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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

**General Program Goal:** Social Well-Being

**Previously Submitted and Rejected:** No

**Continuation Project:** No

**Project Total Cost:** \$ 991,000

**Total Annual Operating Cost:** \$ 3,000

**Abbreviated - Project Description:** Construction of improvements to pedestrian accessibility and safety for the East Athens Neighborhood community, including, but not limited to, sidewalks, accessibility ramps, striped crosswalks, improved drainage inlets, trashcans, stop bars, and improved street lighting. Work to be done at the following locations McKinley Drive, E. Carver St, Moreland Ave, Baker St, Warren St, Simon St, E. Broad St, and others.

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**Project Location/Address:** McKinley Dr, Fairview St, Warren St, Simon St

**Is the Site currently owned by the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County?** Yes

**Is the Site within State Highway Rights-of-Way?** No

**Site Specific Information:** See Project/Program Description, for locations.

**Does this Project require the acquisition of any land rights, whether existing sites, new site, easements, or Rights-of-Way?** Yes

**Project/Program Description:**

- McKinley Drive - Connect existing sidewalks via accessibility ramps and crosswalks to adjacent street sidewalks at E. Carver St, Moreland Ave, Baker Street and Warren Street. Improved street lighting for pedestrian safety. Include trash receptacles.
- Fairview Street - Add sidewalk along Fairview Drive, from N. Peter Street to East Athens Police Precinct, install accessibility ramps, and crosswalks. Improved street lighting for pedestrian safety. Include trash receptacles. Approximately 1,600 linear feet of 5-foot-wide sidewalk.
- Warren Street - Add sidewalks along Warren Street from Vine Street to McKinley Drive, install accessibility ramps, and crosswalks. Provide pedestrian connectivity to East Athens Community Center, Dance Center and Athens Neighborhood Health Clinic. Include trash receptacles. Approximately 500 linear feet of 5-foot-wide sidewalk.
- Simon Street - Add sidewalk along Simon Street, from E. Broad Street to Branch Street, install accessibility ramps and crosswalks. Improved street lighting for pedestrian safety. Include trash receptacles. Approximately 650 linear feet of 5-foot-wide sidewalk.

**Project Mission Statement/Selection Criteria:** Improve pedestrian accessibility and safety for the East Athens Neighborhood community.

**How is this Project recommended/included in any approved ACCGov Land Use Plan, Master Plan, Corridor Study, or Service Delivery Plan?** N/A

**How is this Project included in the Madison Athens-Clarke County Oconee Regional Transportation Study (MACORTS) long-range Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)?** N/A

## **PROJECT JUSTIFICATION**

**How will the Project meet one or more of the Selection Criteria?**

**Promotes the Goal of improving Equitability of capital improvements throughout the Community:** The proposed improvements are located in the East Athens Neighborhood, a traditional underserved area of town.

**Protects the community's existing Transportation Infrastructure Investments:** These projects improve the condition of existing infrastructure, encourages alternative modes of transportation and there by protects the community's existing infrastructure investments.

**Promotes the Upgrade and Continued Use of Alternative Transportation Facilities:** These projects directly promote pedestrian and transit modes of transportation by providing safe access to sidewalks and interconnectivity between community centers and residents.

**Promotes increased access to existing public facilities:** These projects directly promote pedestrian access to existing public facilities, including but not limited to access to the East Athens Community Center (soon to be Aaron Heard Park and Community Center), Athens Neighborhood Health Clinic, East Athens Educational Dance Center, Virginia Callaway-Cofer Walker Park and the East Athens Police Precinct.

**Promotes increased usage of the Transit System, including improving Pedestrian access to Transit Facilities:** These projects directly promote increased usage of the Transit System by including direct and safe pedestrian access to existing transit facilities.

**Maintains or Improves Air Quality:** These projects promote increased pedestrian and transit modes of transportation, thereby reducing vehicular traffic and CO2 emissions.

**Reduces vehicle miles traveled and traffic congestion:** These projects promote increased pedestrian and transit modes of transportation, thereby reducing vehicular traffic.

**Reduces time spent traveling in vehicles:** These projects promote increased pedestrian and transit modes of transportation, thereby reducing vehicular traffic.

**Promotes Health and Safety:** These projects promote pedestrian modes of transportation and improve both pedestrian and vehicular access at the intersections listed.

**Continues Sidewalk & Multi-Use Trail construction:** These projects promote safer interconnectivity between existing sections of sidewalks, that are otherwise disconnected due to a lack of safe pedestrian crossings at the listed intersections.

### Triple Bottom Line Impacts

**Positive Benefits for the Economic Prosperity of Athens-Clarke County:** These projects provide improved and safer access to educational, recreational, and health services for an underserved area of the community thereby promoting improved economic opportunities for the citizens served by these improvements.

**Detrimental Impacts to the Economic Prosperity of Athens-Clarke County:** None

**Positive Benefits for the Social Well-Being of our Residents and visitors:** These projects provide improved and safer access to educational, recreational, and health services for an underserved area of the community thereby promoting improved economic opportunities for the citizens served by these improvements.

**Detrimental Impacts for the Social Well-Being of our Residents and visitors:** None

**Positive Impacts on the Environment:** These projects promote alternative modes of transportation, thereby reducing vehicular modes of transportation and reducing CO2 emissions.

**Detrimental Impacts on the Environment:** None

**Positive/Negative Impacts on ACCGov Departments, Agencies, or other Organizations, if not covered in one of the above questions:** Positive Impacts - These proposed improvements improve access to public facilities and improve safety of existing transportation systems.

## Project Costs

**Detailed project capital budget costs (to be funded from TSPLOST 2023 only):**

Project Costs (round to thousand)	Amount
1. Land Acquisition / ROW / Easement:	\$ 100,000
2. Design Fees: (Min.12% of New Const.; 14% of reno,; 16% for LEED proj.)	\$ 66,000
3. Miscellaneous Fees: (Min. Minimum of 3% of Construction Costs – used for permitting, etc. Utilize minimum of 10% if land acquisition if necessary.)	\$ 55,000
4. Construction:	\$ 550,000
5. Construction Contingency: (10% of the Construction line item)	\$ 55,000
6. Acquisition of Capital Equipment	\$ -
7. Testing:	\$ 17,000
8. Project Management: (4% of the total budget line items above)	\$ 34,000
9. Project Contingency: (10% of the total budget line items above)	\$ 88,000
10. Public Art: Calculated at 1% of the Construction line item.	\$ 6,000
11. Other 1:	\$
12. Other 2:	\$
<b>Project Subtotal:</b>	\$ 971,000
14. Program Management (2% of Project Subtotal):	\$ 20,000
<b>TSPLOST 2023 Project Total:</b>	<b>\$ 991,000</b>

**Attachments:**

[Attachment 1 - Cost Estimate](#)

## 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 (Streetlights):	1,000
• Water:	
• Sewer:	
• Phone:	
• Solid Waste Collection:	1,000
• Other:	
3. Operating Supplies:	
4. Equipment Maintenance:	
5. Facility Maintenance:	
6. Other: Public Art Maintenance	1,000
7. Other:	
8. Other:	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	
<b>NET OPERATING COSTS OF PROJECT:</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>

## Project Financing

Is the proposed Project to receive funding from source(s) other than TSPLOST 2023? No

**Sidewalk and Pedestrian Improvements**

McKinley Drive	\$ 60,000.00
Fairview Street	\$ 300,000.00
Warren Street	\$ 80,000.00
Simmon Street	\$ 110,000.00
Construction Cost	<b>\$ 550,000.00</b>
Right of Way Fees	\$ 100,000.00
Design Fees	\$ 66,000.00
Contingency	\$ 55,000.00
Capital Equipment	\$ -
Testing	\$ 16,500.00
Project Management	\$ 15,750.00
Contingency	\$ 40,950.00
Public Art	\$ 2,350.00
Project Subtotal	<b>\$ 969,320.00</b>
Program Mgmt	\$ 19,386.40
	<b><u>\$ 988,706.40</u></b>