

FACTSHEET

ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOOD CHARTER SCHOOL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) (PI No. 0010394)

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ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOOD CHARTER SCHOOL PROJECT

- The **City of Atlanta** responded to the Georgia DOT's call for SRTS infrastructure projects and was granted \$500,000.00 to address **bicyclist and pedestrian safety** for the Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School (ANCS). The project aims to maximize the use of the available funds.
- GDOT, the City, ANCS, and community members coordinated the development of this project.
- The proposed project includes the following:
 - **Enhanced pedestrian crossings** at the intersections of Cherokee and Augusta Ave. and Cherokee and Milledge Ave. Rectangular rapid flashing beacons and bulbouts will be installed. The beacons flash high-intensity light to notify motorists when pedestrians use the cross walk; bulbouts reduce the crossing distance by extending the curb.
 - **A bicycle route** connecting the intersection of East Confederate and Boulevard to the intersection of Moreland and Ormewood. The majority of the route will be enhanced with a two-way protected bike lane (cycletrack) using existing pavement on the south side of the road.
- The project is currently scheduled to be let for construction in June of 2016.
- ANCS is a partner of the SRTS Resource Center: <http://www.saferoutesga.org/>
- In the fall of 2014, 15% of elementary campus students walked to school and 3% biked; 21% of middle campus students walked to school and 6% biked. The statewide average for SRTS Resource Center partners is 7.8% walkers.

SRTS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

- The SRTS infrastructure program, administered by the **Federal Highway Administration**, is intended to **promote walking and bicycling by students** living within a two-mile radius of schools. The desired outcome of the SRTS infrastructure program is to improve the health and well-being of children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school.
- GDOT issued two calls for SRTS infrastructure projects; 44 projects were selected totaling approximately \$23 million.
- All construction and land disturbing activities occur **entirely within existing, publically owned right of way**. SRTS projects are low-cost and have **compressed project schedules**.

FOLLOW UP

- Comments may be submitted to Carleton Fisher, Project Manager, GDOT Office of Program Delivery, 600 West Peachtree St., 25th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30308 until September 6th, 2015.