

**Work Session of the City of Sandy Springs City Council**  
**Studio Theatre, Sandy Springs City Hall and Broadcast Via Live Webinar and Teleconference**  
**August 2, 2022 at Following the Special Called Public Facilities Authority Meeting.**  
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**Work Session of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on August 2, 2022 at 6:41 P.M., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.**

**I. Public Works**

**A. 2022-187 Roswell Road Transit Access Project Update**

**William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director**, presented the Roswell Road Transit Access Project update. Project T-0019 Roswell Road Transit Access Project is a Capital Improvement Project which is currently being designed and will be let by the City of Sandy Springs utilizing transit funding via a Federal Transit Authority (FTA) grant, with Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) acting as the sponsor. This project encompasses project components to include six (6) foot wide sidewalks, ADA compliant curb ramps, accessible bus stop pads, and Sandy Springs standard streetscape elements (lighting, brick pavers, and landscaping). In February 2021, the City of Sandy Springs approved and assigned tasks 1 and 2 to Kimley-Horn and Associates. These tasks carry the project through the concept phase. This phase encompassed an extensive data collection effort including multiple surveys, utility collection, and traffic and pedestrian analysis. The data collected as well as engineering studies and coordination resulted in the proposed concept. The Preliminary Engineering phase will begin after review and adoption of the concept. There are adequate funds in Project T-0019 to perform this work.

**Darren Wilton, Kimley Horn, Senior Project Manager, Consultant**, reviewed the Needs and Purposes of the study:

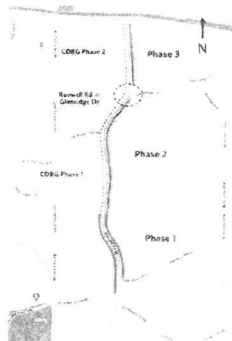
**Need and Purpose**

- The existing Roswell Road sidewalk infrastructure is **incomplete** and **substandard**
  - 75% of the T0019 project area lacks standard pedestrian facilities
- Multiple studies have been conducted in coordination with stakeholders that identify the need for sidewalk upgrades
- The purpose of the project is to **complete the pedestrian network** that serves MARTA transit users and **provide total walk-up access** to transit elements along Roswell Road
- Project benefits include:
  - **Continuous ADA-compliant sidewalk** along the Roswell Road corridor
  - **Enhanced transit services** by providing safe and clear access to MARTA bus stops
  - **Street lighting** for pedestrians
- Leads us to a baseline shoulder section of **2.5-ft curb & gutter, 5-ft landscape strip, and 8-ft sidewalk**

The project will complete the pedestrian network on Roswell Road, south of I-285 in Sandy Springs.

**Project Area**

- Project will **complete** the pedestrian network on Roswell Road south of I-285 within Sandy Springs.
- **Total corridor length: 2.3 miles**
  - **Phase 1: 0.7 miles**
    - Glenridge Drive (one block) to Long Lake Drive
    - Sidewalk on both sides of Roswell Road
  - **Phase 2: 1.0 miles**
    - Long Lake Drive to Glenridge Drive
    - Sidewalk on both sides of Roswell Road
  - **Phase 3: 0.6 miles**
    - Glenridge Drive to I-285
    - Sidewalk on the east side of Roswell Road
- **Other Streetscape Projects**
  - T0033 CDBG Sidewalk/ Streetscape
    - Phase 1 (completed)
    - Phase 2 (RWSA support)
  - T0043 Roswell Rd/ SR 9 at Glenridge Dr (substantially completed)



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Consultants conducted four site visits with City Staff in the Fall of 2021, identifying site specific notes regarding existing utilities, developed features, parking and driveways. There were technical data collection activities, including topographic surveys, subsurface utility exploration, traffic counts, environmental site assessments, and survey coordination to establish property lines. There was coordination with MARTA and Georgia Power, as well as other stakeholders. MARTA has shared a list of bus stops planned for upgrades.

### Concept Development Process

- Traffic Engineering (TE) Analyses
  - **Median Closure TE study** confirmed feasibility of two raised medians
    - Segment 1: Meadowbrook Drive to Windsor Parkway
    - Segment 2: Perimeter Place to I-285
  - **Mid-block Pedestrian Crossing TE study** recommends a signalized mid-block crossing to promote pedestrian safety
    - Agrees with T0070 Access Management Study
    - Warrant met between Lake Placid Drive and I-285
- Public Information Open House
  - Scheduled for August 18, 2022
  - Opportunities for public input



Key concept features include the creation of continuous sidewalks along the corridor; the establishment of continuous curb presence in the along the corridor, the marking of crosswalks across all side streets, the inclusion of raised medians consistent with the T0070 Access Management Plan and Median Closure TE study, and the installation of concrete pads for bus shelters through coordination with MARTA.

Next steps include a public information open hours on August 18, 2022 with a 30 day public comment period. Preliminary design will be run September, 2022 - July, 2023. Final design is anticipated August, 2023 - December, 2026. Construction is anticipated October, 2024 - March, 2028.

**Councilmember Andy Bauman** asked City Staff to publish the presented project materials and information on the City website. How does this project integrate with the pending Roswell Road Access Management Plans study?

**Project Manager Wilton** replied that while they are two separate activities, there has been coordination. The Access Management Plan is a planning level document to provide guidance for the access management implementation. It also identifies other priority projects for future funding. The Roswell Road Transit Access Project is a traffic study to validate the warrants for implementing the median and pedestrian facilities.

**Councilmember Bauman** asked what the funding mechanism is.

**Wesley Waters, CIP Unit Manager**, stated this is a MARTA Transit grant. MARTA provides 80% and the City matches 20%, totaling \$7,800,000. The grant includes design and construction. There is the potential to go over the budgeted funding with the rise in construction costs, and Staff is doing its best to meet the budget. Staff is also looking for other funding opportunities to provide support should there be an increase in the project budget.

**Councilmember John Paulson** noted a challenge identified with the Roswell Road Access Management study was the number of curb cuts. Are there any driveways planned for elimination with this project? Hopefully there is flexibility built into this program with the sidewalk widths to eliminate the need to purchase right-of-way.

**CIP Unit Manager Waters** replied there is one drive at Lake Placid to potentially eliminate. This project is relatively low impact to the adjacent parcels.

**Councilmember Jody Reichel** asked is there anything programmed just north of 285.

**CIP Unit Manager Waters** replied no, not at this time.

**Eden Freeman, City Manager**, stated City Staff is pulling together a high level summary of all the work happening and planned along Roswell Road. This will be shared with the Council.

**Mayor Rusty Paul** stated the presented medians do a good job in taking into consideration the City's commercial districts.

## **II. City Council Discussion Items**

There were no City Council discussion items.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

**Approved: August 16, 2022**

  
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Russell K. Paul, Mayor  
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Karina Reyna, Assistant City Clerk