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Proposed Multi-Use Trail Would Increase Mobility Options for Citizens

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GA – November 10, 2020) – A new multi-use path would provide City of South Fulton residents with increased mobility and an added option for exercise and recreation, according to a plan reviewed by the city council Tuesday.

The proposed trail is a part of the Model Mile pathway network being planned by AeroATL. The project includes similar trails in neighboring cities, which, when completed, would form a network of pedestrian trails that would connect residents to a diverse variety of shopping, dining and travel opportunities.

“South Fulton is one of the communities working with Pond and Aerotropolis Atlanta Community Improvement Districts to identify how they’d like to see their model mile,” said Andrew Kohr, senior project manager at Pond, the engineering, planning, architecture and construction services company that developed the plan. “The goal of this project is to bring connectivity to the city by utilizing open space and connecting citizens to nature.”

The project has an estimated length of 2.3 miles. Much like the Atlanta Beltline, the concrete trail would feature boardwalks through wetlands and tunnels where it intersects with major roads. The main trail would run from Enon Road to Butner Road with an estimated cost of \$11,000,000. A separate trailhead connecting the Wolf Creek Trail would be located on Enon Road with an estimated cost of \$3,300,000.

The masterplan considers existing trails, economic, environmental and social constraints, key connection points, safety issues and best practices. In 2018, the AeroCIDs, in cooperation with the Aerotropolis Alliance completed the AeroATL Greenway Plan. This document identified a large network of trails that would connect the many communities of South Metro Atlanta.

In 2019, AACIDs received a Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission. The grant will help develop feasibility studies for seven model mile communities while defining a preferred route with supporting design concepts, cost estimates and a recommended funding strategy.

Kohr recommended that the city begin designing the trail to become funding ready in anticipation of future funding sources including COVID-19 relief funds. The project would be paid for by a diverse variety of funding sources according to the plan.

The project is currently in the site analysis and concept design stage and is slated to enter the construction documents and final design stage afterward. The plan will go to the construction stage upon final approval.

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