

Safe Routes to School Community Meeting

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5:30-7:00 PM

**Empire Boulevard
Tactical Walk/Bike
Lane Extension**

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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.

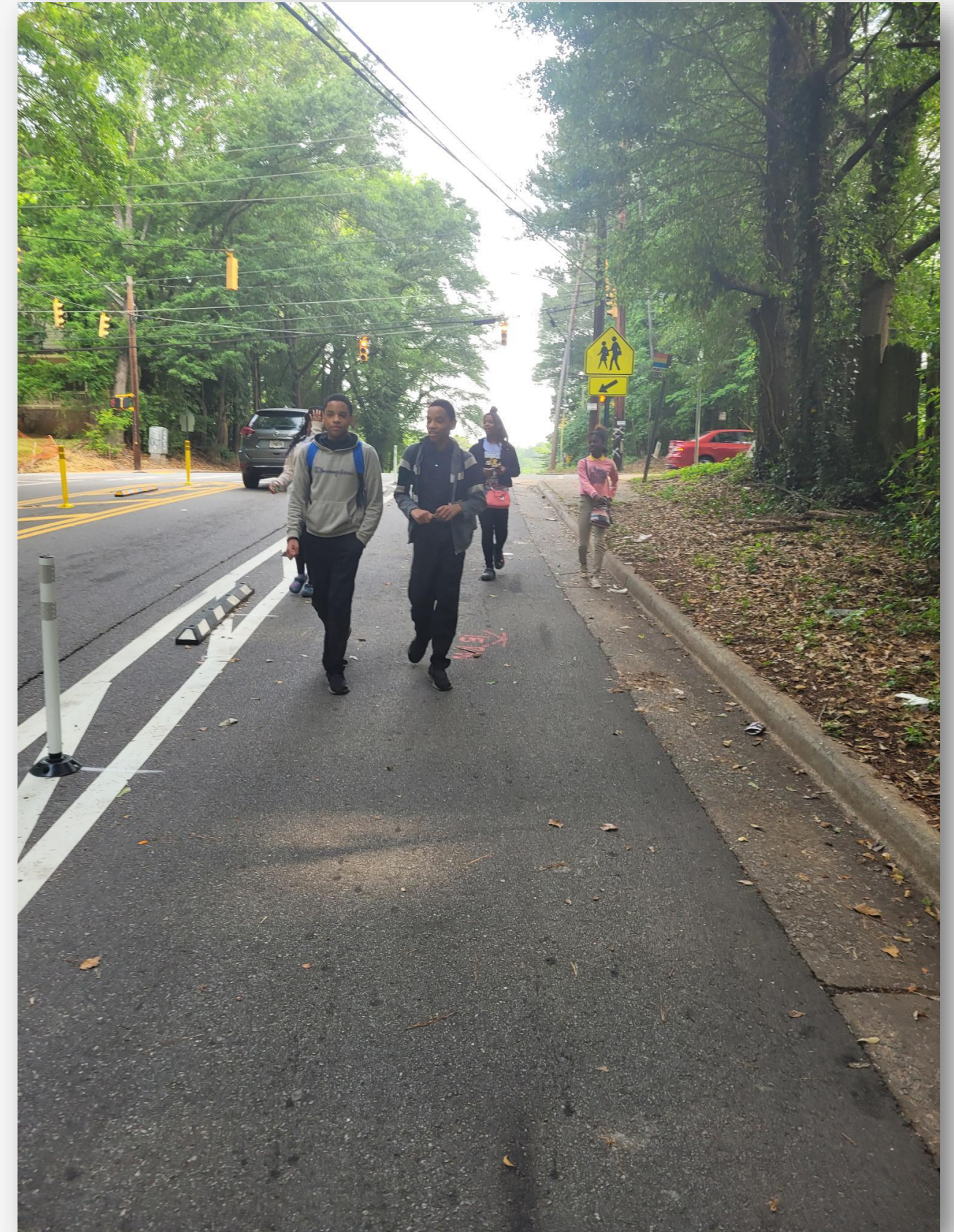
How We Partner With Schools



- 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**, which includes Crawford Long School.
- 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.



Empire Boulevard: Phase 1

Ward Drive through Oak Drive

Tactical Walk/Bike Lane

Lane: Phase 1

Improvements: Tactical Walk/Bike Lane, Speed Bumps, and Designated Carpool Lane



August 2022: Awarded Grant from the National Center for Safe Routes to School and General Motors

May 2023: Safety improvements between Mt. Zion Road and Oak Drive

June 2023: Legislation for Safe Routes to School Discretionary Funds in District 12



Empire Boulevard: Phase 2

Oak Drive through Mount Zion Road



ATLDOT partners with Council Member Antonio Lewis to extend the tactical walk/bike lane installed along Empire Boulevard between Ward Drive and Oak Drive in 2023.



Through Safe Routes to School discretionary funds from District 12 and as an initiative to calm traffic and improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, the lane will continue on Empire Boulevard from Oak Drive through Mt. Zion Road.



This project is also part of the department's Safe Routes to School partnership with Crawford Long Middle School and serves residents in the Glenrose Heights neighborhood.

Project Overview

Project Design



Painted buffer with vertical posts & wheel stops



New crosswalk at Glenrose Circle



New speed tables for traffic calming


Project Timeline

January-February 2025: Inform the public and residents in the Glenrose Heights neighborhood of the project


February/March 2025: Project installation is anticipated to be completed in February/March 2025

May 2025: Announce the completion of the project in partnership with Crawford Long Middle School during National Bike & Roll to School Month


Next Steps



Continue engagement with the Glenrose Heights community leading up to the project installation



Anticipate Installing the Tactical Walk/Bike lane in February/March



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Q&A

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