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GDOT PI 0017742 Off-System Safety Improvements United Avenue Restriping Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The City of Atlanta Department of Transportation (ATLDOT) has received questions about the United Avenue bike lane extension from Woodland Avenue to Gilbert Street. See below answers those questions.

What is the full scope of the project?

The Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) PI 0017742 Off-System Safety Improvements project includes restriping along Andrew Young International Boulevard from Centennial Olympic Park to Piedmont Avenue NE to add lane markings, signage, formalize parking, and refresh crosswalks. The project also includes United Avenue SE from Moreland Avenue SE to Ormewood Avenue SE to add lane markings (including bike lane striping), signage, buffer with flex posts alongside the bike lane to narrow travel lanes and protect bikes. Lane widths will be reduced to make room for bike lanes. Existing bike lanes will be extended to Gilbert Street.

What are GDOT's and ATLDOT's roles in the project?

GDOT's Office of Local Grants provided funding and project management, performed the environmental work, minor utility coordination, advertised for bids, and is managing the contactor and construction. ATLDOT provided the design to GDOT and conducted internal plan reviews.

Was public outreach conducted?

Based on the recommendation of GDOT's Assistant Environmental Administrator, public outreach was not conducted during the PE phase of the project. Councilmember Winston confirmed that community engagement was held during the grant application process in 2020, and the community was in support of the project and scope. This FAQ

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document has been prepared to address common questions that have arisen during the construction phase of the project.

Why is a protected bike lane being installed?

To accomplish the City's Vision Zero program goal, ATLDOT is taking every opportunity to reduce serious injuries and fatalities on our roadways. Providing a protected bike lane for vulnerable roadway users on United Avenue prioritizes mobility and safety on one of the city's major collector streets.

Where should residents park?

Residents may park in their own personal driveways or access other available parking on nearby secondary roadways.

Where should service/delivery vehicles park?

Service/delivery vehicles may park on the property in which they are servicing, wherever possible. Parking within a bike lane is illegal and can result in ticketing by local enforcement agencies. If the service provider needs to park in the bike lane, they will need to obtain a lane closure permit. Please refer to the following webpage for additional information: <https://atldot.atlantaga.gov/services-2/permits-2/lane-closure-permits>

How will USPS deliver mail?

The bike lane was designed so that it is wide enough to allow postal vehicles to pull to the curb to access mailboxes.

Where should we put our trash and recycling bins?

Trash and recycling bins should be placed in the bike lane buffer, horizontally between the vehicle and bike lane, and longitudinally close to your driveway or adjacent to the first bike lane protection post. On some sections of United Avenue, the typical trash bins are slightly wider than the bike lane buffer. Place the bins on the edge of the vehicle travel lane, which may block up to 1' of the 5.5' wide bike lane.



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There is debris in the bike lane, who will clean it?

Currently the Department of Public Works (DPW) sweeps bike lanes quarterly. ATLDOT's Office of Transportation Infrastructure Management (TIM) is requesting FY24 capital budget funds from the administration to purchase a mini sweeper that will work well to clear debris from the protected bike lanes in the city in the future.

Will MARTA buses fit in the narrower roadway?

Yes, the travel lanes were designed to be 11' wide to accommodate MARTA buses. If there is a construction issue where the lane widths are lower than designed, please contact ATLDOT at the email below and we will forward the information to GDOT and the contractor to resolve.

How will the installation of protected bike lanes affect vehicles' travel speed along United Avenue?

Reducing the width of vehicle travel lanes (via installation of bike lanes) has been demonstrated to reduce the frequency and severity of speeding along a given roadway segment. Reducing speeding is a key goal for both neighborhood livability and achieving Vision Zero.

How do I report a drainage issue?

Please report drainage issues to the Department of Watershed Management (DWM) via 311: www.atl311.com. Drainage installation/reconstruction is not within the scope of PI #0017742.

How can I share my thoughts on the project?

ATLDOT may review additional questions and comments on the project. Further project details are available on the GDOT website project page at:

<https://www.dot.ga.gov/applications/geopi/Pages/Dashboard.aspx?ProjectId=001774>

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Email comments to: ATLDOT@AtlantaGa.gov. Please include "0017742 United Ave" in the subject line of the email. Note that the project is currently under construction by GDOT and their contractor Tidwell Traffic Solutions, so any requested changes to the design may not be possible prior to installation.