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City of South Fulton Government

Council Reviews Pedestrian Safety Plan for Washington Road Corridor

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GA – November 10, 2020) A proposed range of infrastructure improvements would help transform the Washington Road corridor in the City of South Fulton by ensuring motorists and pedestrians are able to travel safely and comfortably.

The Atlanta Regional Commission and City of South Fulton Planning Department presented findings to Tuesday from a year-long study focused on improving pedestrian safety and walkability for individuals who work and live near Washington Road between Roosevelt Highway and North Commerce Drive.

“The most requested improvements along the corridor are continuous sidewalks on both sides of the road, benches and shelters at all bus stops, and improved lighting for pedestrians,” said Shayla Reed, director of the City of South Fulton’s Department of Community Development and Regulatory Affairs. “These opportunities will further extend walkability and pedestrian safety in the area,” said Reed.

In 2020, the City of South Fulton partnered with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to conduct a pedestrian safety study through the ARC Community Development Assistance Program. The plan contains a detailed examination of existing conditions, including the results of a walkability audit and a set of recommended improvements to the corridor.

The plan includes the following recommendations:

- Repaint existing faded crosswalks along the corridor.
- Develop a plan to install new crosswalks.
- Examine funding opportunities, such as Community Development Block Grant or Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax funds, for sidewalk construction on the east side of the corridor.
- Install lighting at a scale appropriate for pedestrians
- Begin discussions with MARTA about the installation of bus shelters to serve the Atlanta Job Corps Center and other high use stops.
- Work with the Georgia department of Transportation to develop placemaking elements to be incorporated at the roundabout.
- Work with the City of East Point on sidewalk and crossing improvements at the intersection of Commerce Drive and Washington Road.

The city council is scheduled to approve the plan’s recommendations Dec. 8

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