

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: December 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, at 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 project is about 90% complete.
- The installation of sidewalks, medians, and granite curbing are substantially complete between Northside Drive and Tatnall Street. The pedestrian lighting and traffic signals were completed.
- All of the bulb-outs between Northside Drive to Ollie Street have been completed.
- Asphalt paving between Sunset Avenue to Ollie Street has been completed.
- Remaining work for this project is the ADA ramp located at the Northside Drive intersection, asphalt paving between Northside Drive and Sunset Avenue, striping and the energizing of the traffic signals.

MLK – Ollie Street and Fulton Industrial Boulevard

- The project is about 65% complete.
- All 11-medians have been installed between Ollie Street and Racine Street and backfilled with top soil.
- Between Ollie Street to Ralph David Abernathy Blvd., the contractor is currently working on the traffic signalization. The sidewalk and brick pavers at Mozley Park have been installed. Asphalt paving has been completed in this area. A masonry wall underneath I-20, on the southern side has been completed. All of the rectangular rapid flashing beacons have been installed in the vicinity.
- The contractor has continued to install the storm line systems at the Westview Cemetery area, along with the proposed curbing.
- Near Florida Avenue, storm systems and sidewalk installation is currently in progress, along with street and pedestrian lighting.
- Work at Linear Park is still ongoing. The multi-use Trail #1 and Trail #2 between Lynhurst Drive to Peyton Place is close to completion. Pedestrian and Street Lighting will be upcoming, along with brick paver installations, planter boxes, and landscaping items.
- Work between Fulton Industrial Blvd. to I-285 is close to completion, with the remaining work of side road asphalt paving at Old Gordon Road, and miscellaneous roadway signage.
- Hawk signal work is still pending along the corridor.
- Major utility relocations along the corridor have been completed during the month of May.
- The current schedule is anticipating completion by March 2021.

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