



4800 Ashford Dunwoody Road
 Dunwoody, Georgia 30338
 dunwoodyga.gov | 678.382.6700

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Smith, Public Works Director

Date: July 22, 2024

Subject: **Approval of a Contract Amendment with Practical Design Partners for Final Design of Sidewalk on Happy Hollow Road between Kingsland Drive and Peeler Road**

ACTION

Authorize the Mayor, City Manager, or designee to execute all documents necessary and proper for a contract amendment not to exceed \$146,050 with Practical Design Partners (PDP) for final design of stormwater and sidewalk improvements on Happy Hollow Road between Kingsland Court and Peeler Road.

SUMMARY

At its April 29th meeting, the City Council discussed the conceptual design for sidewalk on the west side of Happy Hollow Road. The concept was prepared by Practical Design Partners (PDP) who was awarded a \$14,000 contract through a competitive proposal process (RFP 21-13). Based on the direction provided by the Council, staff recommends proceeding with the final design for the segment between Kingsland Court and Happy Hollow Road so that the improvements can be completed ahead of paving planned for 2027. PDP has provided a fee of \$126,050 to complete the final design with an additional \$20,000 contingency for subsurface utility exploration and stormwater mitigation if necessary. With the amendment the total contract limit would increase to \$160,250. The current capital budget includes \$149,000 for this project. If the full contingency amount is needed, the \$11,000 difference can be covered by reserve SPLOST funds.

DETAILS

Dunwoody has had a long-standing goal of having sidewalks on both sides of all collector and arterial roads in the city and Happy Hollow is classified as a collector roadway. The city previously completed the sidewalk on the east side of the road in 2014 and in-fill development has added two short segments of sidewalk on the west side.

Completion of the sidewalk on the west side of Happy Hollow is planned to occur in 2 or 3 phases. The first phase included in this design contract will extend from Kingsland Court to Peeler Road. The segments between Kingsland Court and Dunwoody Club Drive are planned as future phases not included in the current 5-year capital construction budget. Sidewalk construction north of Kingsland Court does not necessarily need to occur in conjunction with repaving Happy Hollow since very little pavement widening is needed on this segment.

Concept Development



4800 Ashford Dunwoody Road
Dunwoody, Georgia 30338
dunwoodyga.gov | 678.382.6700

In accordance with the city's Complete Streets Policy, the design considers bicycle accommodation. In addition to adding a 6-foot sidewalk with landscape buffer on the west side of the road, the proposed plan includes a 10-foot vehicle lane and 4-foot bike lane in each direction and stormwater improvements.

The sidewalk is planned to connect two segments of existing sidewalk on the west side of the road and to provide adequate pedestrian access on both sides of the roadway. In accordance with the city's Complete Streets Policy, the design considers accommodation for various types of potential roadway users. Bicycles were considered as a user group since Happy Hollow is designated as a bike route in the city's transportation plan, and because the city's trail master plan shows trail connecting points near Kingsland Court and at Peeler Road. Bike lanes were determined to be the most feasible accommodation since about 2/3 of the roadway is already wide enough for bike lanes with narrower vehicle lanes. The traffic volumes are favorable for bike lanes although strategies to reduce operating speeds should be considered. Because road widening (typically 4-5 feet) is necessary at the south end to accommodate the bike lane, there will be added costs for additional earthwork, drainage, curb, and paving.

Public Input

In 2023, the city solicited public input on the project through a 30-day comment period on the city's website and received over 100 comments. City staff also met with several residents to review the project in relation to their property.

There number of respondents supporting all of the improvements was slightly higher than those opposing the improvements with a small percentage neither expressing support or opposition. Additionally, there was a small percentage of responses supporting the sidewalk but not the bike lane. Most respondents that opposed the project either had concerns about how it affected their property or expressed that the project was not necessary since there was already a sidewalk on the opposite side of the road. Other concerns included existing drainage problems, the condition of the pavement and speeding. The project would address the drainage and pavement problems and seek to incorporate strategies to reduce speeding and minimize impacts to adjacent properties.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the Mayor, City Manager, or designee to execute all documents necessary and proper for a contract amendment not to exceed \$146,050 with Practical Design Partners (PDP) for final design of stormwater and sidewalk improvements on Happy Hollow Road between Kingsland Court and Peeler Road.



City of Dunwoody Georgia

Happy Hollow Road Sidewalk –Design Contract Amendment

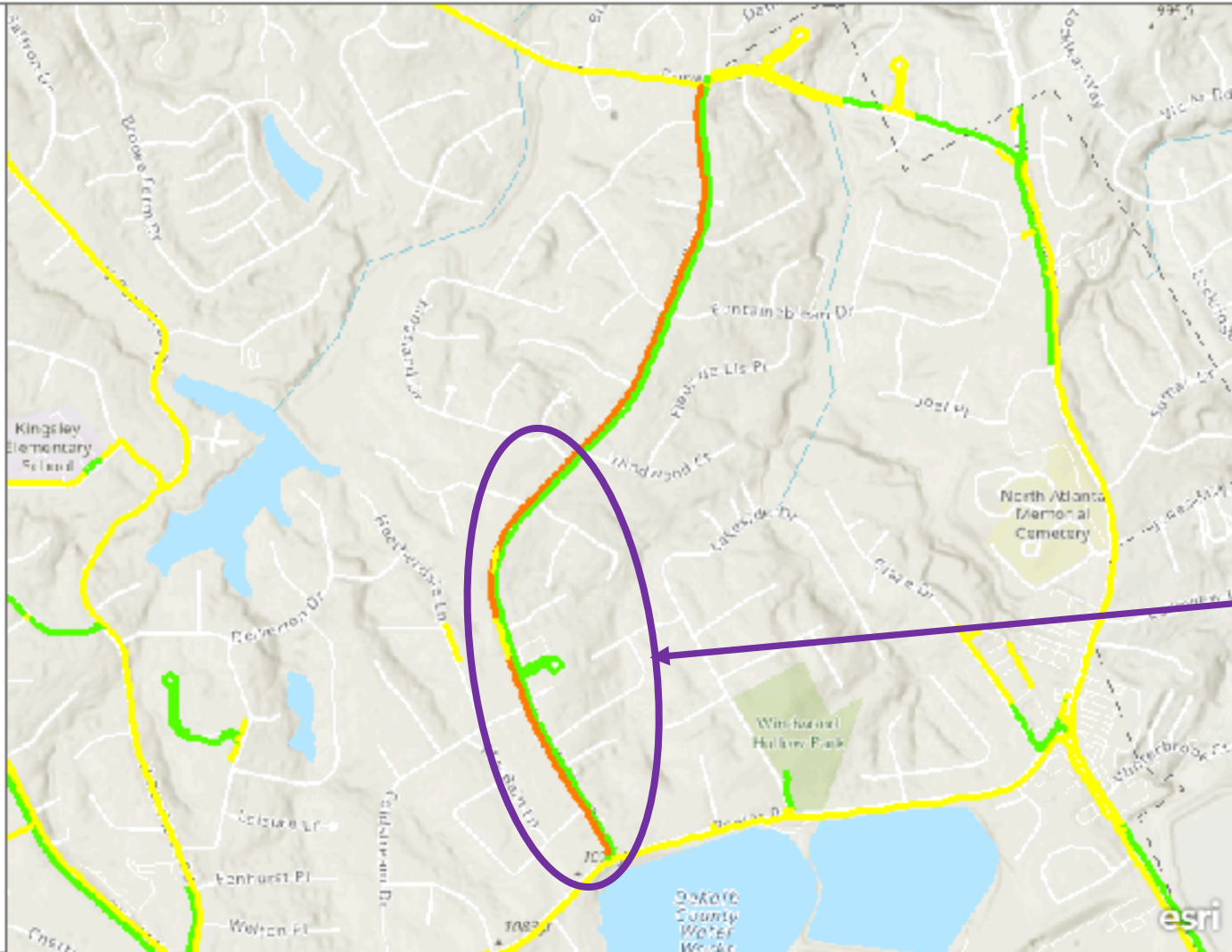
July 22, 2024

Packet page:...

Sidewalks Layer

Sidewalks Layer

- █ EXISTING
- █ COMPLETED (by city)
- █ CAPITAL PROJECT
- █ PROGRAMMED
- █ PLANNED
- █ POTENTIAL FUTURE



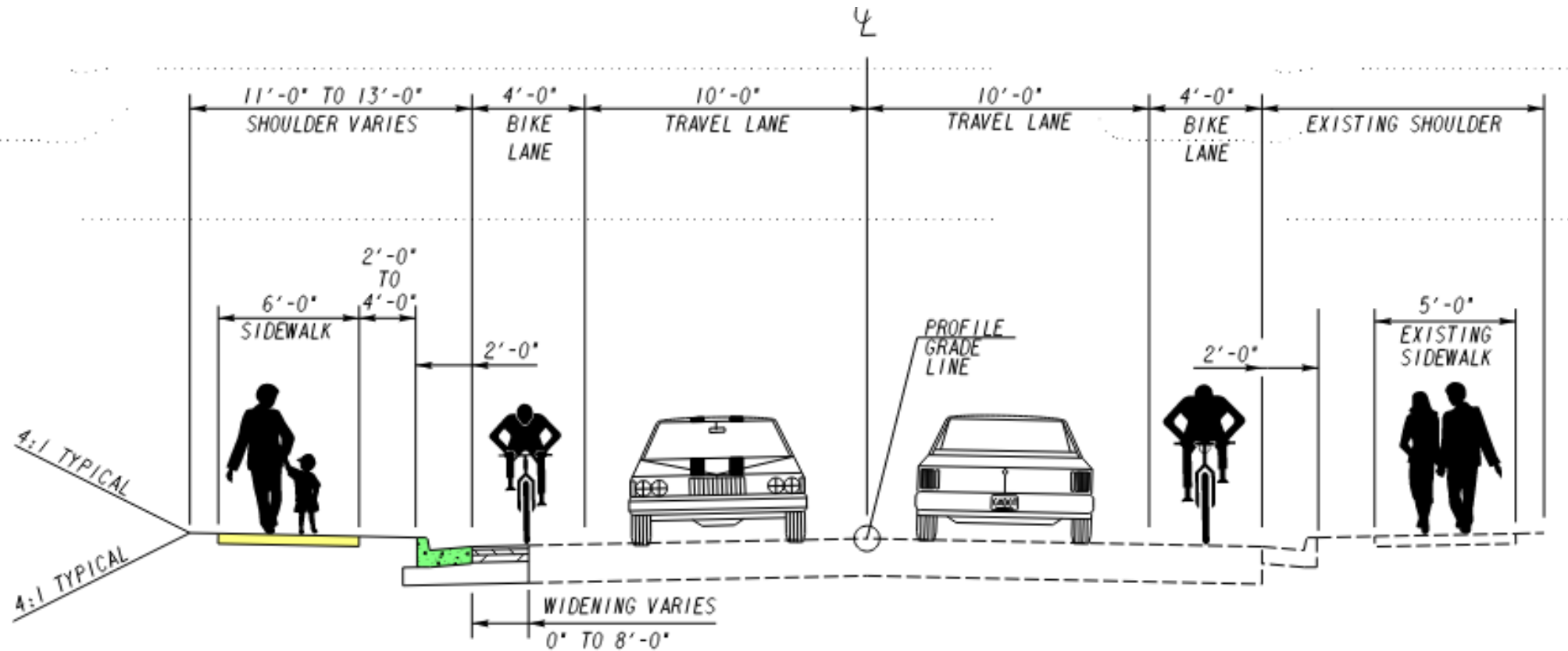
Phase 1- Kingsland Court to Peeler Road
 Highest Priority- Address stormwater issues and connect sidewalk gaps
 Secondary Priority- Complete sidewalk up to Kingsland Court and add enhanced pedestrian crossing

Phase 2- Dunwoody Club Drive to Kingsland Court
 Not Funded for Construction- Long Range

City of Dunwoody Sidewalks (with crosswalks). Planned and proposed sidewalk projects are also included in this data layer.

0.3mi

Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS, FEMA | Esri Community Maps Contributors, City of Dunwoody, © OpenStreetMap, Microsoft, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, US Census Bureau, USDA, USFWS



TYPICAL SECTION

Happy Hollow Sidewalk Phase 1-Kingsland Court to Peeler Road

