

West Hancock Neighborhood Pedestrian, Bike, Traffic & On Street Parking Review Project

Neighborhood encompasses The Plaza, West Broad, Reese St.,
Glenhaven, Billups, Ave, Rocksprings, Indale, Franklin, Church,
Harris and Finley

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Project Specific Requests for W. Hancock area neighborhood

- Traffic Analysis
- Sidewalk Construction/Repair/Widening
- Crosswalks
- Traffic Management
- Traffic Calming Methods and Devices
- Street Trees
- Retaining Wall Repair
- On Street Parking Improvements
- Community Outreach

Project Mission Statement Highlights

- Historically African-American neighborhood with diverse residents and lot designations
- W. Hancock Ave is designated a “Major Collector”
- Prime location at nexus of Downtown, Normaltown, West Broad and walkability to Five Points, and Alps make it a desirable place to live
- Residents include:
 - Many working and middle-class residents, low-income residents, senior citizen residents with multigenerational ties to the community, young professionals
 - Increasingly home to many young families and students
 - Two public-housing communities

Project Mission Statement Highlights (continued)

- Traffic is frequently congested, and speeds are often dangerous through narrow neighborhood roads
- Pedestrian and bike infrastructure is limited
- On-street parking options are limited and disconnected and dangerous for children's play
 - As the mother of a 4-year-old and a resident of the area for over 10 years, I am greatly concerned about current and upcoming developments and the impact on area residents - primarily due to speeding traffic, increased traffic volume.

Project Vision

- Allow residents of all ages and abilities improved access to the many nearby amenities and schools
- Greatly improving safety
- Safety improves quality of life for all
- Targeted community outreach is imperative in analysis

Project Area

Hancock Corridor Encompasses:

- West Broad
- The Plaza
- Glenhaven
- Meigs
- Rocksprings
- Indale
- Reese
- Billups
- Franklin
- Chase
- Harris
- Church
- Finley

Closing the Equity Gap

- Promotes Goal of improving Equitability of capital improvements throughout the community
- This neighborhood has been long overlooked for improvement while increasing pressure from influx of new residents has made such improvements absolutely necessary to preserve & increase community safety & well-being.
- Community Outreach efforts in a diverse downtown neighborhood to increase belonging, growth and sustained change as developments are rapidly occurring.
 - Listening
 - Connecting
 - Belonging
 - Equity

M&C Strategic Commitments

Healthy, Livable, Sustainable Athens-Clarke Co.

- Fostering safe and smart growth and development in an already Mixed Income, Mixed Use neighborhood.
- Community outreach will allow for collaboration with resident stakeholders to increase safety and quality of life.
- Neighborhood needs studies done immediately to meet ACCGOV goal of clean and renewable energy as undergoing rapid growth.
 - Develop and implement equitable strategies as indicated in strategic commitments
 - Environment (residents more likely to walk or bike or use public transit with improvements thus decreasing carbon emissions.)

M&C Strategic Commitments

Transportation Mobility and Connectivity

- Protects the community's existing Transportation Infrastructure Investments
- Promotes Upgrade and Continued Use of Alternative Transportation Facilities
- Promotes increased usage of Transit System and other public facilities, including improving pedestrian safety and access to these facilities
- Increases capital for Transit services
- Maintains and Improves air quality
- Enhanced Mobility Corridor Aesthetics
- Bus Stops need reviewed, improved
- Crosswalks need implemented
- Traffic calming
- Pedestrian Safety
- Crucial to success of W. Broad / Hancock roundabout funded during TSPLOST 2018

M&C Strategic Commitments

Shared Prosperity

- Corridor Redevelopment
- Economic Strategy and Framework
 - Sustainable development
 - Address weakness and opportunities

W. Hancock Ave. Corridor Project Clearly Improves the ACC “Triple Bottom Line”

Summary

1. Economic Prosperity

- Providing new and maintaining existing infrastructure
- Support other plans for Land Use, Economic Development, Transportation and Infrastructure Elements

2. Social Well-being

- Providing funding for Transportation related infrastructure to increase access to workforce housing.
- Maintain, expand and improve equitable access to public facilities and infrastructure.
- Support other capital expenses such as the W. Broad / Hancock roundabout project

3. Environment

- Support alternative transportation: Bus, Bicycle, Pedestrian access to public facilities such as Rocksprings community center, ACC schools and ACC library