

North Athens Neighborhood Intersection and Pedestrian Safety Improvements

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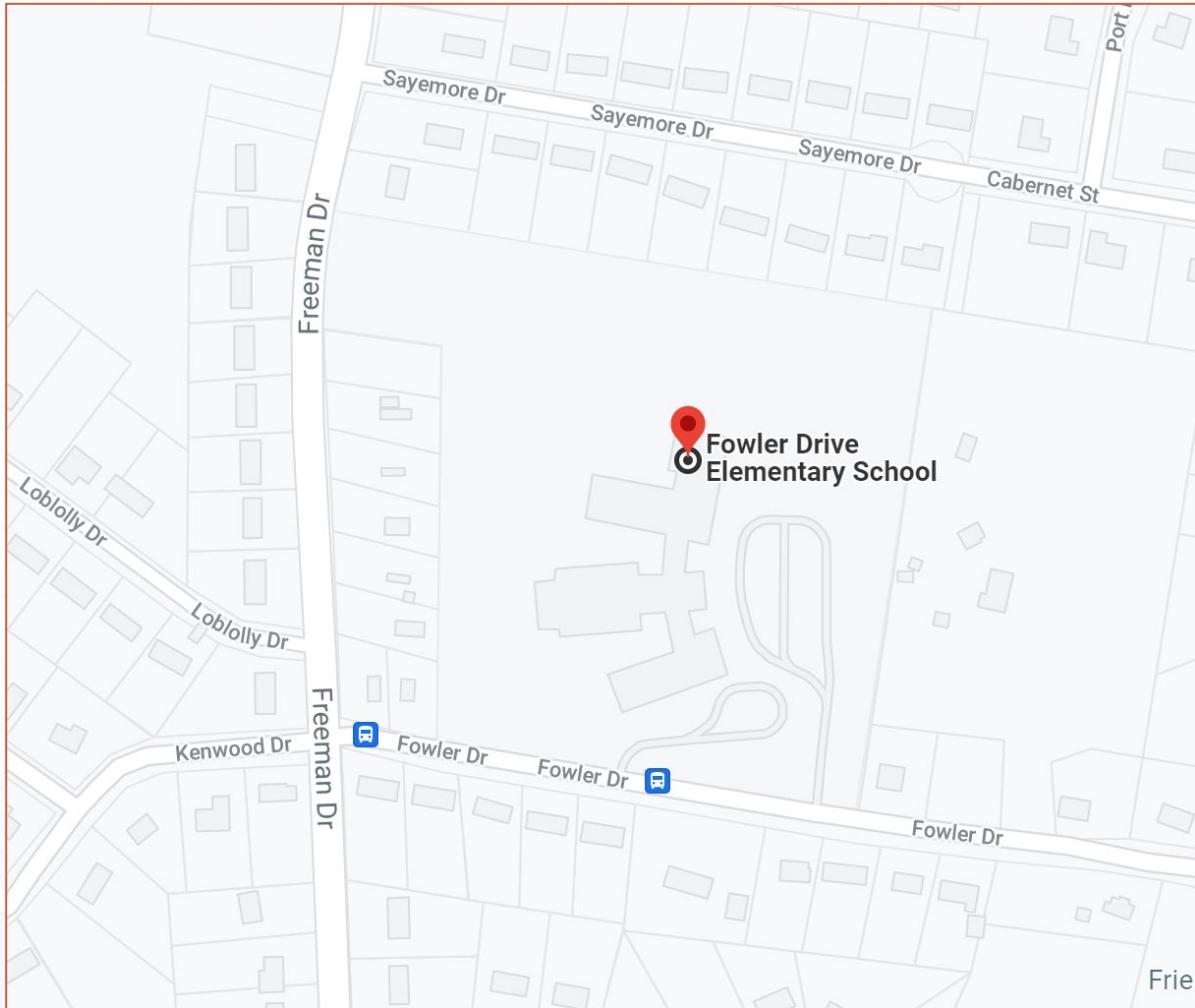
Project Scope

Improve pedestrian safety and safe routes to school for Fowler Drive Elementary students and parents and surrounding neighborhood residents.

- Freeman Drive @ Fowler Drive @ Kenwood Drive - Add accessibility ramps and striped crosswalks at all approaches, improve drainage inlets, stop bars and evaluate for all-way stop.
- Improved street lighting for pedestrian safety.
- Include trash receptacles.
- Consider flashing beacons to aide in safe pedestrian crossings.
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Fowler Drive Elementary School Area



Freeman Dr. @ Fowler Dr. @ Kenwood Dr. Intersection



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Fowler Drive Elementary Neighborhood Streets: Loblolly and Sayemore



- Evaluate surrounding neighborhoods and evaluate for ways to improve Safe Routes to School for Fowler Drive Elementary.

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 North 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, such as Fowler Drive Elementary School.



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

- **Promotes the Goal of improving Equitability of Capital Improvements throughout the Community** by focusing on improvements to pedestrian connectivity in the North Athens Neighborhood, an underserved area of A-CC, specifically in the area of Fowler Drive Elementary School.
- **Promotes increased access to existing public facilities** by improving pedestrian connectivity to Fowler Drive Elementary from adjacent residential areas, thus encouraging utilization of Safe Routes to Schools, which results in **reduced vehicular use** and contributes to **improved air quality**.
- **Promotes Health and Safety** by encouraging pedestrian modes of transportation and active mobility. Improves intersection safety for both pedestrian and vehicular users.



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 offers positive impacts on **Economic Prosperity** by providing greater access to educational opportunities and community centers thereby increasing economic opportunities for traditionally underserved residents.
- This project offers positive impacts on **Social Well-being** by improving the equitable access to public facilities for traditionally underserved neighborhoods.
- This project offers positive impacts on the **Environment** by improving pedestrian modes of transportation thereby reducing vehicular traffic and CO2 emissions.



Q&A



Fowler Drive Elementary School