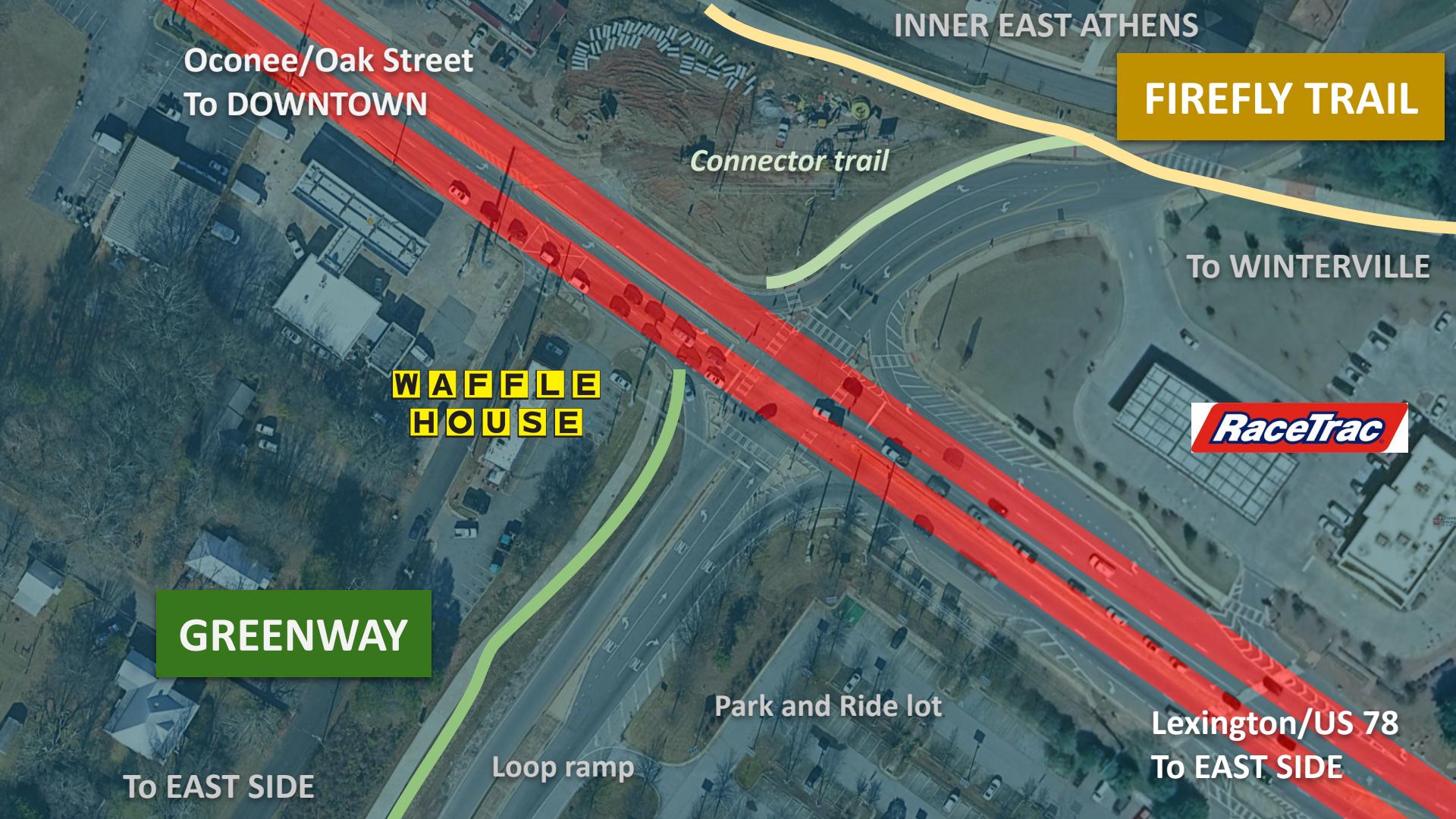
BUILD A BRIDGE





Oconee/Oak Street
To DOWNTOWN

Lexington/US 78
To EAST SIDE



INNER EAST ATHENS

Oconee/Oak Street
To DOWNTOWN

FIREFLY TRAIL

Connector trail

To WINTERVILLE

GREENWAY

WAFFLE
HOUSE

RaceTrac

To EAST SIDE

Loop ramp

Park and Ride lot

Lexington/US 78
To EAST SIDE

INNER EAST ATHENS

Oconee/Oak Street
To DOWNTOWN

FIREFLY TRAIL

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WAFFLE
HOUSE

New Bridge
Location

RaceTrac

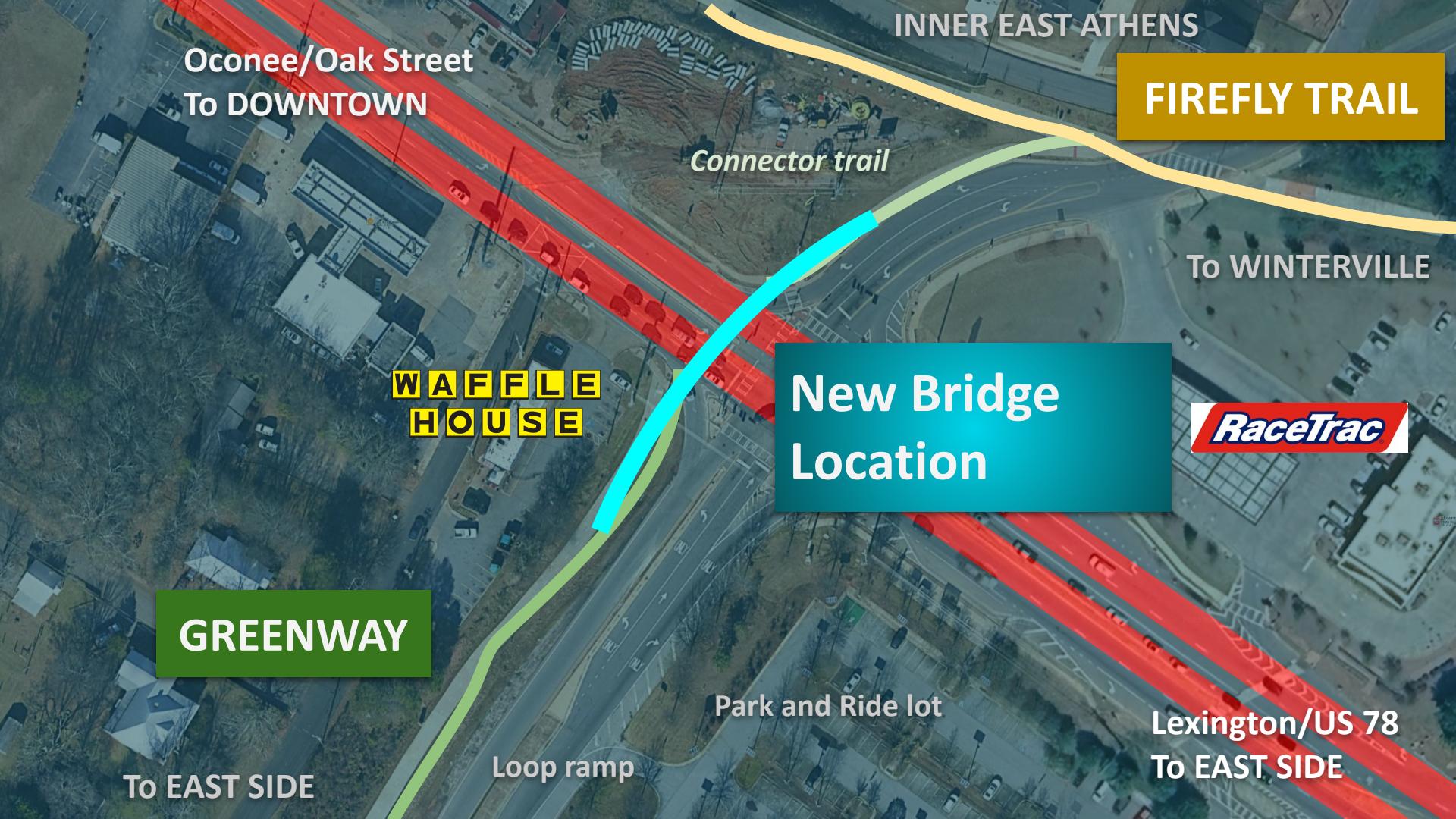
GREENWAY

To EAST SIDE

Loop ramp

*Original proposed
Park and Ride lot
connection*

Lexington/US 78
To EAST SIDE



INNER EAST ATHENS

Oconee/Oak Street
To DOWNTOWN

FIREFLY TRAIL

Connector trail

To WINTERVILLE

WAFFLE
HOUSE

New Bridge
Location

RaceTrac

GREENWAY

To EAST SIDE

Loop ramp

Park and Ride lot

Lexington/US 78
To EAST SIDE

PROJECT STATEMENT

Friends of the Greenway propose a **pedestrian bridge** connecting the Greenway and Firefly Trails over Oconee Street and the Park and Ride. Referenced in the Greenway Network and MTP plans, the county's first pedestrian highway overpass will improve commuting access to UGA and downtown, providing safer crossings for East Side, East Athens and Carr's Hill residents, avoiding six lanes of traffic. It enhances connections to the Firefly Trail, Winterville, and the site of the new East Side Library.



CONNECTIONS

*Winterville, Downtown, East Athens,
Carr's Hill, UGA, new East Side Library*

To DOWNTOWN



UNIVERSITY
OF GEORGIA

Lexington/US78

Barnett Shoals Road

EAST SIDE

To DOWNTOWN

Sanford
Stadium

UNIVERSITY
OF GEORGIA

INNER EAST ATHENS

To WINTERVILLE

GREENWAY

FIREFLY TRAIL

Lexington/US78

Barnett Shoals Road

EAST SIDE

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Stadium

UNIVERSITY
OF GEORGIA

INNER EAST ATHENS

To WINTERVILLE

GREENWAY

New Bridge
Location

EAST SIDE
LIBRARY

FIREFLY TRAIL

EAST SIDE

Lexington/US78

Barnett Shoals Road

GREENWAY



EAST SIDE
LIBRARY

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UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF
ATHENS-CLARKE CO
1030 BARNETT SHOALS RD
Acres: 6.29
Value: \$943,500

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GREENWAY



*site of the
future*
**EAST SIDE
LIBRARY**

SUPPORTED BY



Greenway Commission, Firefly Trail, Inc., and BikeAthens

MASTER PLANS

*Featured in the
Greenway Network Plan
And the MACORTS MTP 2050 plan*

WE CAN DO THIS!

*Example pedestrian bridges
over wide roadways*



Oconee Street Trail Bridge Resources

- Link to Google doc with example bridges, maps, articles and other resources
- Use QR code or shortened tinyurl



<https://tinyurl.com/oconee-bridge-resources>



Pinellas Trail, Florida

45-mile rail trail with 10 ped. bridges and 3 underpasses



LINC Bridge over 1-85, Newnan GA

Phase 2 of Newnan LINC trail completed in 2020



Bridgeway Bridge over I-385, Mauldin SC

\$5 million Swamp Rabbit connector bridge



Haywood Rd. Bridge, near Greenville, SC

One of two new Swamp Rabbit bridges totalling \$6.4 million



Firefly Trail on-ramp bridge, Athens, GA

We built the bridge ahead of GDOT building the on-ramp.



Trail Creek Trestle, Athens GA

Three-bridges-in-one, completed in April 2023, ~\$8 million.



LET'S FIX THIS



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