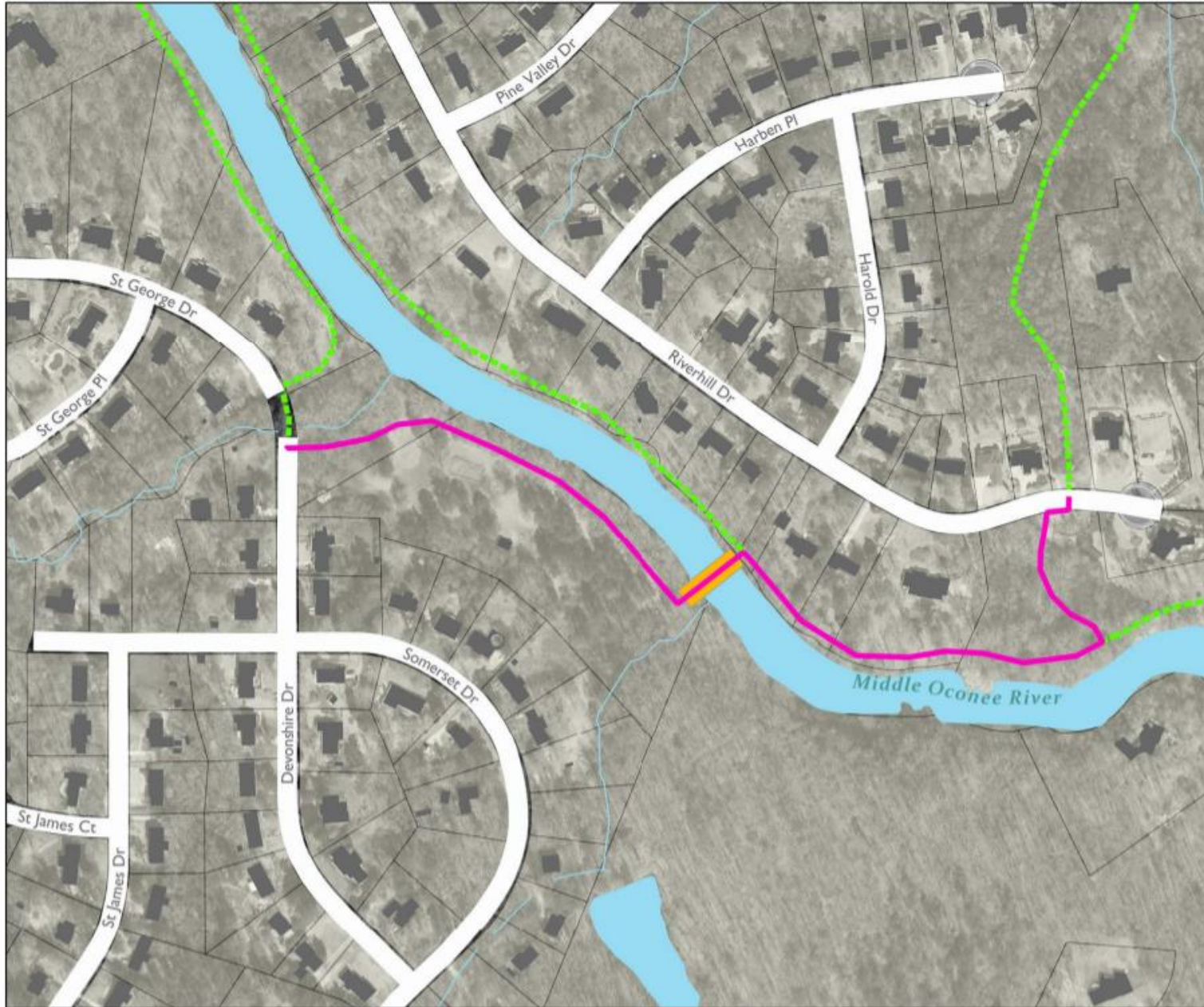




Multi-Use Trail Middle Oconee River Bridge

TSPLOST 2023 Project Submission





Location Map





Legend




Proposed TSPLOST Improvements

-  Multi-Use Trail
-  Middle Oconee River Bridge

Hydrology

-  Surface Water
-  Stream

Infrastructure

-  Proposed Greenway Trail
-  Buildings
-  Parcels



Timothy/West Lake Multi-Use Path & Middle Oconee Bridge

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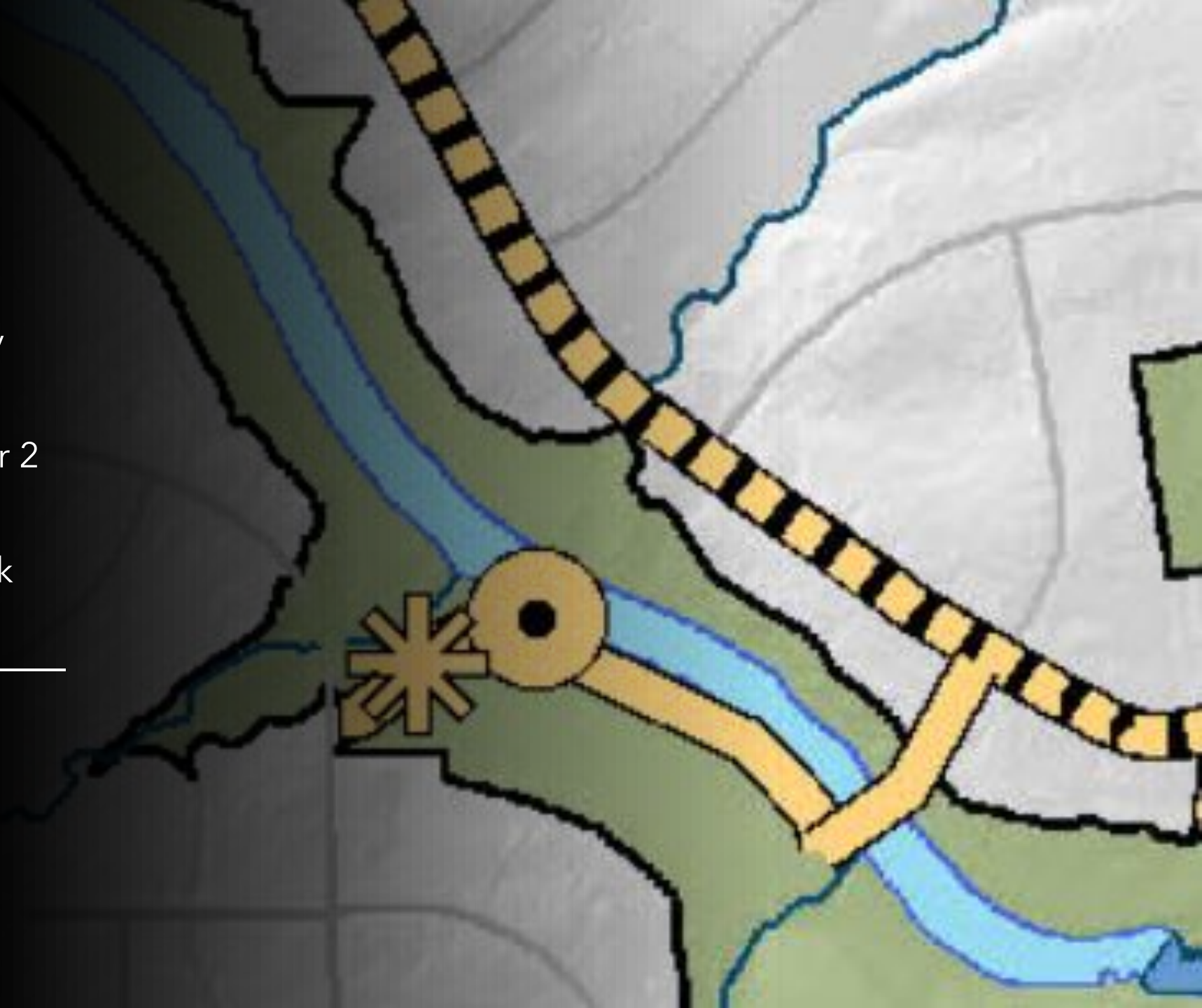
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The need for this project is included in the:

MACORTS Project P-37 Timothy Road Corridor plan

Athens In Motion Tier 1 and Tier 2 (Project 89) plan

Greenway Commission Network Plan



Checks all the boxes

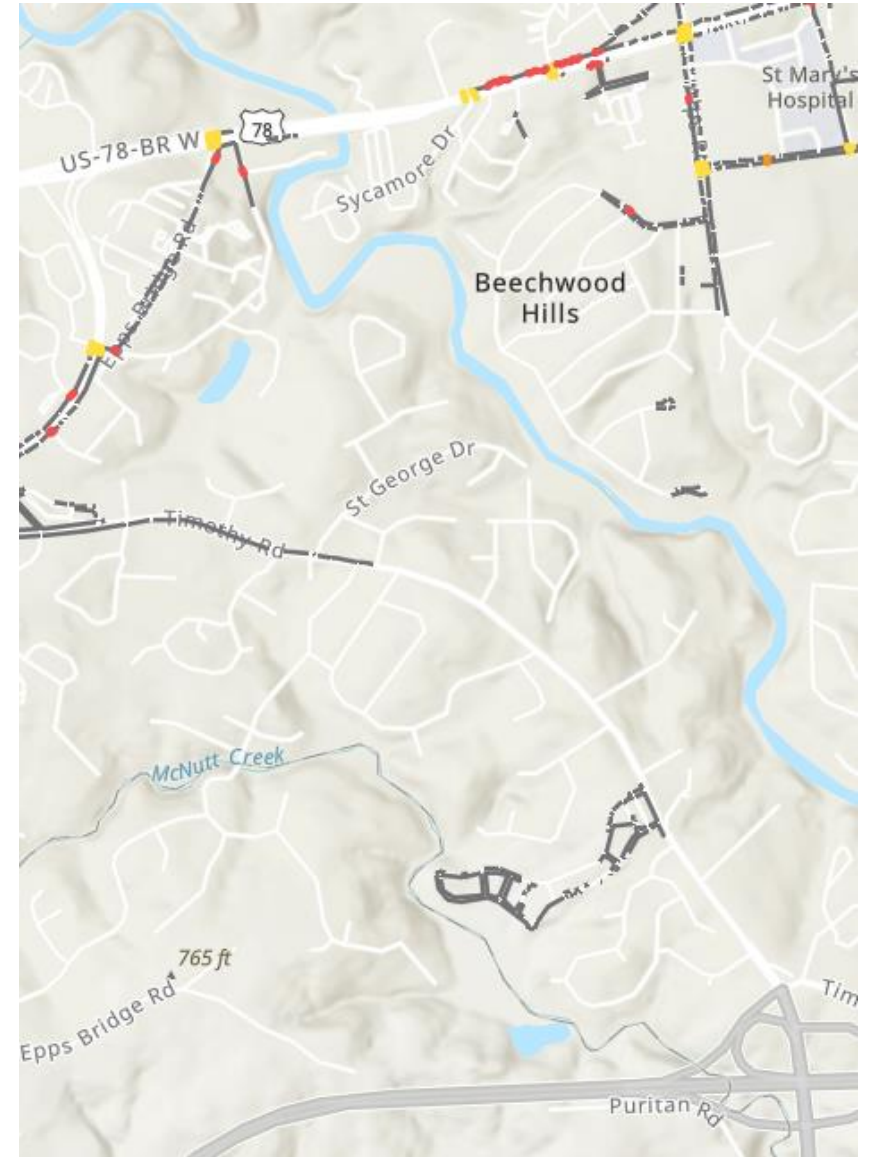
- ✓ Promotes the Goal of Improving Equitability of Capital Improvements throughout the Community
- ✓ Protects the community's Existing Transportation Infrastructure Investments
- ✓ Reduces Pavement Maintenance deficit
- ✓ Promotes the Upgrade and Continued Use of Alternative Transportation Facilities
- ✓ Promotes Increased Access to existing public facilities
- ✓ Promotes Increased Usage of the Transit System, including improving Pedestrian access to Transit Facilities
- ✓ Increases Capital for Transit services or expands the Transit System
- ✓ Maintains or Improves Air Quality
- ✓ Reduces Vehicle Miles Traveled and Traffic Congestion
- ✓ Reduces time spent Traveling in Vehicles
- ✓ Continues TSP/OST 2018 Corridor Improvements or transportation related safety improvements
- ✓ Promotes Health and Safety by increasing access to Bike and Pedestrian infrastructure
- ✓ Continues Sidewalk & Multi-Use Trail Construction
- ✓ Implements components of an updated Greenway Network Plan

This Project promotes the
Goal of improving
Equitability of capital
improvements throughout
the community.

It provides:
Geographic
Equity and
Demographic
Equity

Geographic Equity

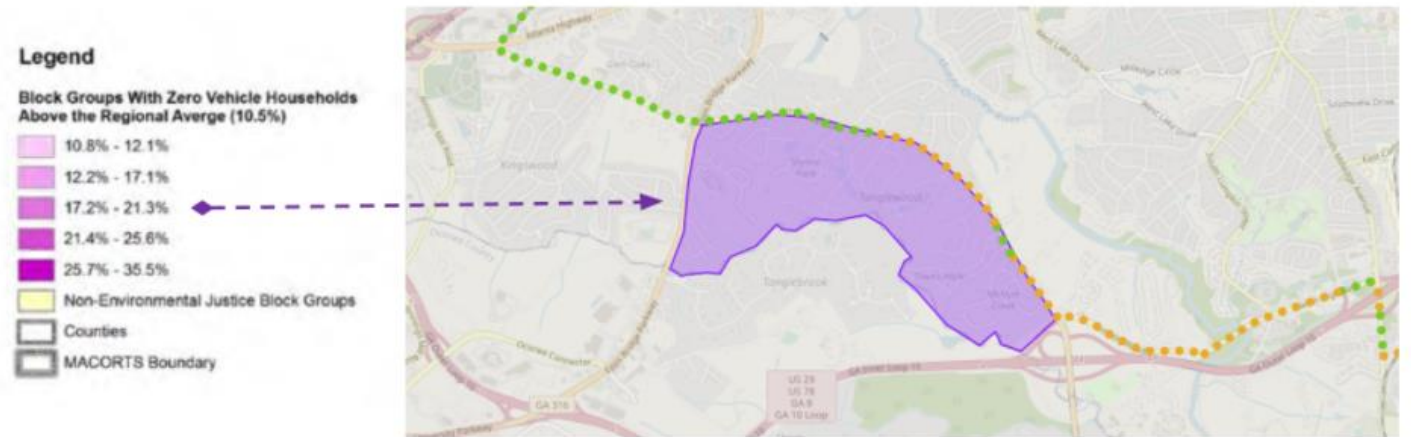
- **No benefits of SPLOST or TSPLOST have been realized by this part of Athens.**
- Much of the Timothy Rd and West Lake Rd residential corridors are currently auto-dependent.
- There is no bus service available for over 3.5 of the 4.1 miles of Timothy Road and none on Westlake at all.
- Little in the way of capital improvement besides general pavement maintenance have occurred in this area.



Demographic Equity

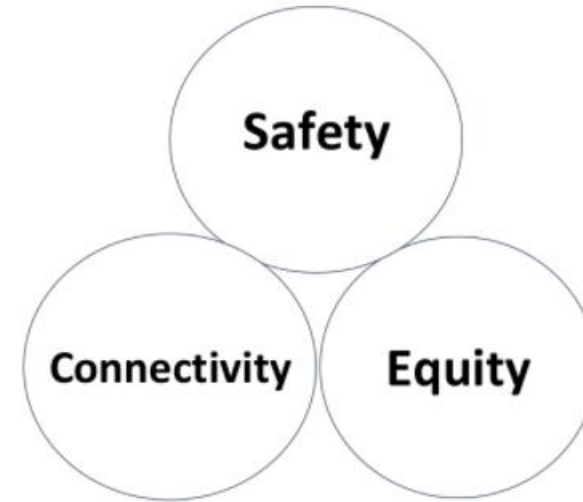
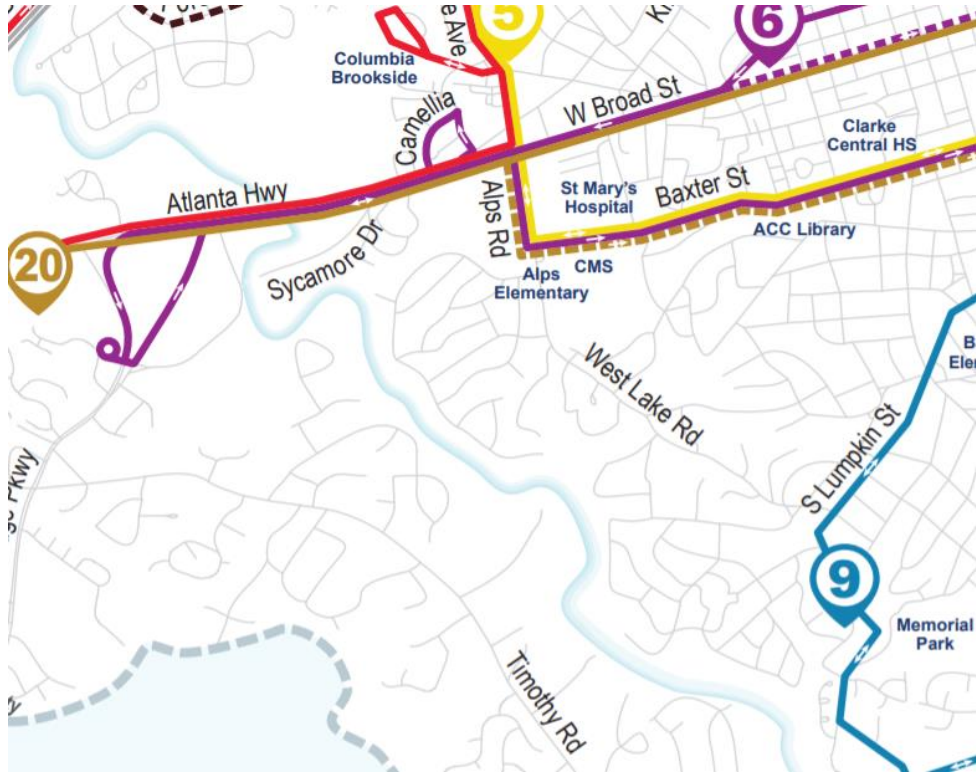
- According to the 2016 Census data used by the MACORTS study:
- Neighborhoods on Timothy Rd, contain a significantly higher than average percentage of residents of Black, Asian, Hispanic, Disabled, Elderly and poor and/or "zero-vehicle" families.
- The "disabled" percentage is over twice the regional average.
- Families on the Timothy Road side of the river have no safe way for their children to get to their middle or high school except by car or school bus.

MACORTS 2045 FIGURE 13. ZERO VEHICLE HOUSEHOLDS ABOVE REGIONAL AVERAGE



This Project promotes increased usage of the Transit System, including improving Pedestrian access to Transit Facilities.

Historic inequity, has led to a lack of access

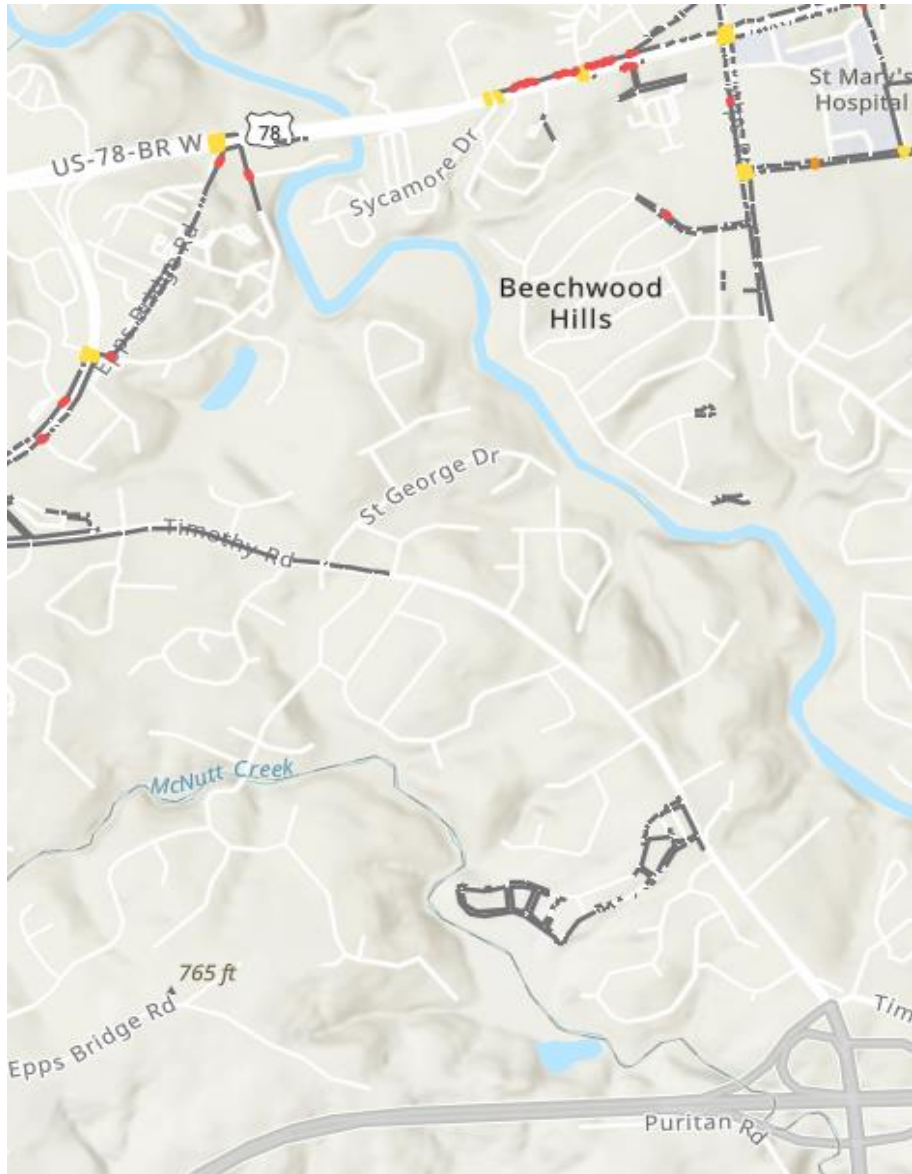


4,000 residents of the Timothy Rd corridor gain access to public options

On the West Lake side of the bridge, there are three bus routes that pass the Beechwood Shopping Center. This could allow people from Timothy to walk/ride to that area and continue on safely by bus.

This Project protects the
community's existing
Transportation
Infrastructure Investments

Fewer cars on
the road and
promotes in
County
shopping



Currently there is no safe option in Athens for crossing to the more service areas to the east (and vice versa) except by motorized conveyance.



By providing a pedestrian biking option you would decrease the auto-centric nature of this area and reap all the benefits



Less cars on the road and less road maintenance needs



Safer roads



Less air pollution



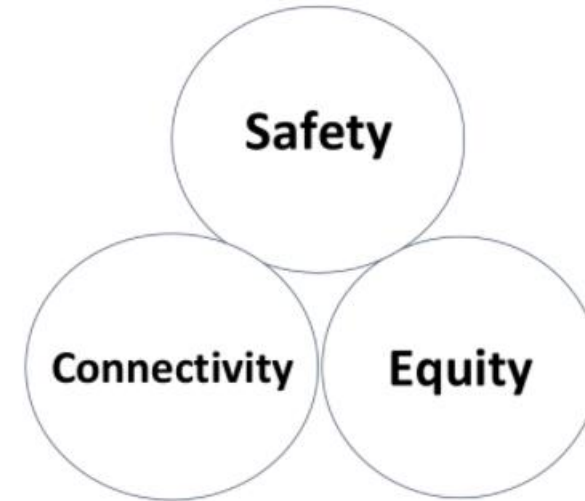
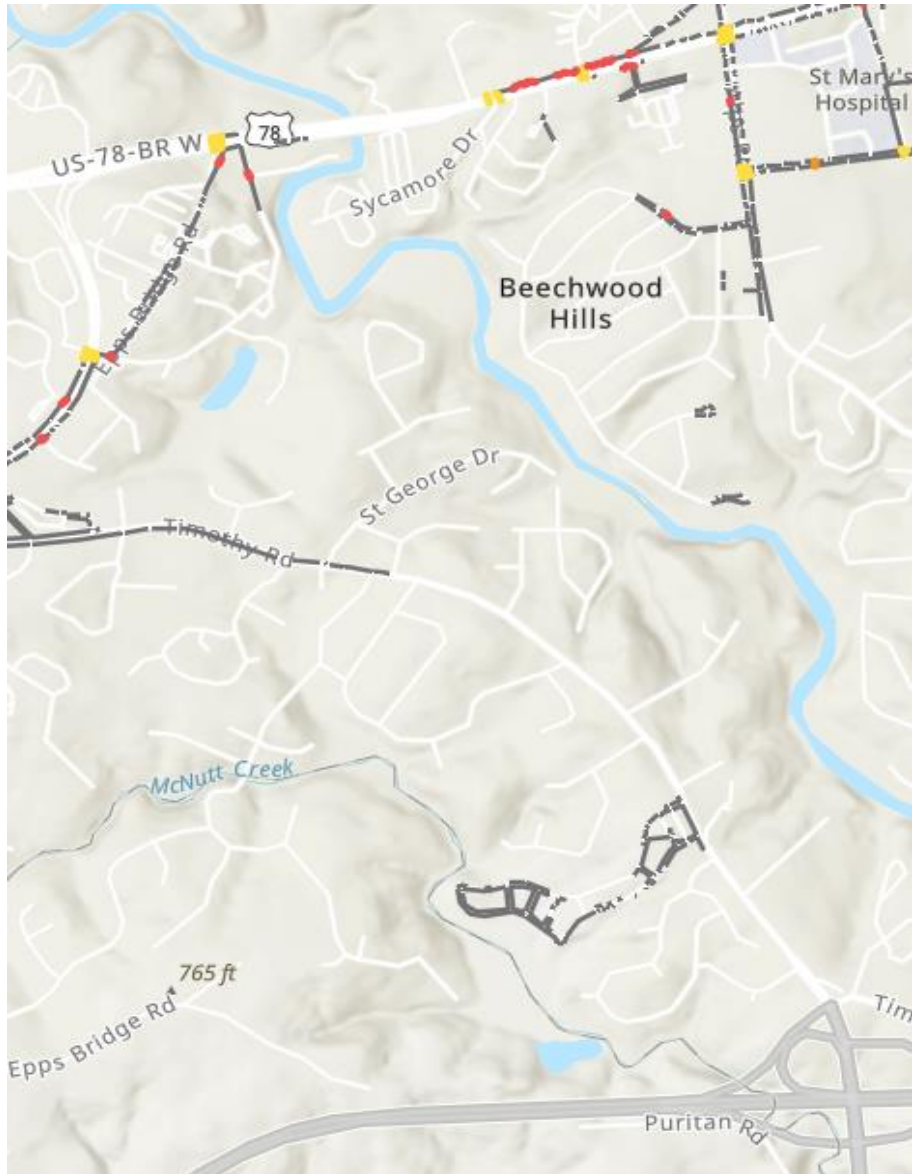
Provides opportunity for students to walk or bike to school



Easily access intown shopping/dining, instead of choosing to drive to the Oconee options on Epps Bridge.

This Project reduces
Pavement Maintenance
deficit.

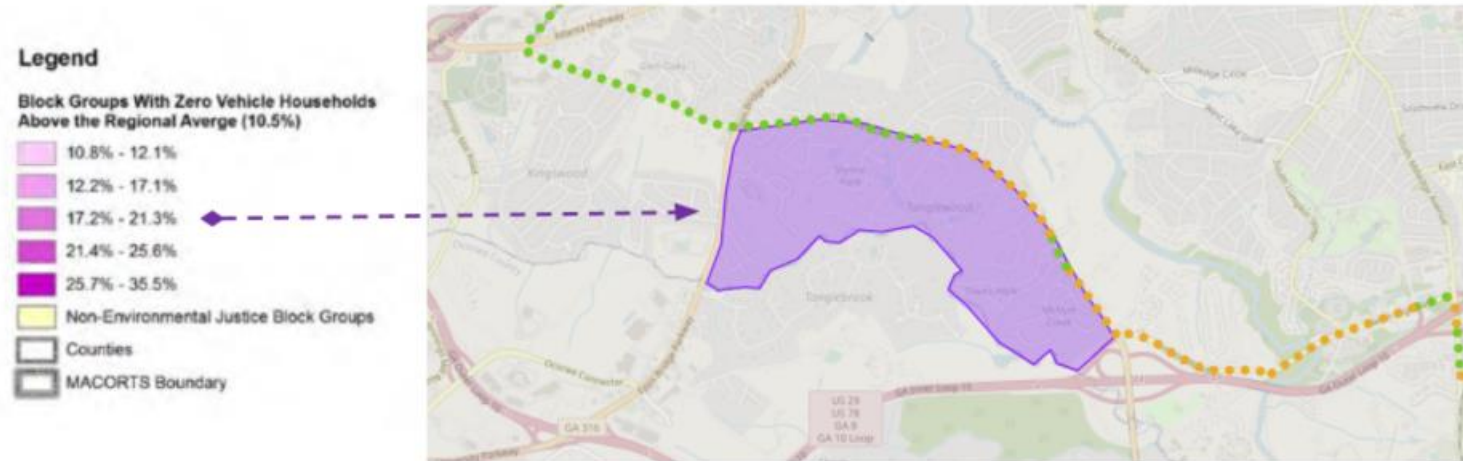
Fewer cars on
the road



By allowing citizens an option to walk/bike to their activities of daily living instead of requiring motorized conveyance, you reduce the number of vehicles on the road and thereby aid in pavement longevity

This Project promotes the
upgrade and continued
use of Alternative
Transportation Facilities.

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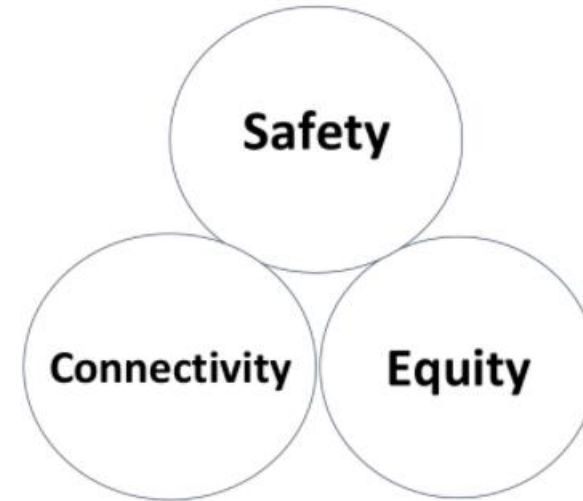
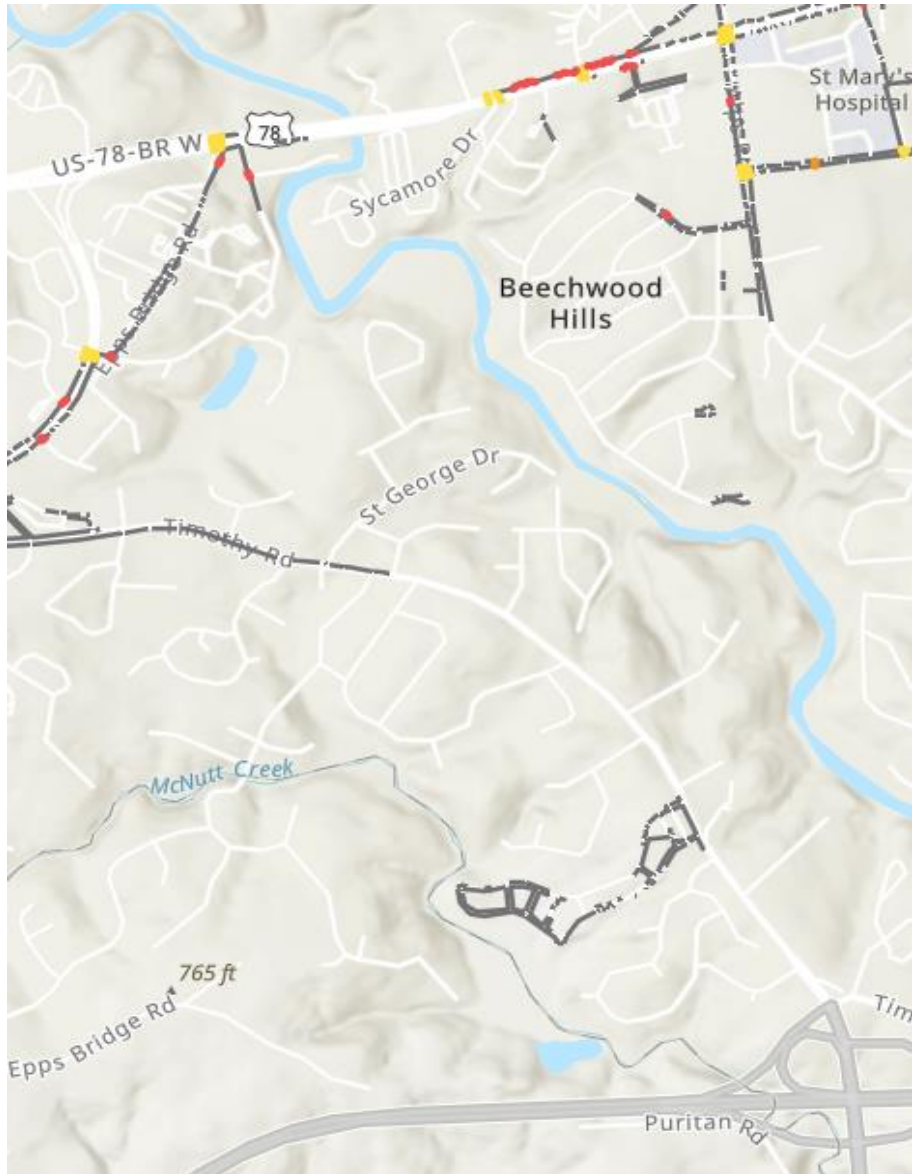
This area has geographic inequity that blocks the ability to use alternative transportation

People who live west of the Middle Oconee River cannot bike because there is no safe way.

With the high number of residents without cars in this area access is needed to Alternative Transportation Facilities.

This Project
promotes
increased access
to existing public
facilities.

Historic inequity,
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4,000 residents of the Timothy Rd corridor gain access public options across the river such as the ACC Public Library, and their middle and senior high schools.

It would provide the ability to avoid riding on a major arterial such as the ATL Hwy.

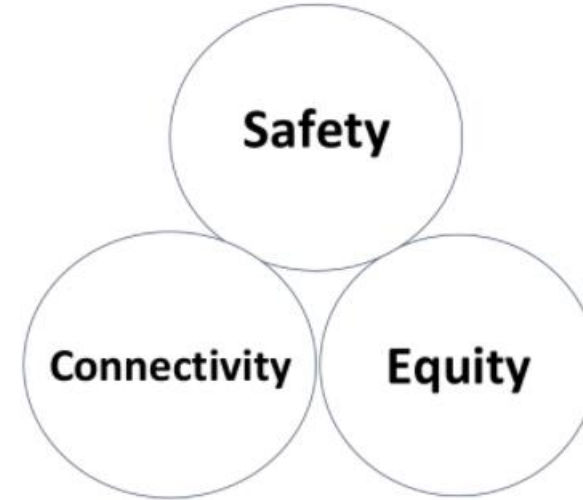
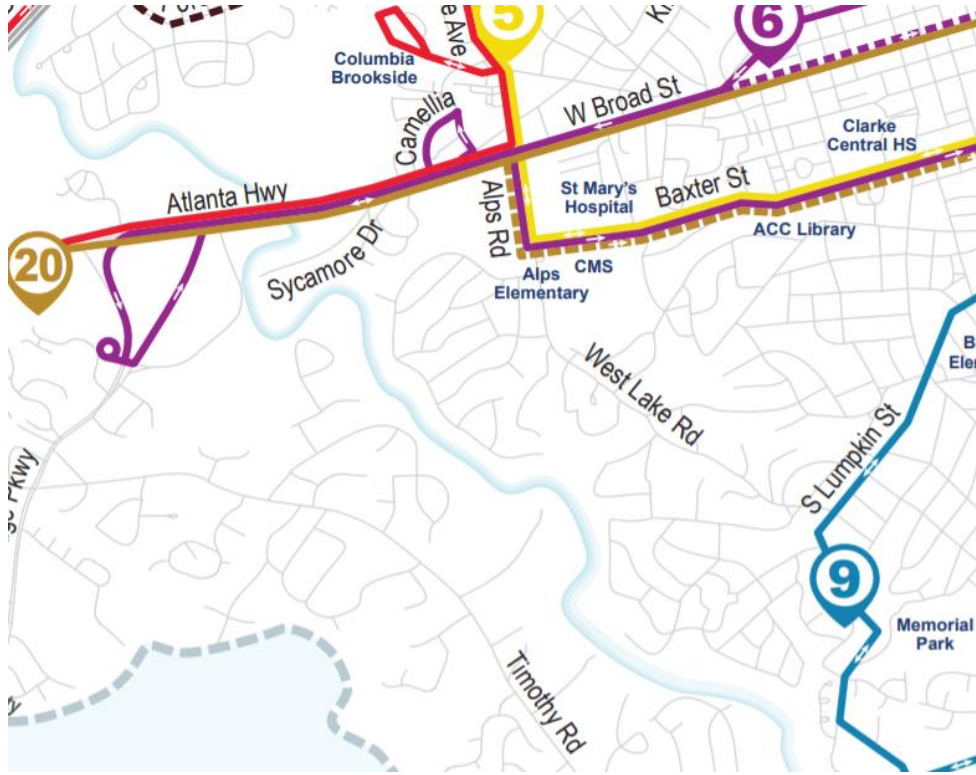
There are five major churches off Timothy which could also benefit by allowing their members East of the Middle Oconee to walk/bike to services.

This Project maintains
or improves air quality.

Fewer cars, less
pollution

This Project reduces
vehicle miles traveled
and traffic congestion.

Fewer cars and
more access to
bus routes



4,000 residents of the Timothy Rd corridor gain access to bus routes!

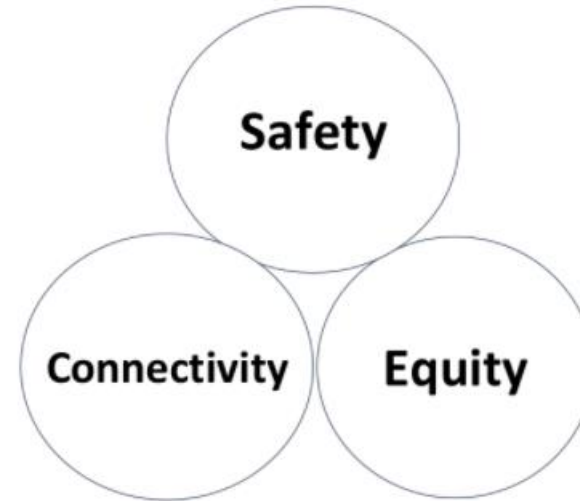
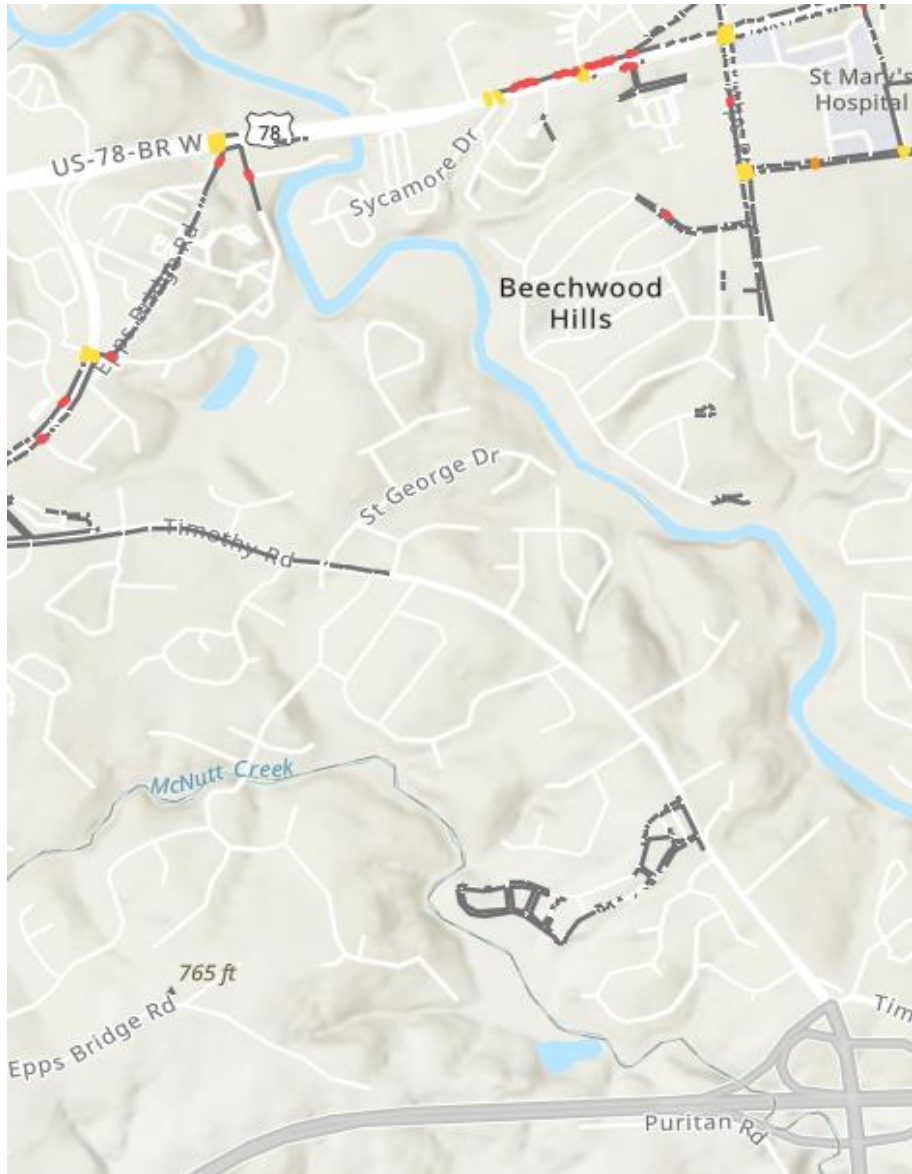
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AND SOMEWHERE TO BIKE TO!





Providing a walking/biking you lessen the automotive footprint.

Turns a five mile drive into a short walk/bike from one neighborhood, over a bridge, to another.

Lowers traffic congestion on Timothy Rd, Epps Bridge, the Atlanta Hwy, Hawthorne Ave, Macon Hwy, West Lake Dr, and Baxter St.

This Project continues
TSPLOST 2018
Corridor Improvements
or transportation
related safety
improvements.

ATL Hwy
Corridor
Improvements
AND
Oconee Rivers
Greenway
TSPLOST 2018
projects.

This Project promotes
Health and Safety

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AND
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Timothy road wreck

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Oconee man killed in wreck on Timothy Road in Athens

Sep 18, 2020 — An Oconee County resident was killed in a one-vehicle **crash** Wednesday night on **Timothy Road**, according to Athens-Clarke police.

<https://www.wgauradio.com> > news > local > area-briefs...

Update: Timothy Road crash victim identified - WGAU Radio

Sep 17, 2020 — A 40 year-old Oconee County man was killed in a Wednesday night **crash** on **Timothy Road** in Athens. He is identified this morning as Jamie ...

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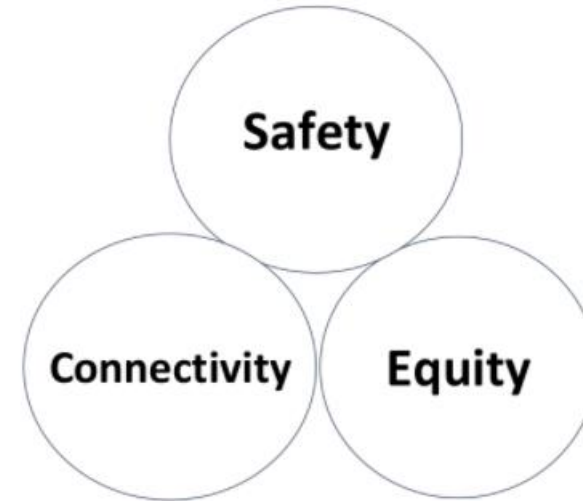
Messages from Athens-Clarke County Police Department - Nixle

Crash Timothy Rd entrance to the outer loop has been cleared [More »](#). Advisory: Entered: 1 day, 16 hours ago. **Crash** - Atlanta Hwy at Cleveland Rd has been ...

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UGA Student Tragically Killed in Wreck on Timothy Rd. in ...

Oct 23, 2019 — The accident happened in the early morning at the location of the exit ramp to **Timothy Road** from the Loop. The Athens-Clarke County Police ...



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This Project continues
Sidewalk & Multi-Use Trail
construction.

Helps to
resolve
historical
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inequality

There are other proposals in place for extending the ACC sidewalk/bike system on Timothy Rd. This bridge would further enhance the value of those options.

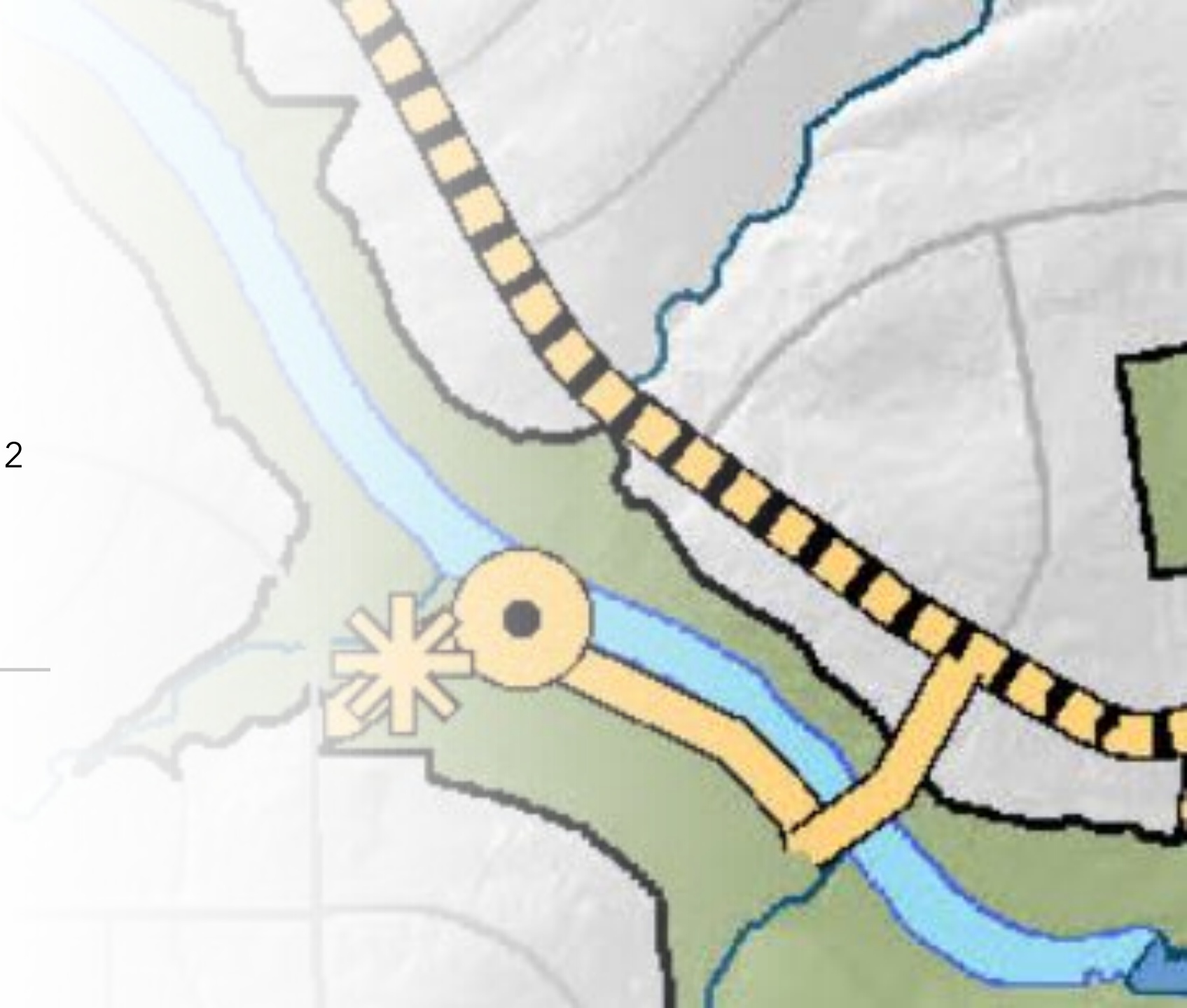


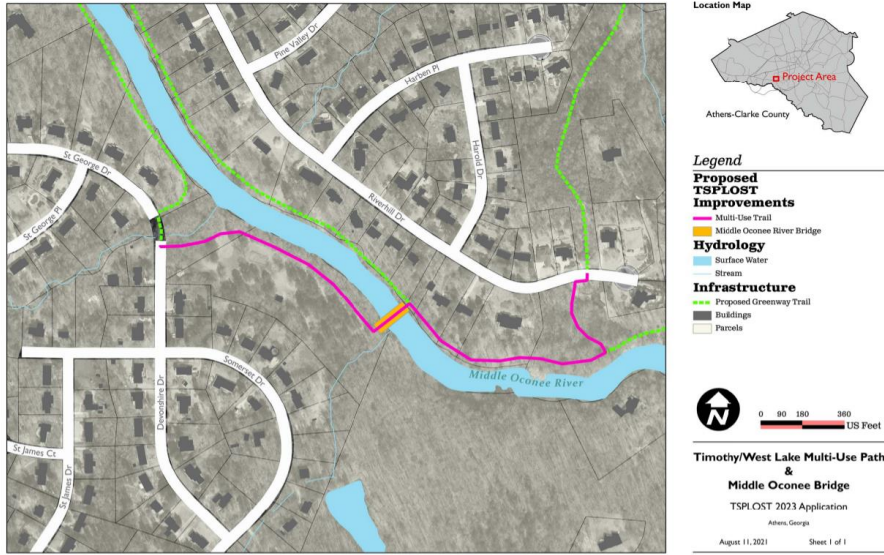
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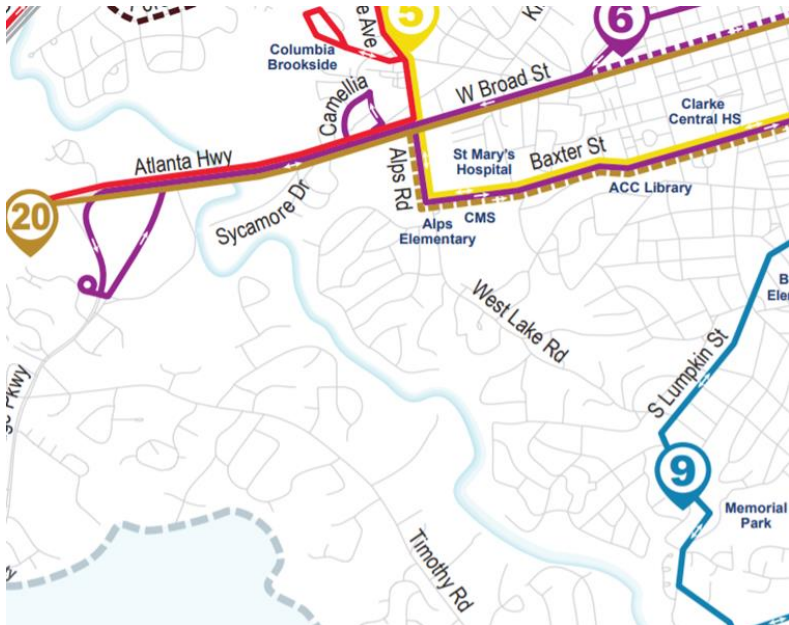
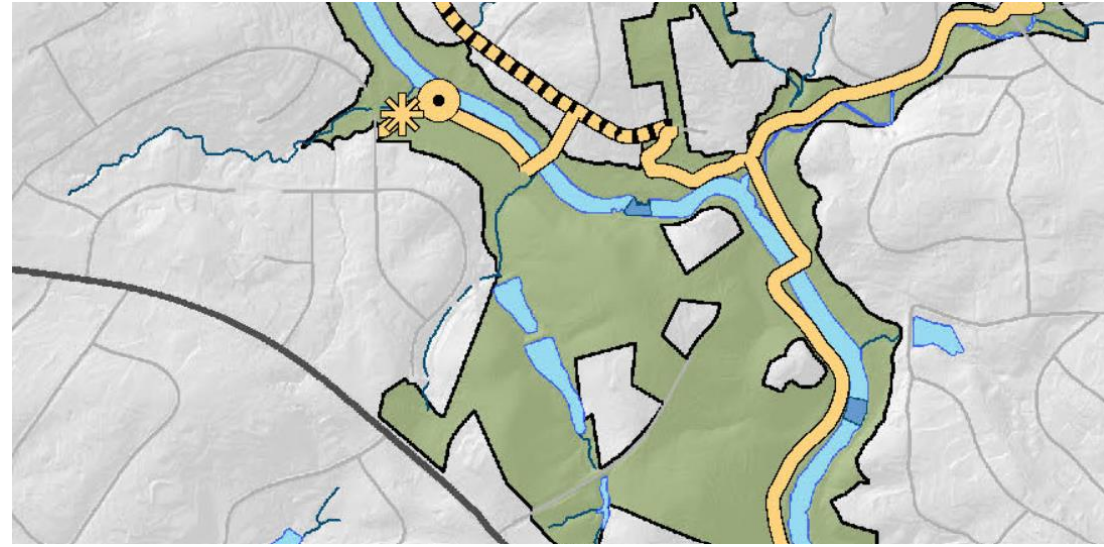
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Greenway Commission Network Plan





Thank You



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FIGURE 13. ZERO VEHICLE HOUSEHOLDS ABOVE REGIONAL AVERAGE

Legend

Block Groups With Zero Vehicle Households Above the Regional Average (10.5%)

- 10.8% - 12.1%
- 12.2% - 17.1%
- 17.2% - 21.3%
- 21.4% - 25.6%
- 25.7% - 35.5%
- Non-Environmental Justice Block Groups
- Counties
- MACORTS Boundary

