

MEMORANDUM

Subject:	Funding Authorization for Construction of Turn Lane Improvements on Meadow Lane Road at Ridgeview Road and at Ashford Dunwoody Road
Date:	June 10, 2019
From:	Michael Smith, Public Works Director
То:	Mayor and City Council

BACKGROUND

The city's transportation master plan identifies relatively low-cost intersection improvements at two locations on Meadow Lane Road. At Ridgeview Road a left turn lane is proposed on Meadow Lane Road for the eastbound approach to the intersection. Adding a left turn lane will provide an area out of the flow of through traffic for cars waiting to turn left onto Ridgeview Road. The improvements at this intersection will also include adding pedestrian crosswalks and signals on the western and northern legs of the intersection. The westbound approach to the intersection already has a left turn lane.

The second intersection improvement involves lengthening the left turn lanes on Meadow Lane Road for the eastbound approach to Ashford Dunwoody Road. The queue for vehicles waiting to turn left at this location frequently extends beyond the two existing left turn lanes into one of the eastbound through lanes, thereby impeding the flow of through traffic. Due to the proximity of the Perimeter Center Place intersection to the west, it is not feasible to construct turn lanes with enough storage for the longest queues, particularly during the afternoon peak travel time. However, extending the turn lanes 100 feet as proposed will nearly double the capacity of the lanes.

At both intersections the improvements will be constructed by removing the existing raised median and the work will be contained within the existing right of way.

FUNDING

The city committed \$50,000 in the 2018 budget for these improvements and requested \$100,000 from the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank. The state elected to fund other projects but the city's funds remain in the capital project budget.

District 1 Commissioner Nancy Jester recently sponsored legislation approved by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners to provide \$60,000 towards the intersection improvements and the Perimeter Community Improvement District Board has also agreed to contribute \$50,000.



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RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff requests authorization to provide up to \$150,000 in funding through the city's small construction project unit price contract with Georgia Development Partners to construct the intersection improvements on Meadow Lane Road at Ridgeview Road and Ashford Dunwoody Road.



