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Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Work Session

Following PFA

The City Council Work Session will be held in the Studio Theatre at Sandy Springs City Hall
(1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs, GA 30328).

Live-stream: www.SandySpringsGA.gov/stream

I. Public Works

- A. **2024-251** Presentation of the Concept Plan for the Peachtree Dunwoody Bike/Pedestrian Last Mile Connectivity Project (TS131)
(Presented by William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director)

II. City Council Discussion Items

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

TO: Eden Freeman, City Manager
FROM: William H. Martin, Jr., AIA, Public Works Director
DATE: August 19, 2024 Submission for the October 15, 2024 City Council Work Session
ITEM: Presentation of the Concept Plan for the Peachtree Dunwoody Bike/Pedestrian Last Mile Connectivity Project (TS131)

Recommendation:

Staff recommends moving forward with the Peachtree Dunwoody Bike/Pedestrian Last Mile Connectivity Project (TS131). This last TSPLOST 2016 project is the final piece in a region-wide bicycle/pedestrian network and connects local residences and businesses to MARTA stations and other trails. Additionally, the existing sidewalk averages only 5-foot wide and does not have ADA compliant wheelchair ramps or marked crosswalks.

Discussion:

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. provided a concept plan to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety and access on the west side of Peachtree Dunwoody Road, spanning from Hammond Drive to Mt. Vernon Highway. The concept plans establish a twelve (12) foot wide bicycle and pedestrian side path with a six (6) foot wide landscape buffer. This initiative includes design, right-of-way acquisition, utility coordination, and construction phases. The trail will increase access and connectivity to local MARTA stations and integrate with the Peachtree Dunwoody Lake Hearn Connectivity Project, Path 400, and the Mt. Vernon Highway Corridor Improvements.

Site-specific conditions, such as large utility vaults, narrow the path to 10 feet very briefly. The landscape buffer width is 6 feet and will provide a safety buffer between the side path users and vehicles. It will also accommodate pedestrian lighting and street trees. Similar site-specific conditions briefly narrow it down to less than 6 feet. In these areas, the buffer will have landscape features.

Pedestrian lighting is proposed along this project. Existing street lighting in the median will remain. Some existing street lighting may be shifted if it conflicts with the proposed path.

A Public Information Open House (PIOH) was held on August 15, 2024, at the Perimeter Community Improvement District (PCID) offices and public comment period was available online until August 29, 2024. 35 attendees were at the PIOH with mostly Dunwoody Springs residents. Staff also attended the Dunwoody Springs Homeowner Association (HOA) meeting on September 25, 2024, to provide an additional information session.

Financial Impact:

Funding is being provided by the City of Sandy Springs and the PCID at 50% each. The City's funding is included within the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) program approved by voters in Sandy Springs and Fulton County as part of the T-SPLOST referendum.

Review:

Cheryl Oslund, Administrative Coordinator
Marty Martin, Director of Public Works
Chris Owens, Assistant City Manager
Toni Carlisle, Chief Financial Officer
Dan Lee, City Attorney
Eden Freeman, City Manager

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Approved - 10/8/2024
Final Approval - 10/10/2024

Attachments:

1. I. TS131 Peachtree Dunwoody Bike/Pedestrian Trail - Last Mile Connectivity Project Presentation

TS131 Peachtree Dunwoody Bike/Pedestrian Trail – Last Mile Connectivity Project

October 15, 2024

Concept Plan Presentation



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TS131 Peachtree Dunwoody Bike/Pedestrian Trail – LMC

The project aims to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety and access on the west side of Peachtree Dunwoody Road, spanning from Hammond Drive to Mt. Vernon Highway.

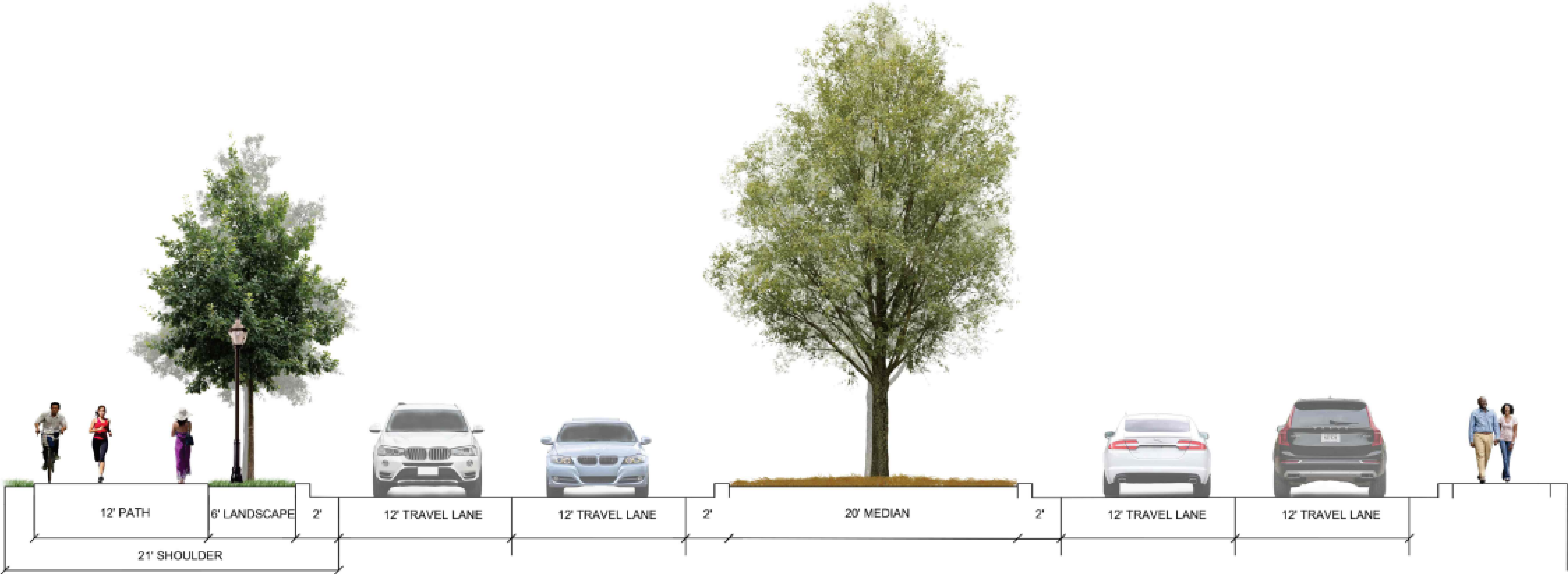
- Final TSPLOST 2016 Project
- Partnership with Perimeter Community Improvement District (PCID)
- 12-ft wide bicycle and pedestrian side path with 6-ft landscape buffer.
- Increase access and connectivity to local MARTA stations.
 - Last Mile Connectivity Project in TSPLOST 2016
- Integrates with Peachtree Dunwoody Lake Hearn Connectivity Project (T2208), Path 400 (S2121/T60), and the Mt. Vernon Highway Corridor Improvements (TS192)

Budget \$6.1 M

50% TSPLOST 2016 / 50% PCID



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Typical Section

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Peachtree Dunwoody Road South of Mt. Vernon Hwy: Proposed Improvements

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Peachtree Dunwoody Road South of Dunwoody Springs Drive: Proposed Improvements

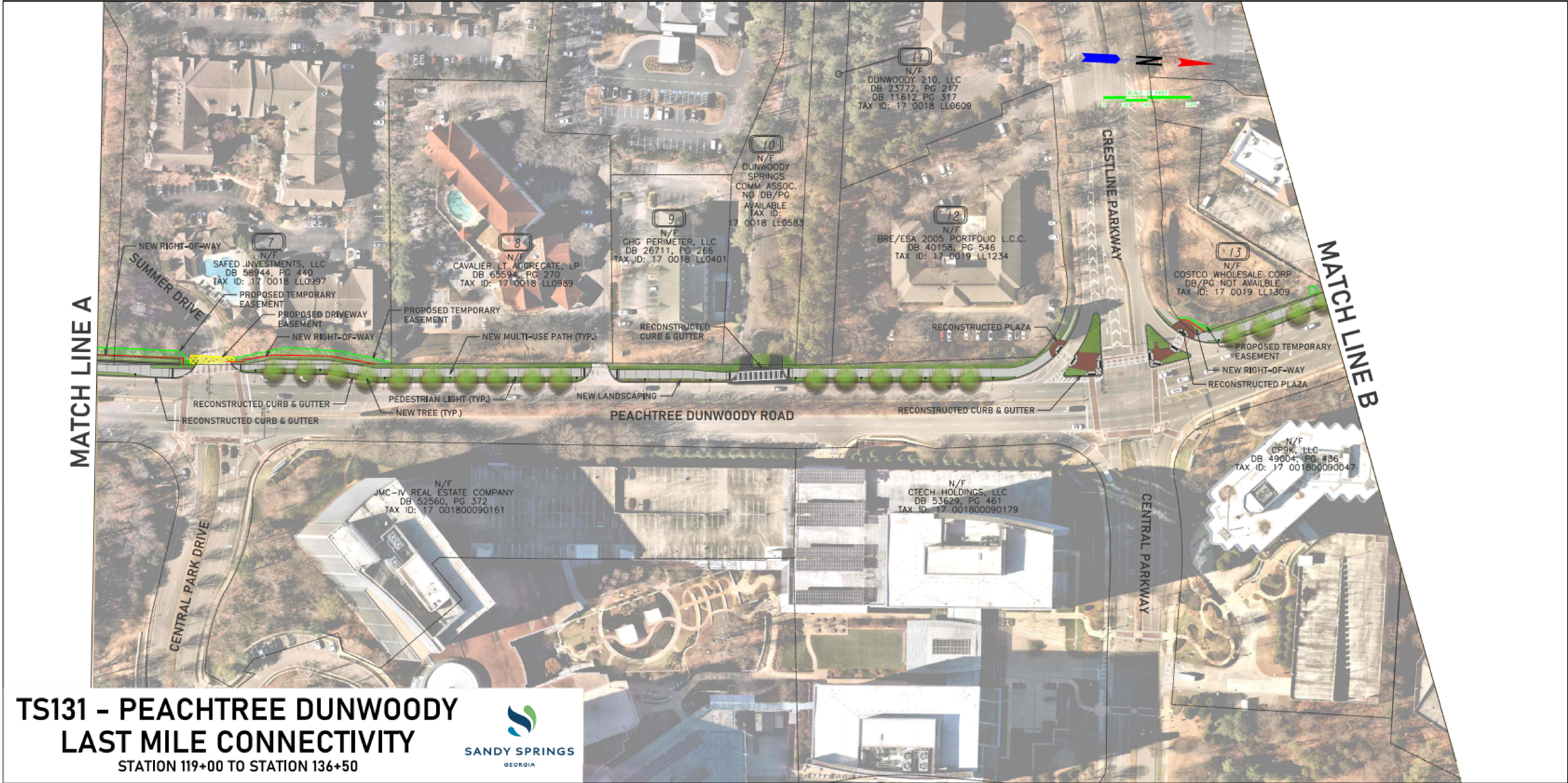
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**TS131 - PEACHTREE DUNWOODY
LAST MILE CONNECTIVITY**
STATION 110+00 TO STATION 119+00



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Status

- 8/15/24 - PIOH at PCID offices.
- 9/25/24- Dunwoody Springs HOA Meeting Q&A.
- 10/15/24 – MCC Concept Plan Presentation.

Public Comments:

- Why do we need this project as there is already an existing sidewalk.
- Concern with increased number of pedestrian and bicycle at Dunwoody Springs entrances after sidepath completion.
- Impacts to existing trees/landscaping.
- Construction start date and duration.

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Next Steps

- Begin Preliminary Design following Concept Design presentation.
- ROW Summer 2025
- Advertise Fall 2026
- Construction Early 2027