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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Tiffany Siegel, Capital Projects Manager
Date: August 10, 2026
Subject: **Approval of a Contract Amendment with Practical Design Partners for Final Design of Sidewalk at Womack Road and Vermack Road**

ACTION

Authorize the Mayor, City Manager, or designee to execute all documents necessary and proper for a contract amendment with Practical Design Partners (PDP) for final design of sidewalk on Womack Road starting at Cambridge Drive and ending on Vermack Road at Parliament Drive.

SUMMARY

The concept for the Womack Road Sidewalk between Cambridge Drive and Vermack Road was prepared by Practical Design Partners (PDP) who was awarded a \$47,000 contract through Gwinnett County's competitively bid on-call contract rates. Public involvement was performed in February 2026 to collect feedback on the concept. Most of the comments received expressed support for the project.

PDP has provided a fee of \$98,000 to complete the final design with an additional \$20,000 contingency for stormwater mitigation if necessary. The fee also includes final design for a segment of the Vermack Sidewalk project between Womack Road and Parliament Drive. The Vermack concept design previously reviewed by the City Council in July 2021 includes new sidewalks and bike lanes as well as a crosswalk improvement at Parliament Drive. The final design for sidewalk in this area will also include extending the curb on the northeast corner of Womack Road and Vermack Road to shorten the pedestrian crossing distance. This safety improvement was identified during development of the city's Road Safety Action Plan.

DETAILS

Dunwoody has had a long-standing goal of having sidewalks on both sides of all collector and arterial roads in the city. Womack Road and Vermack Road are both classified as collector roadways. The city has previously added sidewalk on Womack Road west of Cambridge Drive, completed the Vermack Path in front of Dunwoody High School to accommodate pedestrians and bicycles, and striped other sections of Vermack Road for bike lanes. Currently there is a sidewalk gap on the south side of Womack Rd between Cambridge Drive and Vermack Road and on the west side of Vermack Road between Womack Road and the Vermack Swim and Tennis Club. There is also a gap in the bicycle lanes on Vermack Road between Womack Road and Parliament Way.



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Concept Development

The concepts were prepared by Practical Design Partners (PDP) who was awarded the contract through Gwinnett County's competitively bid on-call contract rates. The city's Trail Master Plan includes a recommendation to narrow the pavement on Womack Road and add a protected bicycle lane on both sides of the road. The concept was designed with future plans/recommendations in mind.

Public Input

In February 2026, the city solicited public input on the project through a 3-week comment period on the city's website and received 46 comments. City staff also talked with several residents who live on the corridor about the project.

The number of respondents supporting this project was significantly higher than those opposing the improvements with a small percentage expressing opposition. Additionally, there was a small percentage of responses supporting the sidewalk but not a 6' sidewalk. Of the respondents that opposed the project, the most common objection was to having sidewalk on both sides of the roadway. Other concerns included the increase of additional impervious surface and the downstream stormwater and landscaping impacts to property owners on the corridor. The project will evaluate the stormwater runoff, and measures will be included in the project, as required to account for the additional impervious surface. Additionally, any disturbed areas will be restored to match the existing conditions of the surrounding areas prior to construction.

Project Final Design

PDP has provided a fee of \$98,000 to complete the final design with an additional \$20,000 contingency for stormwater mitigation if necessary. The final design fee also includes the projects below that are within the footprint of this project.

Vermack Sidewalk between Womack Road and Parliament Drive. The concept for this project was approved in 2021 which includes sidewalk and bicycle lane widening on both sides of roadway with an improved crosswalk at Parliament Drive. Based on current guidance from the Federal Highway Administration for bicycle facilities, the approved concept should be modified slightly to provide a protected bike lane. This can be accommodated within the width of the approved concept.

Womack at Vermack Bulb Out is a safety project to extend the curb at the northeast corner of Womack Rd and Vermack Rd. Includes a curb extension and ADA ramp upgrade.

Due to these projects' footprints overlapping, staff recommends proceeding with the final design for the Womack Road Sidewalk along with the Vermack Sidewalk and the Womack at Vermack bulb out. The current capital budget includes sufficient funds for this contract.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the Mayor, City Manager, or designee to execute all documents necessary and proper for a contract amendment not to exceed \$118,000 for final design of sidewalk on Womack Road starting at Cambridge Drive and ending on Vermack Road at Parliament Drive.



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Womack Road Sidewalk from Cambridge Dr to Vermack Rd
– Contract Amendment for Final Design

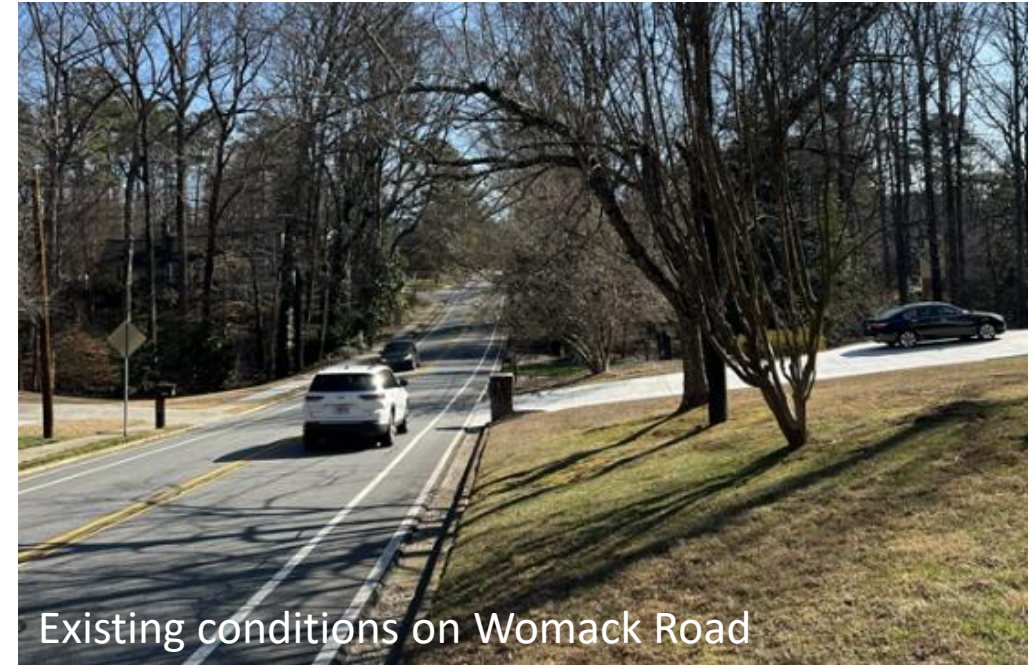
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Project Overview Map:



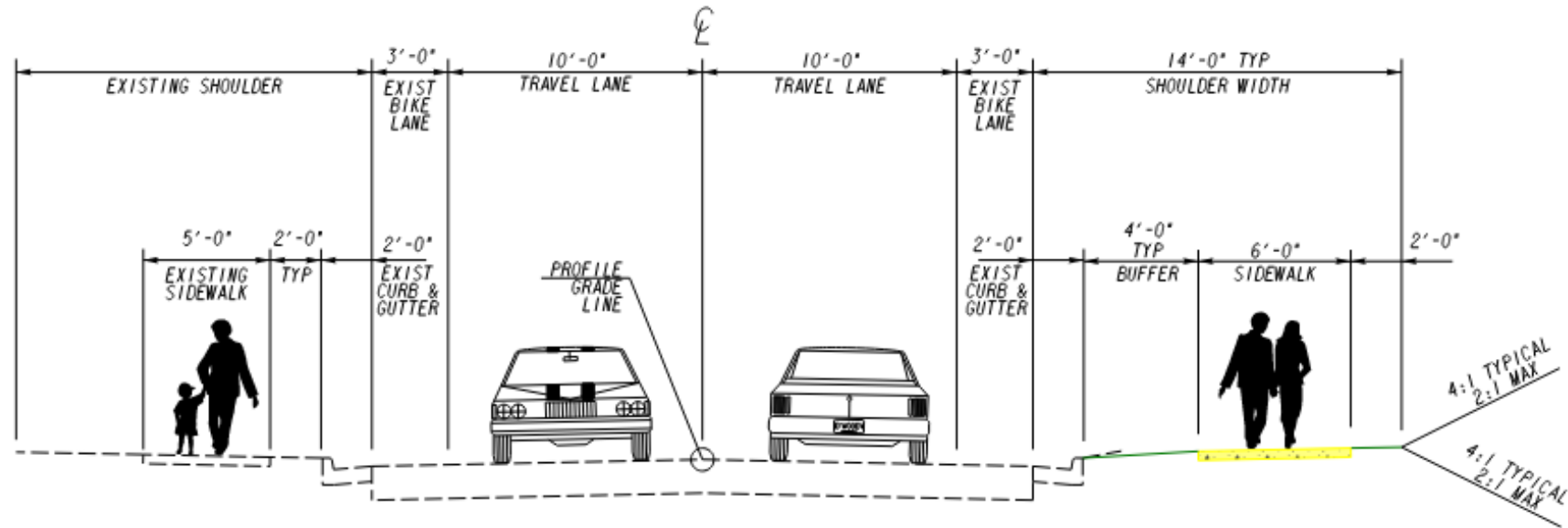
Project Details

- 6' sidewalk on southside of Womack Road from Cambridge Drive to Vermack Road
- Increases pedestrian safety and accessibility
- Completes gap in sidewalk network on Womack Road
- Creates a safe routes to school connection





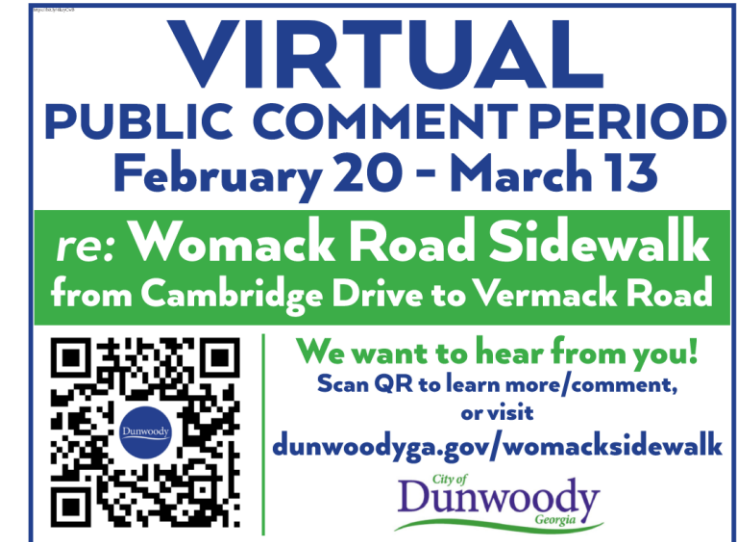
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|  | DRIVEWAY EASEMENT |
|  | PROPOSED CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER |
|  | PROPOSED CONCRETE SIDEWALK |
|  | PROPOSED LANDSCAPED AREA |
|  | DRIVEWAY RECONSTRUCTION |
|  | EXISTING FENCE |
|  | PROPOSED FENCE |
|  | PROPOSED RETAINING WALL |
|  | CONSTRUCTION LIMITS |
|  | ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) |



TYPICAL SECTION WOMACK ROAD

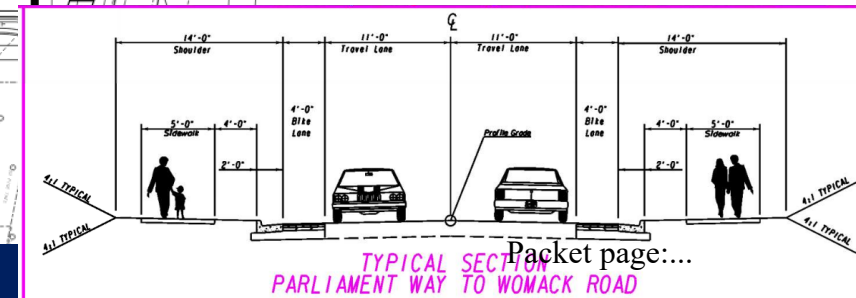
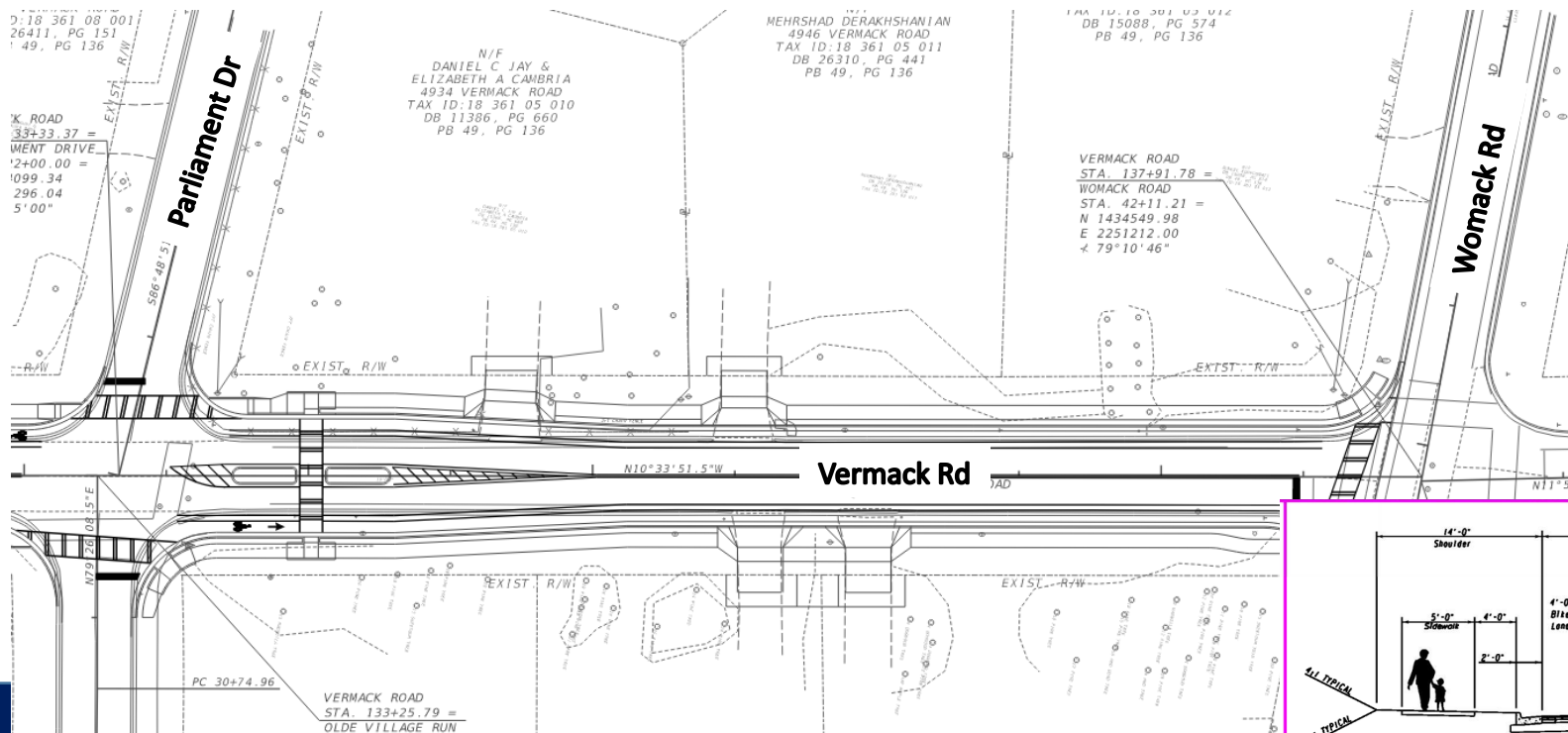
Public Involvement

- Virtual Public Comment: 3 weeks
- Public notification:
 - Letters mailed to residents on corridor
 - Yard signs
 - D-News
- Responses: 46 comments *(Response letter mailed on 6/29/2026)*
 - Supportive: 30
 - Conditional Support: 4
 - Uncommitted: 3
 - Opposition: 9



Vermack Sidewalk – Womack Rd to Parliament Dr

- Public Involvement: June 2021
- Concept: Reviewed by City Council in July 2021
 - Includes: Sidewalk and bicycle lane widening on both sides of roadway with an improved crosswalk at Parliament Drive.
 - Typical Section: Modify for protected bicycle lanes (*can be accommodated within footprint of approved concept*).



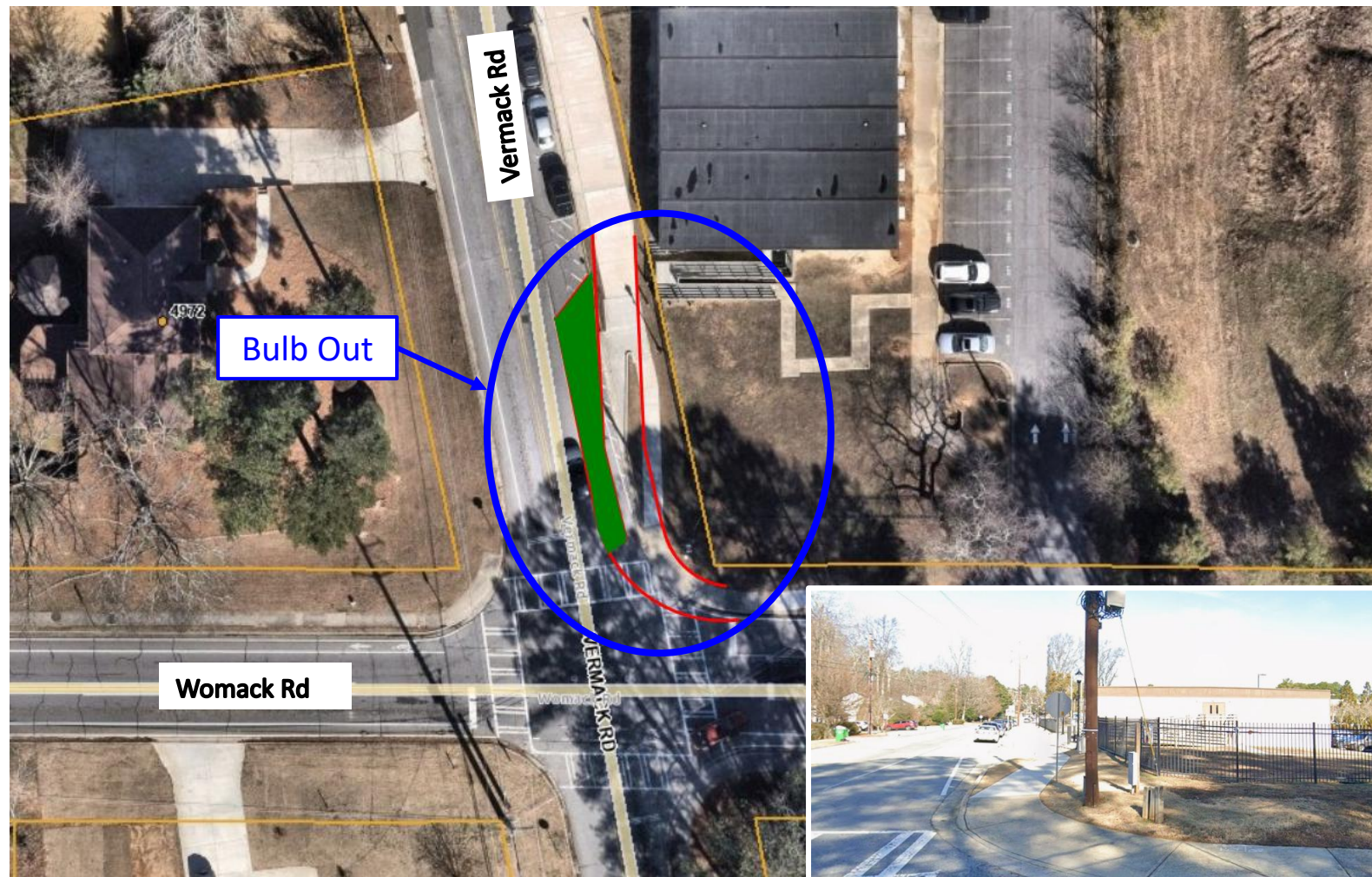
Womack at Vermack Bulb Out

Includes:

- Curb extension at the NE corner
- upgrading the existing curb ramp to meet ADA compliance

Safety Improvements:

- Shortens crossing distance
- Improves pedestrian visibility
- Slows vehicles down



Project Final Design Deliverables

- Final Design Plans for Construction:
 - **Womack Sidewalk: Cambridge Dr to Vermack Rd**
 - Sidewalk on southside of roadway
 - *Note: No right-of-way required; 9 driveway easements; 2 temporary easements*
 - **Vermack Sidewalk: Womack Rd to Parliament Dr**
 - Sidewalk and bicycle lane widening on both sides of roadway with crosswalk improvement at Parliament Drive
 - *Note: No right-of-way required; 4 driveway easements*
 - **Womack at Vermack Bulb Out:**
 - Bulb-out curb extension at the NE corner and ADA ramp
- Stormwater hydrology analysis
- Updated Cost Estimate

Project Budget

- City Budget FY2026:
 - SP1-1838: Womack – Cambridge to Vermack \$623k
 - 419: Womack at Vermack Bulb Out \$25k
 - 424: Vermack Sidewalk – Womack to Parliament \$50k
 - Total Project Budget:** **\$698k**
- Final Design: \$118,000