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Subject: Responses to Public Information Open House Comments for PI # 0016053, DeKalb County, Peachtree Creek Greenway Trail from Atlanta to North Druid Hills Road-Phase II

Thank you for your comments concerning the proposed project referenced above. We appreciate your participation and all of the input that was received as a result of the Public Information Open House (PIOH) that was held December 6, 2021. Every written comment received will be made part of the project's official record.

A total of **40** people attended the open house in person, and 384 people viewed information on the city's project website (<https://www.brookhavenga.gov/publicworks/page/peachtree-creek-greenway-phase-ii>). Of the **30** respondents who formally commented, **all expressed support** of the project, **none were opposed**, **none were uncommitted**, and **none expressed conditional support**.

The City of Brookhaven placed ads for the PIOH in both English and Spanish in local newspapers, and advertised the meeting on the city's social media outlets. The project information on the project website was also made available in both English and Spanish. Two translators were also available at the PIOH held at the Latin American Association building. The attendees of the open house and those persons sending in comments within the comment period raised the following questions. The City of Brookhaven has prepared this one response letter that addresses all comments received so that everyone can be aware of the questions raised and the responses given. Please find the comments summarized below (in *italics*) followed by our response.

There were numerous reasons expressed in support of this project including improving air quality, expanded recreational opportunities, and community connectivity. The City of Brookhaven appreciates the support of the community for this project.

- *Several comments were received inquiring about connectivity of Phase II to the Pine Hills neighborhood by way of pedestrian bridge of Peachtree Creek, Shady Valley Park, and existing area trails such as the Atlanta BeltLine and Cheshire Farms Trail.*

The scope and funding do not provide for extensions of the trail or additional pedestrian bridges with this project. However, the City of Brookhaven understands the need and desire to connect communities with shared use paths such as the Peachtree Creek Greenway and appreciates ideas for future connectivity. Several of these connections are beyond the City limits and would need to be implemented by the City of Atlanta. These ideas will be considered in planning processes and future coordination with neighboring jurisdictions by the City for future pedestrian projects.

- *Comments were received to consider separate walking and biking trails, or to include median striping to help with separating user activity.*

The shared use path will include a saw cut centerline marking. Separate walking and biking trails or designated areas require a bigger project footprint, increasing the cost of construction and

right-of-way. The proposed 14-foot wide trail would provide sufficient space for multiple types of users.

- *“Consider providing art along the trail.”*

The design team will work with the City to identify potential locations for future art along the trail. The current project budget does not include artwork in the initial project construction.

- *Comments were received relating to public safety and suggesting that the City of Brookhaven police department be equipped with bicycles to patrol the trail. A comment was also received about addressing the homeless population.*

Currently, City police do patrol the existing segment of the trail and will continue to do so for this extension. The project also includes lighting and cameras for added security.

- *Several comments were received regarding the timing of the project, coordinating this project with the phase to connect at the north end, and what can be done to accelerate the schedule.*

The project is currently in the preliminary plans phase, with right-of-way acquisition the next major milestone in the project. Under the current schedule, the proposed trail would begin construction in 2024, with completion in 2026. However, the City and the design team are working to accelerate the schedule where possible. Updates on the schedule will be posted to the City’s project website. With regards to coordinating this project with Phase III of the Peachtree Creek Greenway Trail, Phase III has been advertised for design and the City anticipates awarding the project soon to get it underway. So while it will not occur simultaneously with Phase II, it should begin construction soon after Phase II is completed.

Again, thank you for your comments. Should you have further questions or comments, please contact the City of Brookhaven Project Manager, Andy Kennedy at 404-637-0724, or the GDOT project manager, Felecia Basolo, at 770-263-5945.

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