

MEMORANDUM

Subject:	Approval of a Design Contract Amendment with NV5 for the Mount Vernon Corridor Improvements Project
Date:	August 26, 2024
From:	Michelle Hirose, Public Works Deputy Director
То:	Mayor and City Council

ACTION

Authorize the Mayor, City Manager, or designee to adjust the existing contract limit with NV5 from \$104,500 to \$137,170 on the Mount Vernon Corridor Improvements project to extend the proposed path design from Corners Drive to Vermack Road.

SUMMARY

The city originally contracted with NV5 for \$94,5000 plus a \$10,000 contingency to complete the final design plans for the improvements between Corners Drive and Mount Vernon Place. The recommended contract amendment of \$137,170 includes a 10% design contingency. The improvements include a shared-use path along the north side of Mount Vernon Road, consistent with the recommendations of the recently adopted Trail Master Plan. Ultimately, the path will extend westward to Dunwoody Village, but until that segment is built, it would be safer to end the path at the signalized intersection at Vermack Road rather than at Corners Drive. An increase in the design contract is requested to add the additional surveying and design that will be needed to lengthen the project by 700 feet and extend the path from Corners Drive to Vermack Road. There is currently funding available in the project budget for this contract amendment.

DETAILS

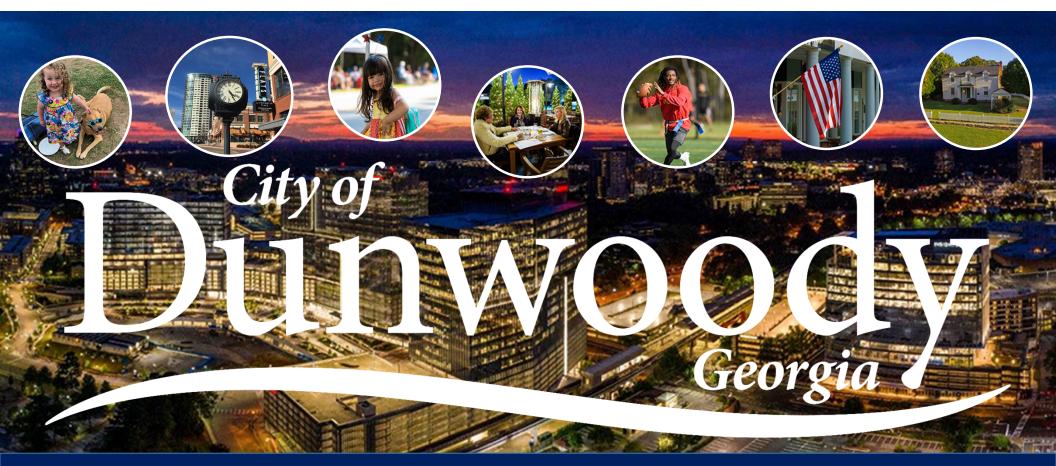
In 2021, the City Council reviewed different design options for Mount Vernon Road between Corners Drive and Mount Vernon Place and provided guidance on the preferred concept for the final design. In January 2024, the City Council was presented with a contract amendment to extend the project to Vermack Road. The Council requested that the affected property owners be contacted and presented with the project concept for feedback. Of the 4 affected property owners, 1 was in support of the project, 1 was opposed, 1 was neutral, and 1 was non-responsive. Additionally at the January meeting, there was Council consensus to remove the westbound bike lane from the design since the shared use path will provide a protected bicycle facility on that side. The preferred concept includes an eastbound bike lane, a 6-foot-wide sidewalk on the south side of the road, and a 12-foot wide shared use path on the north side. Moreover, left turn lanes are planned at some of the side streets based on accident data and the volume of left turning vehicles. The project is currently in the preliminary design phase with right of way funding programmed for 2026 and construction funding programmed for 2028-2029.

RECOMMENDATION



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Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Mayor, City Manager, or designee to adjust the existing contract limit with NV5 from \$104,500 to \$137,170 on the Mount Vernon Corridor Improvements project to extend the proposed path design from Corners Drive to Vermack Road.

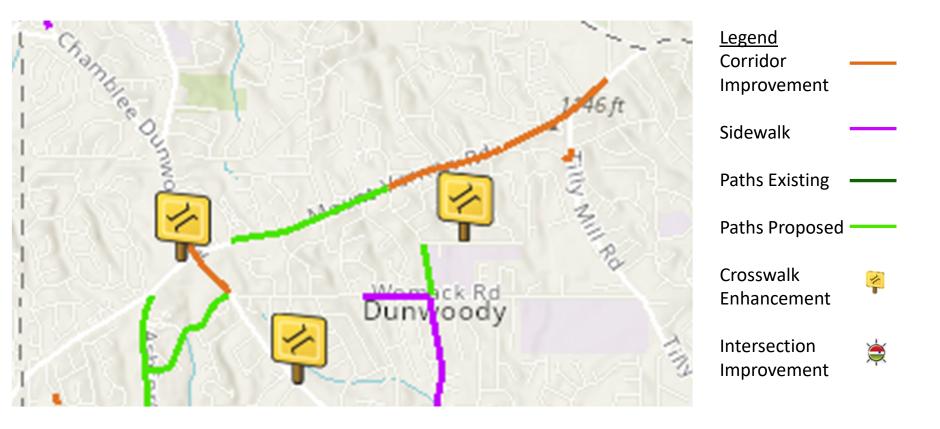


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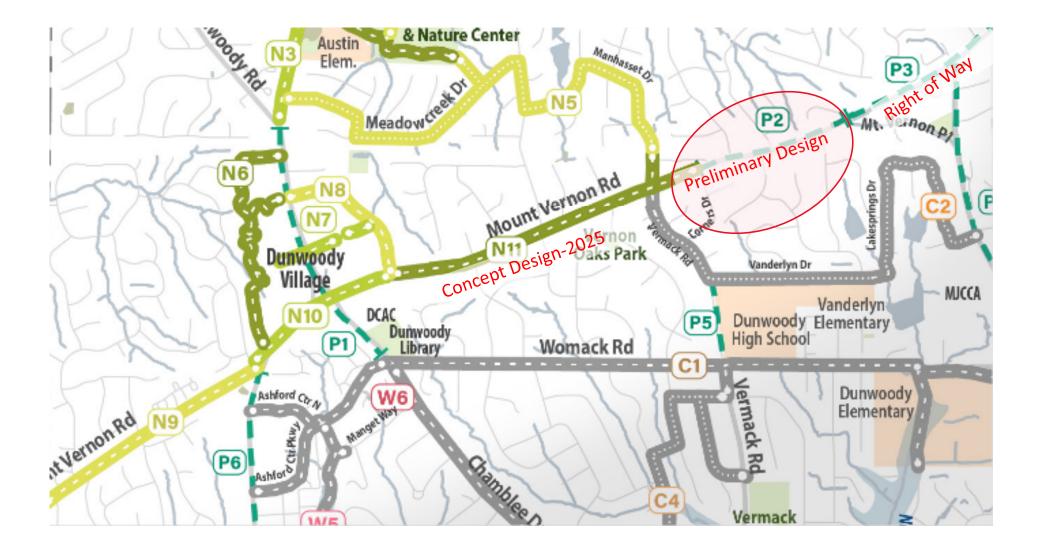




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Project Timeline

2020- Design funded, Public input gathered online, Conceptual alternatives presented to City Council

2021- Preferred Concept presented to City Council, Final design contract advertised

2022- Contract for Final Design approved, 30% design completed, project put on hold for Trail Master Plan

2023- Concept design developed for extension to Vermack Road

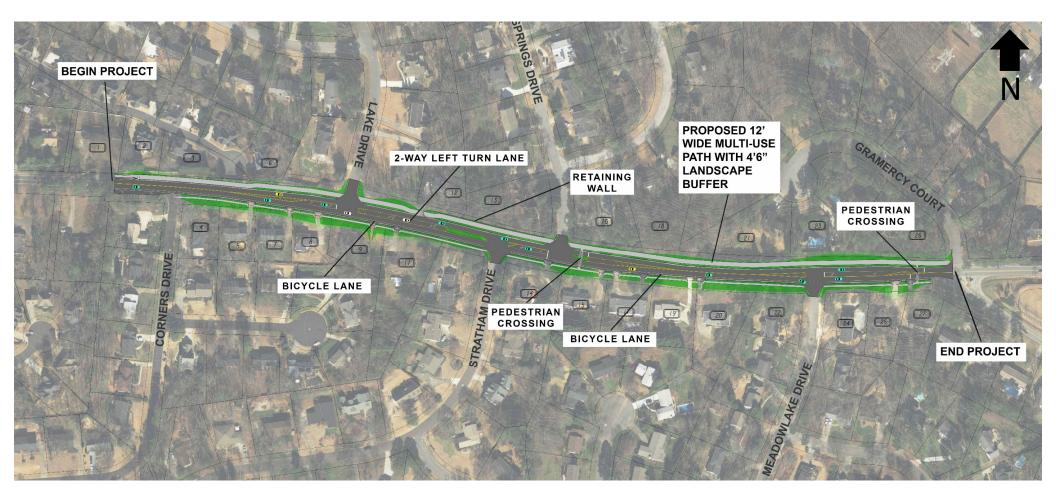
2024 January- Contract amendment for extension discussed by City Council, direction to reach out to property owners adjacent to extended project area

<u>Future</u>

2026- Right of Way funding programmed in proposed SPLOST Capital Budget

2028-2029- Construction funding programmed

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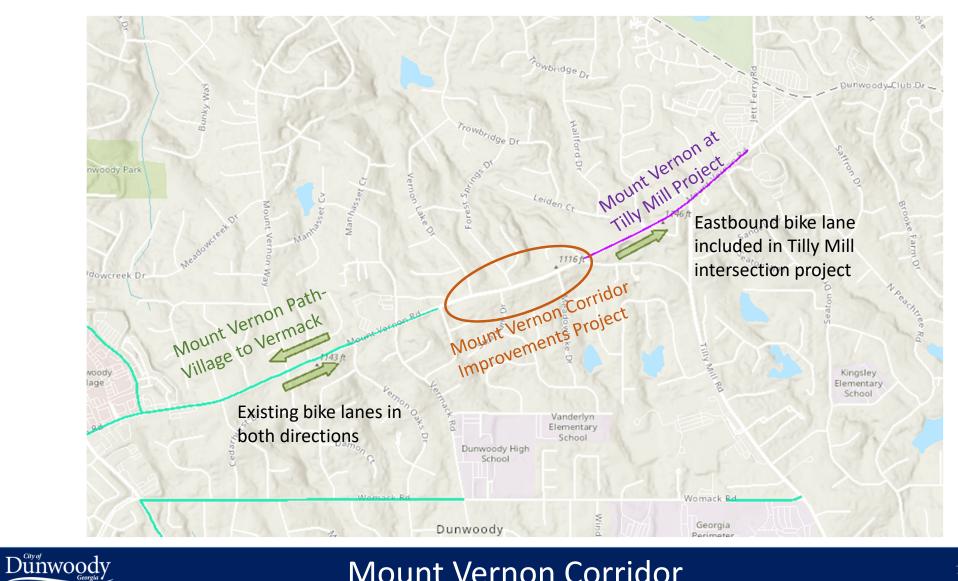
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