

# **East Athens Neighborhood Sidewalk Improvements**

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TSPLOST 2023 – Project No. 37

# Project Scope

Improve pedestrian access, safety, and connectivity at the following locations:

- McKinley Drive @ E. Carver St, Moreland, Ave, Baker St, and Warren St
  - Fairview Street from N. Peter St to East Athens Police Precinct
  - Warren Street from Vine St to McKinley Dr with improved connectivity to East Athens Community Center, Dance Center and Neighborhood Health Clinic
  - Simmons Street from E. Broad St to Branch St
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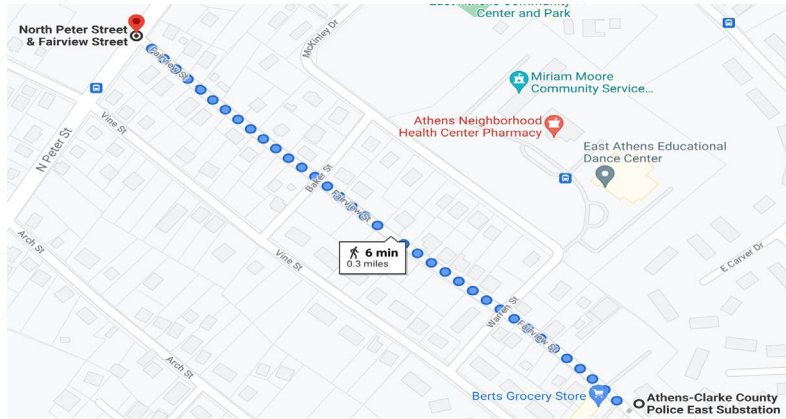
# McKinley Drive



- Connect existing sidewalks via accessibility ramps and crosswalks to adjacent street sidewalks at E. Carver St, Moreland Ave, Baker Street and Warren Street.
- Improve street lighting for pedestrian safety.
- Include trash receptacles.
- Project not included in Athens In Motion or Greenway Network Plan



# Fairview Street



- Add sidewalk along Fairview Street, from N. Peter Street to East Athens Police Precinct; approximately 1,600 linear feet of 5-foot-wide sidewalk
- Install accessibility ramps, and crosswalks
- Improve street lighting for pedestrian safety
- Include trash receptacles.
- Project not included in Athens In Motion or Greenway Network Plan



# Warren Street



- Add sidewalks along Warren Street from Vine Street to McKinley Drive; approximately 500 linear feet of 5-foot-wide sidewalk
- Install accessibility ramps, and crosswalks.
- Provide pedestrian connectivity to East Athens Community Center, Dance Center, and Athens Neighborhood Health Clinic.
- Include trash receptacles.
- Project not included in Athens In Motion or Greenway Network Plan



# Simmons Street



- Add sidewalk along Simmons Street, from E. Broad Street to Branch Street; approximately 650 linear feet of 5-foot-wide sidewalk
- Install accessibility ramps and crosswalks.
- Improve street lighting for pedestrian safety.
- Include trash receptacles.
- Project not included in Athens In Motion or Greenway Network Plan

# **In what specific ways will this project “Close the Equity Gap” in Athens-Clarke County, by improving the Equitability of Capital Improvements throughout the entire community?**

The project provides capital improvements to the East Athens Neighborhood, a traditionally underserved area of our community.

- The project invests in infrastructure improvements that address accessibility issues and gaps in connectivity within the neighborhood.
  - The project invests in infrastructure improvements that address health and safety concerns of existing conditions.
  - The project invests in infrastructure that will greatly improve residents' access to community facilities and resources and commercial centers.
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# How will this project address one or more of the Mayor and Commission approved Strategic Commitments and Project Selection Criteria?

- **Protects the community's existing Transportation Infrastructure Investments** by making improvements to existing infrastructure and adding new infrastructure, creating connectivity and encouraging increased use.
- **Promotes the upgrade and continued use of Alternative Transportation Facilities, including increased usage of the Transit System and improvements to Pedestrian access to Transit Facilities** by providing safe access to sidewalks, interconnectivity between community centers and residents, and direct and safe access to existing transit facilities.
- **Promotes increased access to existing public facilities** by greatly improving the safety, availability, and connectivity of the pedestrian network related to public facilities, including but not limited to the East Athens Community Center, Athens Neighborhood Health Clinic, East Athens Educational Dance Center, Virginia Callaway-Cofer Walker Park, and the East Athens Police Precinct.

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# How will this project address one or more of the Mayor and Commission approved Strategic Commitments and Project Selection Criteria?

- **Maintains or Improves air quality, reduces vehicle miles traveled and traffic congestion, and reduces time spent traveling in vehicles** by promoting increased pedestrian and transit modes of transportation, thereby reducing vehicular traffic and CO2 emissions.
  - **Continues TSPLOST 2018 Corridor Improvements or transportation related safety improvements** as two of the projects listed are located along the Lexington Road Corridor and encourage walkability and pedestrian access to existing transit stops.
  - **Promotes Health and Safety** by promoting pedestrian modes of transportation, and thus active mobility, and improving safety for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic at the intersections listed.
  - **Continues Sidewalk & Multi-Use Trail construction** by promoting safer interconnectivity between existing sections of sidewalks that are otherwise disconnected due to a lack of safe pedestrian crossings at the listed intersections.
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# What aspects of this project will focus on improving the “Triple Bottom Line” (Impact on Economic Prosperity, Social Well-being, and the Environment)?

- This project positively impacts **Economic Prosperity** and **Social Well-being** by providing 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 and improving equitable access to public facilities.
  - This project positively impacts the **Environment** by promoting alternative modes of transportation, thereby reducing the use of vehicular modes of transportation and reducing CO2 emissions.
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## Q&A



Athens Neighborhood Health Clinic

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