

Work Session of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on October 15, 2024 following PFA, Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

## I. Public Works

- A. **2024-251** Presentation of the Concept Plan for the Peachtree Dunwoody Bike/Pedestrian Last Mile Connectivity Project (TS131)

**Allen Johnson, T-SPLOST Program Manager**, presented the Concept Plan for the Peachtree Dunwoody Bike/Pedestrian Last Mile Connectivity Project (TS131).

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.

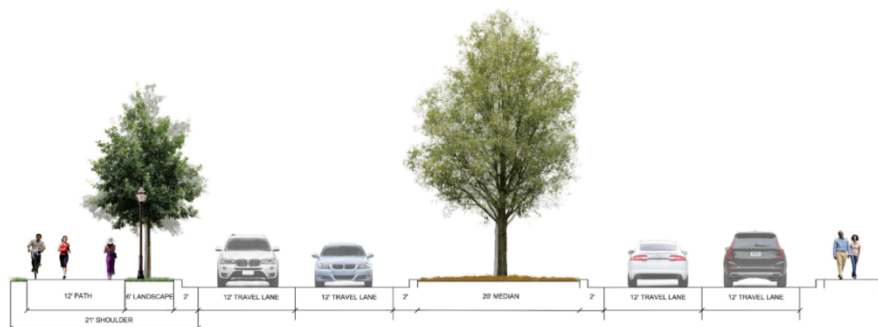
### TS131 Peachtree Dunwoody Bike/Pedestrian Trail - LMC

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**



Typical Section

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.

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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. Thirty-five 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.

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.

**Next Steps**

- Begin preliminary design following concept design presentation
- Right-of-way plans approved by summer 2025
- Advertise in the fall of 2026
- Begin construction in early 2027

**Councilmember John Paulson** said in the past, the City spent a lot of money on lost parking spaces.

**T-SPLOST Program Manager Johnson** said we will not be getting into parking.

**Councilmember Melissa Mular** said this was mentioned as these paths have been developing. Due to concern with residents, will there be speed limits because of bikes, e-bikes, and pedestrians?

**T-SPLOST Program Manager Johnson** said we need to look into this with the Transportation Unit.

**Councilmember Mular** asked will there be a different signage warning for people on the trail for the entrances of Dunwoody Springs so they know traffic is coming out?

**T-SPLOST Program Manager Johnson** said yes.

**Councilmember Mular** said it was helpful to have the PIOH meeting with Dunwoody Springs residents to present why this is being done. People come out for what is important to them and they may not see the connectivity. The board at the meeting was helpful for people to see how all these paths are going to connect together.

**T-SPLOST Program Manager Johnson** said we put that together after the PIOH. If it is not on the project page, we will ensure it is.

**Councilmember Jody Reichel** said there have been a lot of issues with trees and power lines with Georgia Power. Will the City work with Georgia Power?

**T-SPLOST Program Manager Johnson** said we will. There is some utility cost associated with this because in some cases, sidewalks for example, you must pay for utility relocations, and if it is a widening you do not. We have utility budgeted for in case we have to do some relocations to avoid some of that, but generally those lines in this project are behind the multi-use path, and the trees will hopefully not conflict.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.