

Project Update: Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive Innovation Corridor Project



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Project: Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive Innovation Corridor Project
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Project Completion Date: Summer 2020

Project Overview:

The Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Drive Innovation Corridor is a 7.2-mile project that consist of sidewalks, multi-use trails, pedestrian crosswalks, traffic signals, pedestrian amenities, pedestrian and street lighting, bus shelters, and raised medians at various locations along MLK Jr. Drive between Northside Drive and Fulton Industrial Boulevard. This project will also feature key art installations along the corridor.

Project Funding (In Millions):

Total Budget: \$43M
Federal Funds: TIGER \$10M

Project Description:

Improvements will include:

1. Sidewalk enhancements, crossing upgrades, and pedestrian amenities including lighting, street furniture, and bus shelters on the north side of MLK Jr. Drive at Mozley Park, on both sides of MLK Jr. Drive from Barfield Avenue to Florida Avenue, and on the north side of MLK Jr. Drive at the Adamsville Recreation Center.
2. Milling, resurfacing, and restriping the roadway from Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard to Ollie Street; Florida Avenue to Barfield Avenue; portion of Gordon Road, NW; Delmar Lane, NW
3. New multi-use path and pedestrian amenities along the frontage of the historic Westview Cemetery connecting to the bike lanes heading east along MLK Jr. Drive. The existing cemetery fence will be replaced in its current location.
4. New multi-use path, pedestrian amenities, and linear park along the north side of MLK Jr. Drive from Peyton Place to Lynhurst Drive.
5. Raised medians, pedestrian refuge islands, traffic signal upgrades and pedestrian signal/beacons from Fulton Industrial Boulevard to Ollie Street.
6. Gateway signage on the eastern and western ends of the corridor at the two (2) I-20 under-passes and I-285 overpass.

Project Update:

MLK – Northside Drive to Ollie Street

- The installation of sidewalks, medians, and granite curbing are substantially complete between Northside Drive and Tattnell Street. The pedestrian lighting and traffic signals were completed.
- Currently, working on bulb-outs between Ollie Street and James B. Brawley Drive.
- Asphalt paving will be forthcoming between Northside Drive and Ollie Street.

MLK – Ollie Street and Fulton Industrial Boulevard

- All 11-medians have been installed between Ollie Street and Racine Street and backfilled with top soil.
- Utilities are being relocated to the new utility poles in the Mozley Park area.
- Utility relocation and drainage construction has begun at the Fairfield Curve—between Florida Avenue and Barfield Avenue.
- Asphalt paving has begun between Ollie Street and West Lake Avenue along MLK, Jr., Drive.
- Sidewalk and brick paving work has been substantially completed along the Mozley Park area.
- Pedestrian light poles and luminaries have been installed at the Mozley Park location.

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