

Work Session of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on October 18, 2022 at 6:00 PM, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Public Works

A. 2022-268 Presentation of North End Roadway Safety Study

Kristen Wescott, Public Works, Traffic / Transportation Unit Manager, introduced the North End Roadway Safety Study. Staff recommends the City Council review and use the presented study as the basis for future City transportation projects. Some recommendations on state routes can be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for construction as Quick Response projects. The study examines 14 high crash locations in four corridors in the North End - on parts of Roswell Road, Northridge Road, Dunwoody Place and Roberts Drive. The basis for 14 short-term, mid-term and long-term construction projects has been created. These projects can help make the North End safer and improve the quality of life.

Keith Strickland, Project Manager, Stantec, presented the North End Roadway Safety Study. Key takeaways include:

- Traffic operational/safety issues
- Inadequate Ped/Bicycle Facilities
- Dunwoody Place has the potential to become Main Street (“people street”) for North End

Project recommendations include eight short-term projects, two mid-term projects, and eight long-term projects. The cumulative length of the recommended projects is greater than three miles.

Recommended projects:



Figure 2: Recommended Projects

Project/Tier			Intersection/ Corridor	Project Category
Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3		
C-1			Northridge Road at SR 400 SB	Intersection/Multiuse Path/Lighting
C-2			Northridge Road at SR 400 SB	Signal Phasing
C-3			Northridge Road at SR 400 SB	Overhead Signs
D			Northridge Road at SR 400 NB	Intersection/Multiuse Path/Lighting
E			Northridge Rd (Roswell Rd to Colquitt Rd)	Pavement Markings
L			Northridge Road at Roswell Road	Pavement Markings
M			Northridge Parkway	Wayfinding Guide Signs
N			Dunwoody Place at Hightower Trail	Roadside Warning Signs
	G		Roberts Drive (Dunwoody Place to SR 400)	Intersection/Multiuse Path/Lighting
	O		Northridge Road at SR 400 NB	Overhead Signs
		A	Dunwoody Place South	Median/Intersection/Multiuse Path/Lighting
		B	Dunwoody Place North	Median/Intersection/Midblock Crossings/ Multiuse Path/Lighting
		F	Northridge Rd (Roswell Rd to Dunwoody Pl)	Widening/Median/Intersection/ Multiuse Path/Lighting
		H	Roswell Rd (Northridge Rd to Northridge Pkwy)	Median/U-turn Eyebrow/ Traffic Signal/Multiuse Path/Lighting
		I	Roswell Rd (Northridge Pkwy to Mrs. Winner's)	Median/Intersection/Midblock Crossing/ Multiuse Path/Lighting
		J	Roswell Rd at Hightower Tr/Hope Rd	Road Realignment/Median/ Intersection/Multiuse Path/Lighting
		K	Roswell Road at Huntcliff	Median/Midblock Crossing/ Multiuse Path/Lighting
		P	Northridge Road at SR 400 NB	Bridge Widening

Source: Stantec, 2022

Table 1: Recommended Project Summary by Tier

Councilmember John Paulson asked does GDOT determine where overhead signage is placed on the bridges. Can those be changed? Also, on the west side of 400, on the on ramps, the overhead lights are difficult to see. Finally, where it is recommended that Dunwoody Place serve as a main street, that primarily rates relates to the number of pedestrians and pedestrian safety. Thirdly, it seems that what is recommended Roberts Drive is part of the City's trail plan.

Project Manager Strickland stated yes, that is correct. Also, GDOT would have to approve where signs are placed.

Councilmember Melody Kelley asked do any of the recommended projects include bicycle facilities.

Project Manager Strickland stated there are no recommendations to put bicycle facilities on the street. It is recommended to put multi-use pads on both sides of the road in many of the recommended projects..

Councilmember Kelley asked how as transit access studied.

Project Manager Strickland replied the study recommends relocating several Marta bus stops as well as add amenities to some of the stops to make them more user-friendly.

Councilmember Kelley asked are there opportunities to use temporary medians to help some businesses

that may be impacted by medians.

Project Manager Strickland advised he does not have experience with projects that have implemented temporary medians, as they are more like trial medians.

Councilmember Kelley asked will the proposed crossings include accessible-pedestrian signals.

Traffic / Transportation Unit Manager Wescott replied yes. If Council approves projects, those elements will be reviewed. Next steps will be to reviewing projects during the budget process and those may have immediate impact.

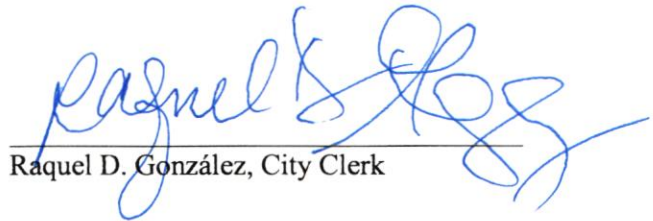
II. City Council Discussion Items

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Approved: November 1, 2022



Russell K. Paul, Mayor



Raquel D. González, City Clerk