

Safe Routes to School Community Meeting

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Sylvan Road Safety Improvements

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Agenda



- **Introductions**
- **Safe Routes to School**
- **Vision Zero for Youth**
- **Project Overview & Design Plans**
- **Timeline & Next Steps**
- **Q&A**

About Safe Routes to School



Safe Routes to School Atlanta, a K-12 program of the Atlanta Department of Transportation, aims to make it safer and more appealing for students to walk, bike, and roll to school and encourages youth to take active modes of transportation while traveling within the City of Atlanta.

How We Partner With Schools



- Provide **technical assistance** to schools for SRTS programming
- **Assess School Zones** and the surrounding neighborhoods
- Work with the department to **identify safety improvements**
- Assist schools in **developing plans to sustain the SRTS program** long-term for the school and adjacent communities

Advancing Vision Zero Near Schools

- In the City of Atlanta, **50% of all fatalities and serious injuries occur within the vicinity of schools.**
- Over five years (2018-2022), **196 people were killed, and 1,405 people were seriously injured** in traffic crashes within and near our high-priority Schools
- Highlight the **urgent need for comprehensive safety measures** around our schools to protect our children and community members.



SRTS Equity Prioritization



Safety & Transportation Vulnerability: High-injury network, Non-motorized Crashes, COC Areas



Built Environment: Missing sidewalks, sidewalks in poor/very poor condition



Environmental Equity: Annual ER Asthma Visits; air quality



School Characteristics: Title 1 schools, Elementary Schools, Student enrollment

High-Priority Schools for FY25

1. **Hope-Hill ES (2)**
2. **Hutchinson ES (12)**
3. **Dunbar ES (4)**
4. **Finch ES (4)**
5. **FL Stanton ES (3)**
6. Washington HS (4)
7. **Cleveland Avenue ES (12)**
8. Douglass HS (3)
9. Gideons ES (12)
10. Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy (3)
11. John Lewis Invictus Academy (9)
12. Woodson Park Academy (9)
13. Heritage Academy ES (12)
14. Howard MS (2)
15. Harper-Archer ES (10)
16. Carver STEAM Academy HS (1)
17. Slater ES (1)
18. Usher-Collier ES (9)
19. Humphries ES (12)
20. Midtown HS (2)
21. Peyton Forest ES (10)
22. Cascade ES (11)
23. Tuskegee Airmen Global Academy ES (10)
24. E. Rivers ES (8)
25. Continental Colony ES (11)
26. **Crawford Long MS (12)**
27. **West Manor ES (10)**
28. **Sylvan Middle School (12) (SY29-30)**

**Numbers in parentheses represent council district rankings*

Sylvan Road Safety Improvements



2023 – Councilmember Antonio Lewis legislated \$125k funding for Safe Routes to School in D12.

That funding is being used to complete this project and a SRTS project at Crawford Long MS.



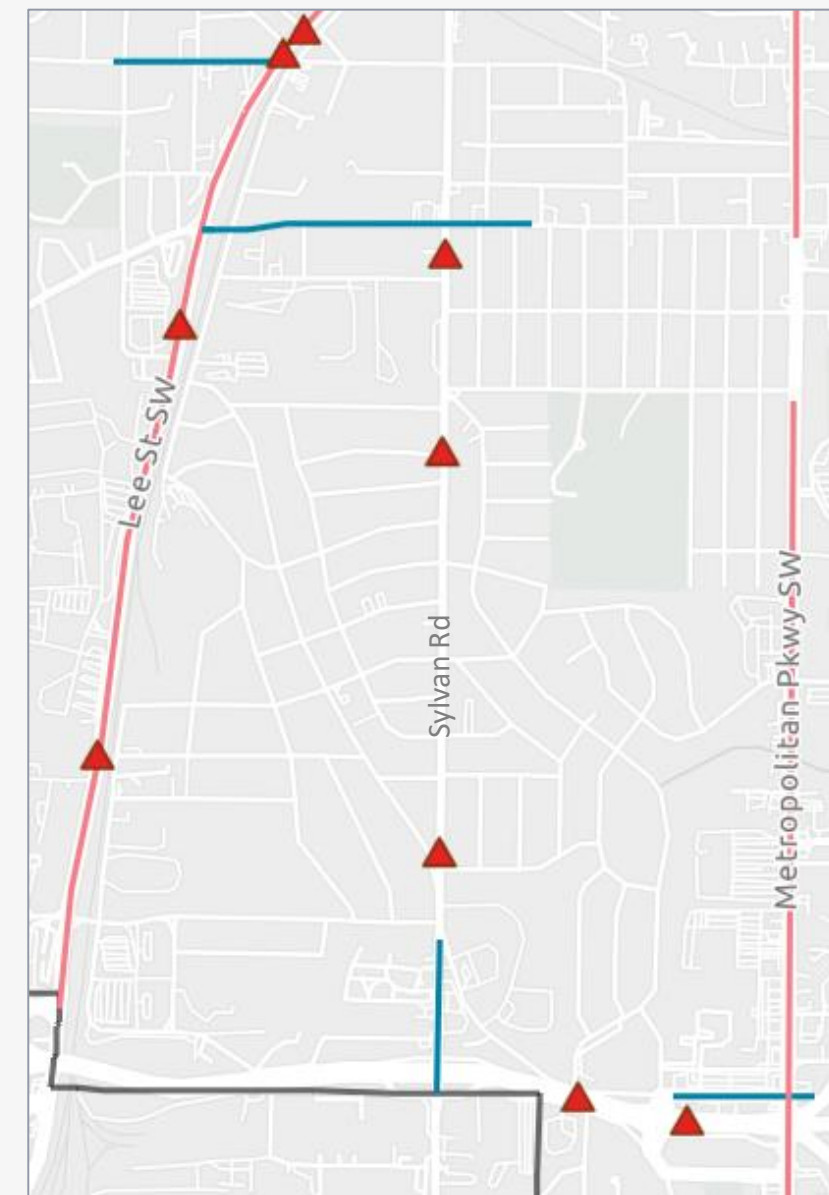
2024 – ATLDOT completed a prioritization of all Atlanta Public Schools to identify priority locations for the development of school safety action plans and infrastructure improvements.

Sylvan Hills MS ranks #28 citywide. Adair Park Transportation Committee approached ATLDOT about completing a Tactical Urbanism project on Sylvan Rd and Murphy Ave.



2023 to present – Three fatal crashes have occurred on Sylvan Road in the last two years, in addition to property damage crashes and incidences of speeding/reckless driving.

Project Background



ATLDOT Vision Zero Dashboard

Project Scope

DRAWING KEY MAP

DILL AVE & HARTFORD AVE
CURB EXTENSIONS
26-0011

SYLVAN MIDDLE SCHOOL BIKE LANE PROTECTION
(DILL AVE to DECKNER AVE)
26-0001 to 26-0004

SYLVAN RD TRAFFIC CALMING
(BYRON DR to ASTOR AVE)
26-0005 to 26-0010



Project Design Elements



Vertical bike lane protection between Dill Ave and Deckner Ave.

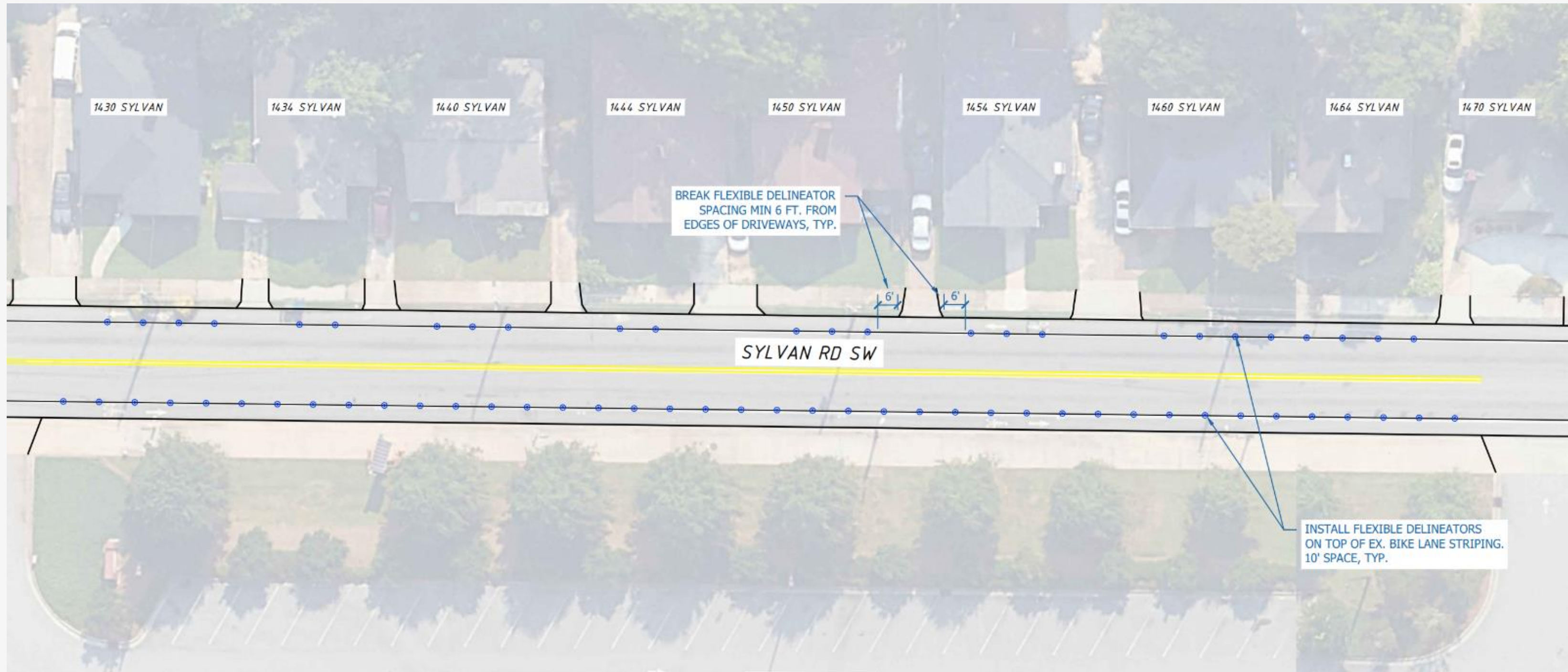


Speed cushions between Deckner Ave and Astor Ave to encourage safety driving speeds.

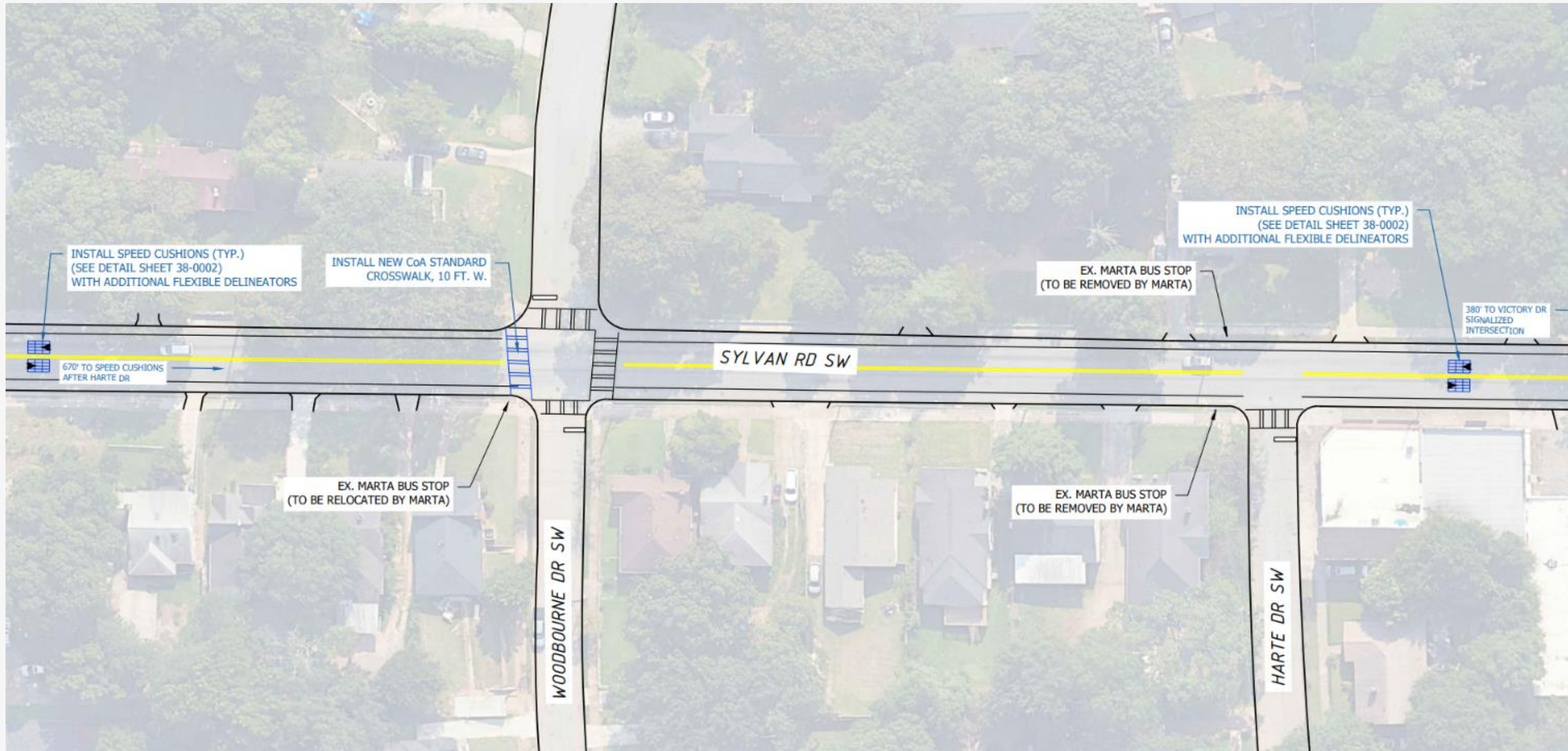


Painted and buffered bulb-outs/curb extensions on Dill Ave around AMP.

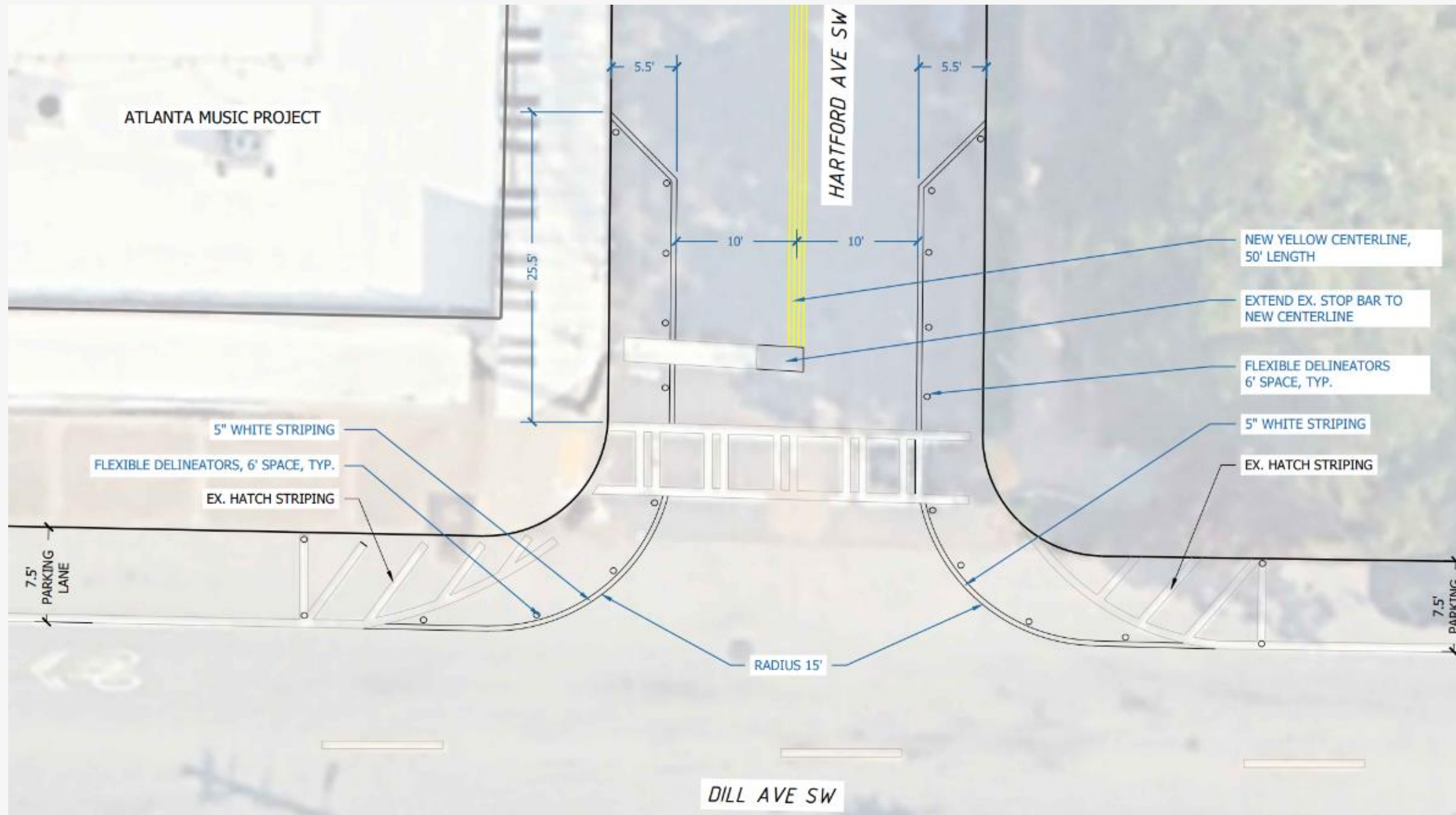
Sylvan Rd – Bike Lane Protection



Sylvan Rd – Speed Cushions



Dill Ave – Hartford Ave - Intersection Daylighting




Project Timeline

May 2025: Inform the public, residents, and stakeholders of planned design for the safety improvements.


June/July 2025: Update plans based on comments from stakeholders and the public that fit within the scope and budget of the project.

August/September 2025: Complete installation of the project.


Citywide Safety Efforts



Installing signage citywide to reflect recently approved speed limit reductions in line with Vision Zero goal.



Advancing Vision Zero Action Items along with Fatal Crash Review Commission Recommendations.



Starting engagement for the upcoming Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) in the Fall of 2025 to identify future transportation projects.

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