

**A RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE ATHENS IN MOTION COMMISSION
IN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA:

WHEREAS, one of the goals of the Athens-Clarke County Comprehensive Plan is to increase the range of transportation options including biking and walking throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commission accepted the Athens in Motion Plan on October 2, 2018 to serve as the bicycle and pedestrian master plan for Athens-Clarke County; and

WHEREAS, the Athens in Motion Plans identifies the following goals: construct connected network of low-stress bicycle and pedestrian facilities, provide equitable access to all citizens of the community, encourage use of active transportation, educate the community about benefits and laws surrounding active transportation, and provide a variety of mechanisms to finance and maintain the network; and

WHEREAS, the Athens in Motion Plan recommends establishment of a citizen committee to be tasked with supporting the implementation of the Athens in Motion Plan as well as the general advancement of and advocacy for active transportation; and

WHEREAS, an Athens in Motion Commission is recommended to provide a citizen committee to oversee the development, implementation, and modification of an Athens in Motion Plan for a safe and connected network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure must be coordinated with transportation initiatives through organizations including but not exclusive to Transportation and Public Works, Leisure Services, Athens Transit, the Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission, the Clarke County School District, and the University of Georgia, and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Athens in Motion Commission is recommended to include seven members to be selected by the Mayor and Commission, the University of Georgia President, and the Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Safety Coordinator is recommended to serve as the ex-officio member charged with serving as a staff liaison to the Athens in Motion Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Athens in Motion Commission be established to advise the Mayor and Commission on the development, implementation, and modification of an Athens in Motion Plan for a safe and connected network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, with consideration for access to transit, employment centers, major public services, amenities, and the recommendations of transportation studies.


SECTION 2: That the Manager and staff take all reasonable and necessary measures to implement such Commission.

SO RESOLVED, this 4 day of June, 2019.

APPROVED: _____


Kelly Girtz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____


Jean Spratlin, Clerk of Commission