

City Council Work Session

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE WORK SESSION MEETING

Monday, November 13, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.

Greenville City Hall, 206 S. Main Street

Citizens may access the meeting at the following web address:

<https://www.greenvillesc.gov/1694/Online-Meetings>

CITY COUNCIL: Mayor Knox White; Councilmembers John DeWorken, Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, Dorothy Dowe, Russell Stall

CITY STAFF: City Manager Shannon Lavrin, City Attorney Leigh B. Paoletti; City Clerk Camilla G. Pitman

AGENDA

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| 1. | Call to Order | 3:00 p.m. |
| 2. | Engineering Project Updates | 3:00 p.m. |
| 3. | Business License Update | 3:45 p.m. |
| 4. | Executive Session (S.C. Code §30-4-70):
<i>NOTE: City Council will leave the Work Session to conduct an Executive Session which is not open to the public. The Work Session meeting will adjourn following the completion of the Executive Session. No action will be taken prior to adjourning the meeting.</i> | 4:00 p.m. |
| | a. Economic Development / Legal Briefing | |
| | b. Boards and Commissions / Personnel Update | |
| 5. | Adjourn | 5:15 p.m. |



Engineering Services

Capital Improvement Projects Update – November 13, 2023

[Project Summary]

Project Type	Project Manager	Planning & Design	In Construction	Total Projects	Total Investment	SCDOT & County Projects	Development Agreements
Neighborhood Sidewalks	Eddie Littleton	19	5	24	\$14.9M		
Wastewater	Lucas Bryson	5	5	10	\$13.7	1	2
Stormwater	Paul Dow	4	3	7	\$4.6		
Roads & Bridges	Nick DePalma	22	11	33	\$63.2M	7	5
Traffic & Intersections	Valerie Holmes	13	1	14	\$5.2M	6	



Neighborhood Sidewalks

[Neighborhood Infrastructure Bond Sidewalks]

Street	Cross Streets	Length	Total Cost	Status
Doe Street	Endel to Existing SW	250	\$121,283	Construction Completed.
Algonquin Trail	Between #10 and #18	500	\$290,300	Construction Completed.
Long Hill Street	Rice Street to End	1200	\$547,203	Construction to Start November 2023.
Potomac Avenue	Panama to Prince	2100	\$784,998	Construction to Start November 2023.
Chick Springs Road	Lotus to Mohawk	1845	\$880,213	Design Plans ~90%. Anticipating Bid January 2024.
Mohawk Drive	Chick Springs to Wade Hampton	1725	\$825,493	Design Plans ~90%. Anticipating Bid January 2024.
Gallivan Street	Mohawk to Park	300	\$136,800	Design Plans ~90%. Anticipating Bid January 2024.
Henderson Road	High Croft Subdivsion to Wembley	2320	\$1,096,813	Design Plans ~30%. Anticipating Bid Spring 2024.
Wembley Road	Henderson to Shelburne	1525	\$734,293	Design Plans ~30%. Anticipating Bid Spring 2024.
Webster Road	Laurens to N Ella	2750	\$1,358,320	Design Plans ~70%; Bid Spring 2024.
Keith Drive	Woodlark to N Pleasantburg	845	\$385,320	Design Plans Started In-House. Bid Summer 2024.
Lowndes Hill Road	E North to Keith	4970	\$2,435,970	Design Plans Started by AECOM. Bid Summer 2024.
Est Cost per LF =	\$456	Est Total =	\$9,823,100	

[Special Emphasis Neighborhood Sidewalks]

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Cook Street	Mulberry to Frank	1170	\$533,520	Design Completed. Bid Late 2023.
Traction Street	S Textile to Pendleton	1500	\$684,000	Design Completed. Bid Late 2023.
Long Hill Street	Deoyley to Phoenix	1120	\$510,720	Design Completed. Bid Late 2023.
Phoenix Avenue	Phoenix to Prosperity	480	\$218,880	Design Completed. Bid Late 2023.
Keith Drive	Lowndes Hill to Existing SW	795	\$362,520	Design Plans Started by AECOM. Bid Summer 2024.
Lowndes Hill Road	Keith to N Pleasantburg	1500	\$684,000	Design Plans Started by AECOM. Bid Summer 2024.
Alameda Road	Clark to E Faris	2800	\$1,276,800	Design 90% Complete. Bid Early 2024.
Rebecca Street	Clark to Community Center	950	\$433,200	Design 50% Complete. Bid Early 2024.
Mt Eustis Street	Stag to Spartanburg	500	\$228,000	Hold for larger infrastructure plan.
Stag Street	Mt Eustis to Dupont	400	\$182,400	Hold for larger infrastructure plan.
Est Cost per LF =	\$456	Est Total =	\$5,114,040	

[NIB Sidewalk Projects (Algonquin Trail)]

- Approximately 500 LF of curb and gutter, sidewalk, and storm drainage improvements were installed.
- Total Project Cost = \$290,300



[NIB Sidewalk Projects (Doe Street)]

- Approximately 275 LF of new curb and gutter, sidewalk, and storm drainage improvements were installed.
- Total Project Cost = \$121,283





Wastewater Projects

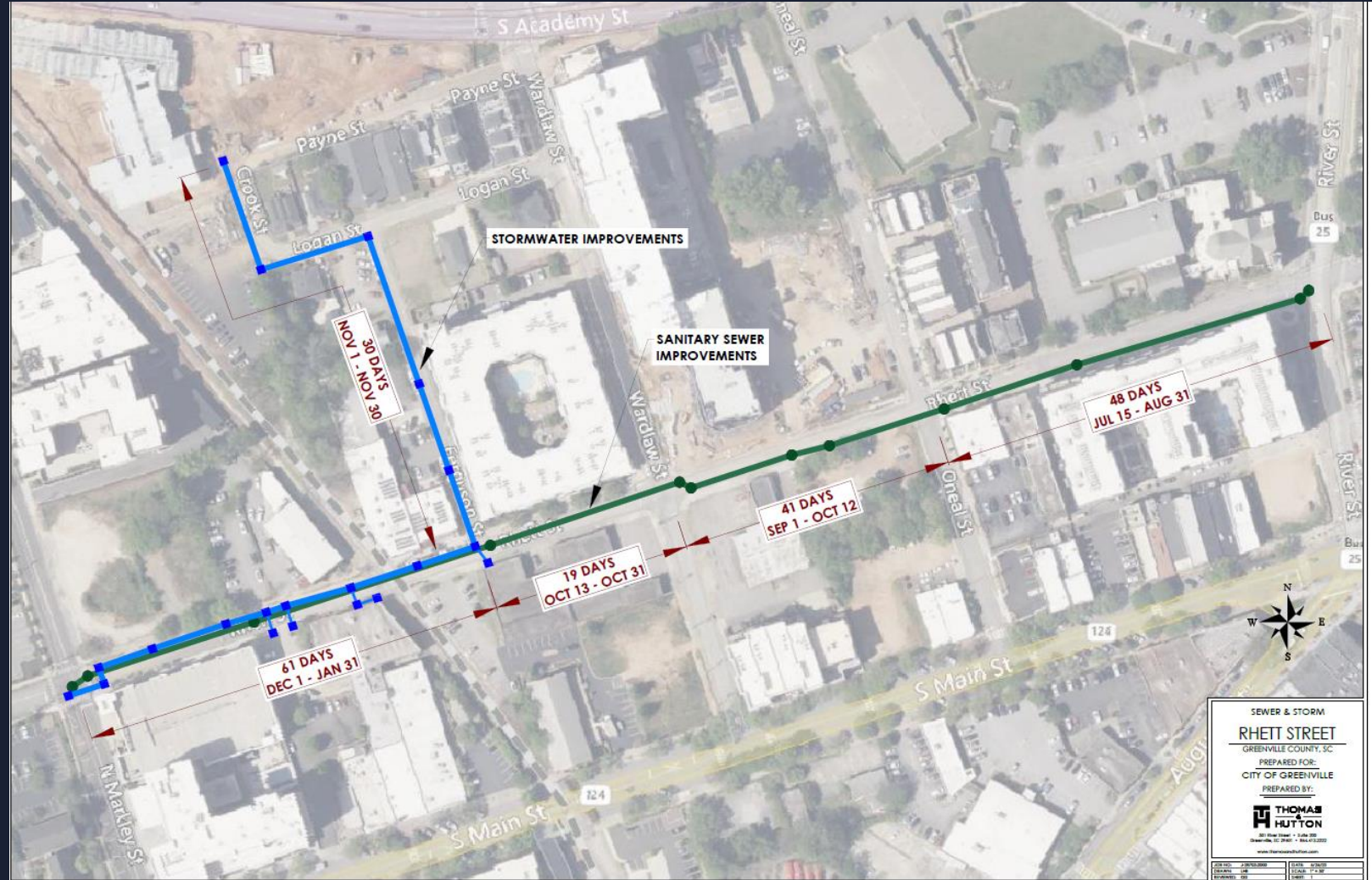
[South Downtown Sewer Improvements (Knoxbury)]

- The City has been awarded \$3.93M SCIIP Grant to help fund this sewer upgrade
- Total Project Cost Estimate is \$5.24M



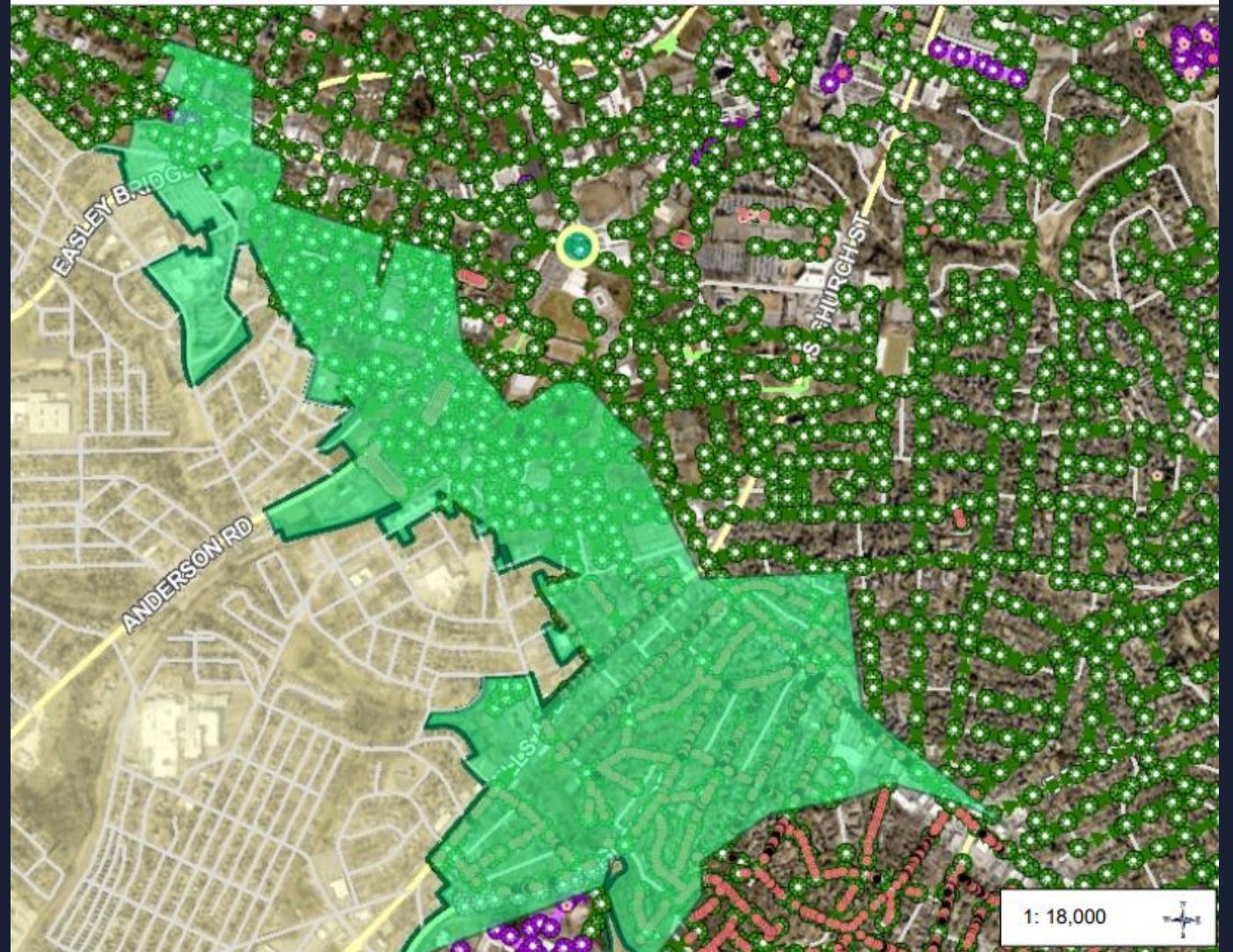
[Rhett Street Sewer and Stormwater Upgrades]

- Total project cost \$3.63M
- Construction is expected to be complete April 2024



[ReWa Wet Weather Program – SSES RMB 6162]

- Project cost \$936,500
- Expected completion March 2024
- This project will identify the next phase of sewer rehabilitation





Stormwater Projects

[Southern Side Bank Stabilization]

- Estimated construction cost: \$670,000
- Construction expected early 2024



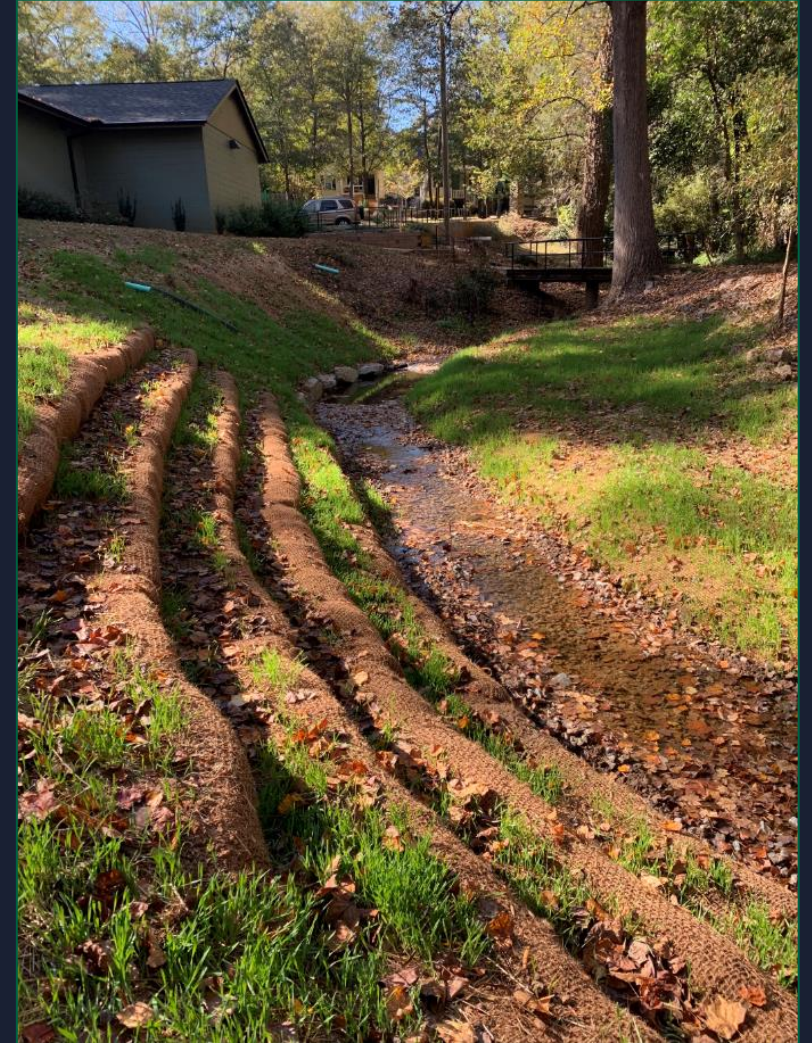
[Emergency Stream Bank Repair – First Baptist @ SRT]

- Project includes bank stabilization along 120' of the Reedy River near First Baptist Church and the SRT
- Wildlands Engineering Inc. Awarded design and construction contract for \$196,450



[North Main Park Bank Stabilization]

- Project includes 55 LF of bank stabilization, installation of instream structure, and tree plantings
- RES Environmental Operating Co. awarded construction contract for \$99,599.30



[Meyers Drive Culvert Replacement]

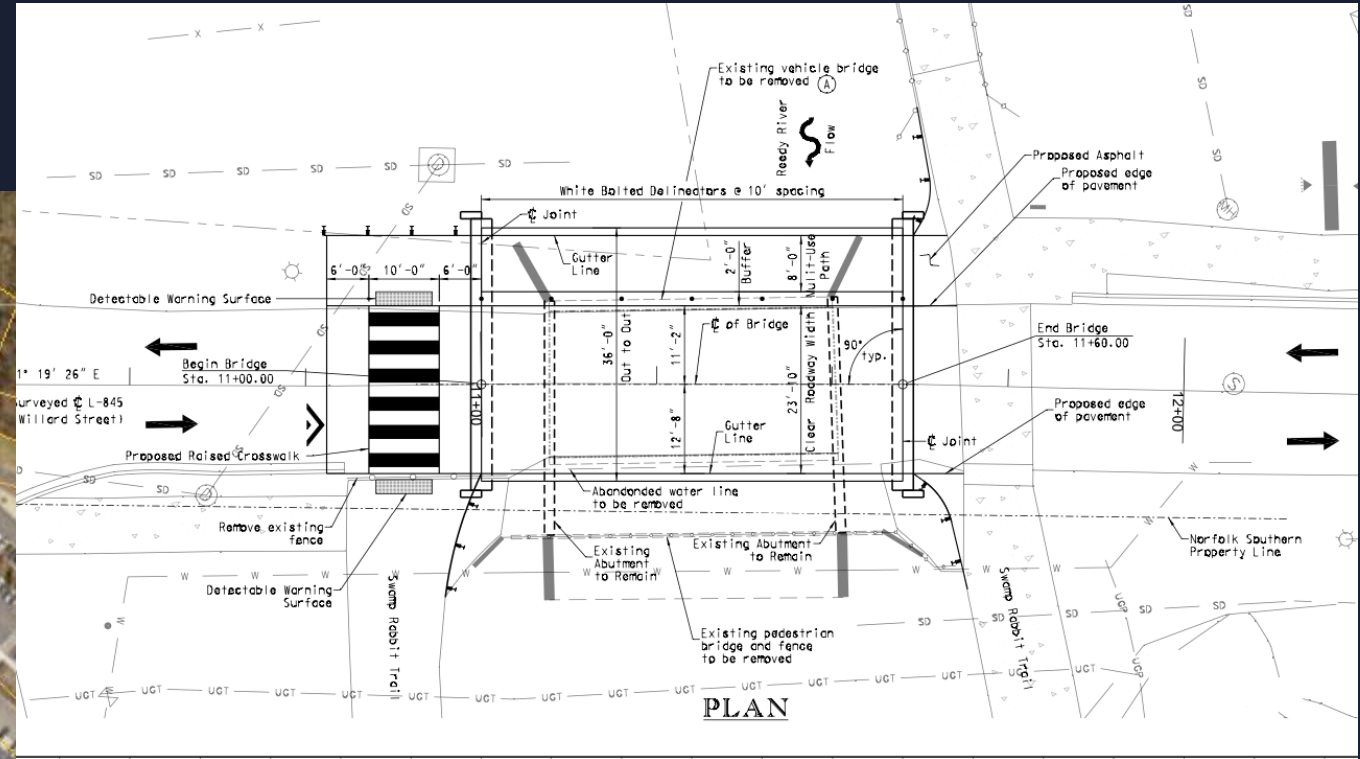
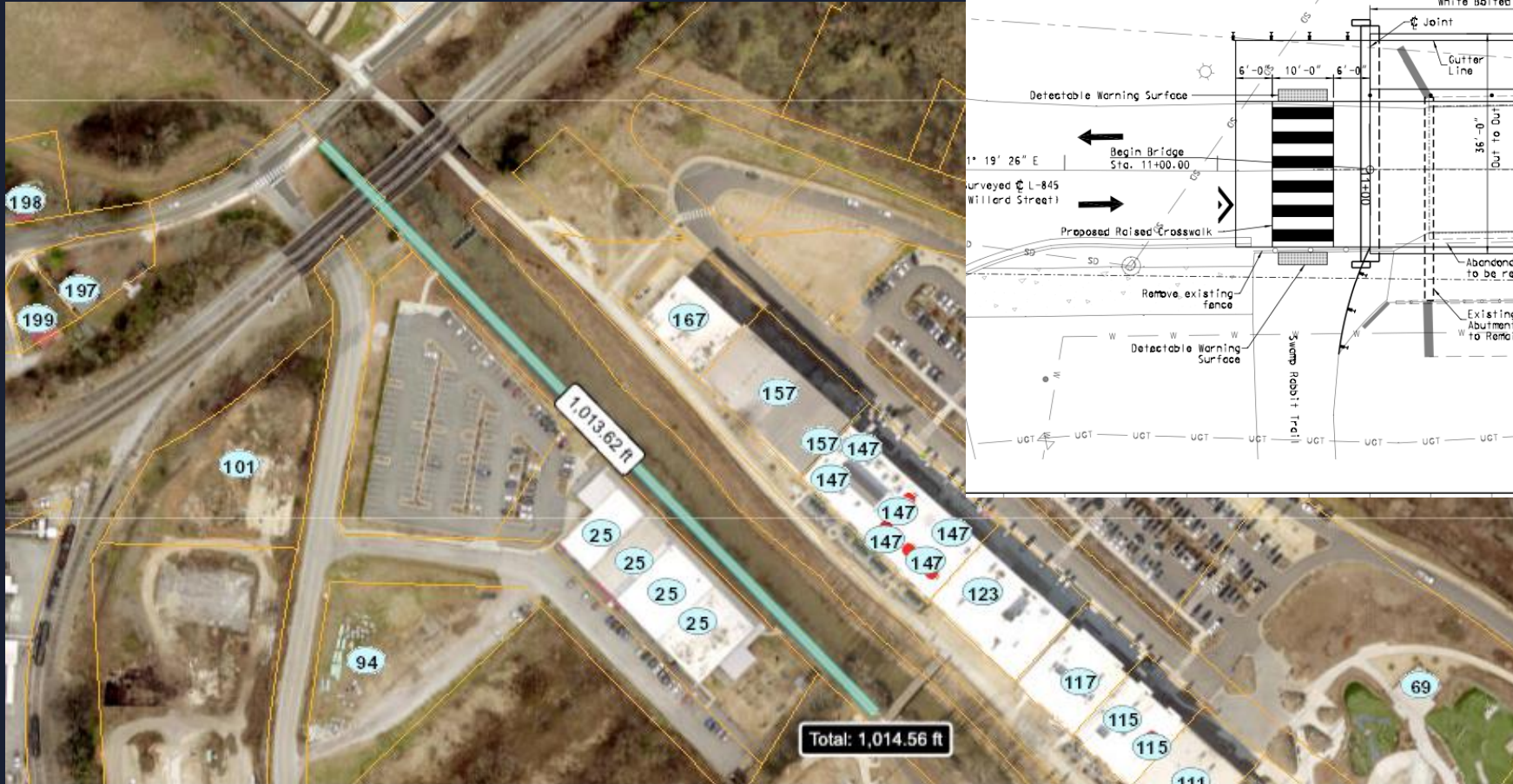
- Construction cost \$296,320
- Expected completion February 2024





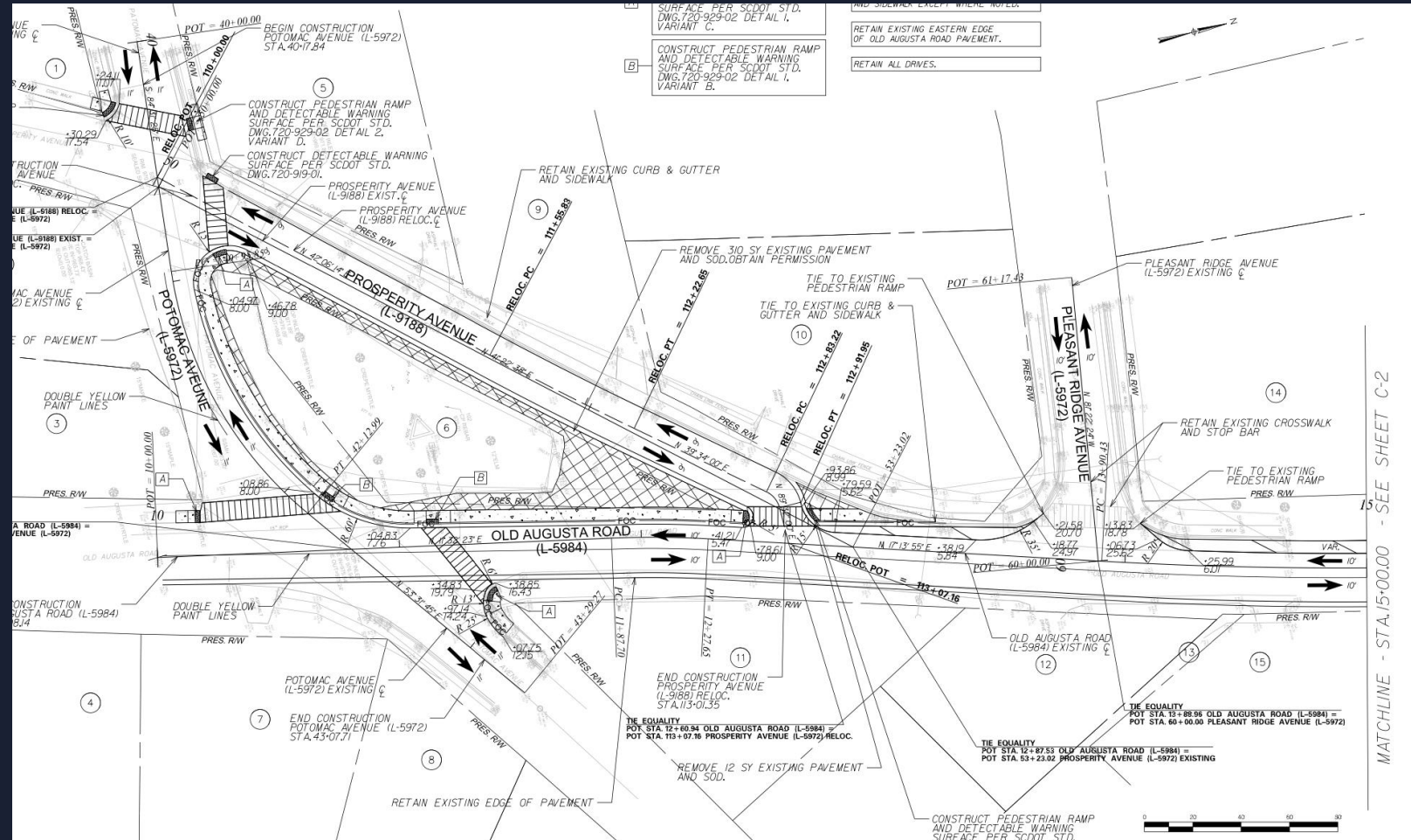
Roads & Bridges

[Willard Street Bridge Replacement]



[Old Augusta Safety Project]

- Enhance pedestrian safety, slow speeds, and reduce crash conflict zones
- Project will include additional sidewalks, high visibility crosswalks, narrow travel lanes, a speed table, curb bump outs, and RRFB signage
- Construction expected in Spring 2024



[Cultural Corridor & Academy Bypass]

Save the Date: November 30th at 10am – Groundbreaking Ceremony at Heritage Green

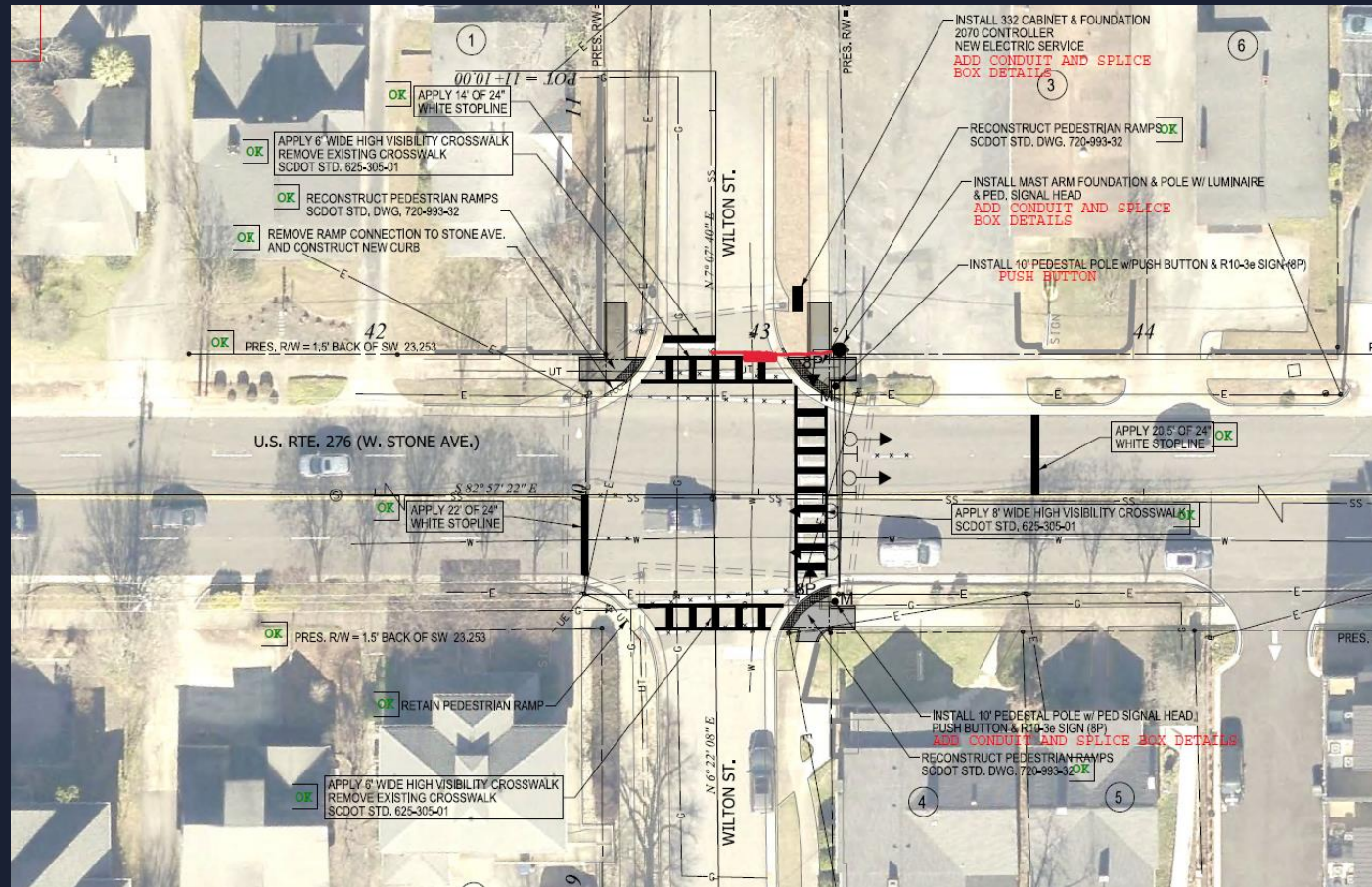


[Pavement Management Program]

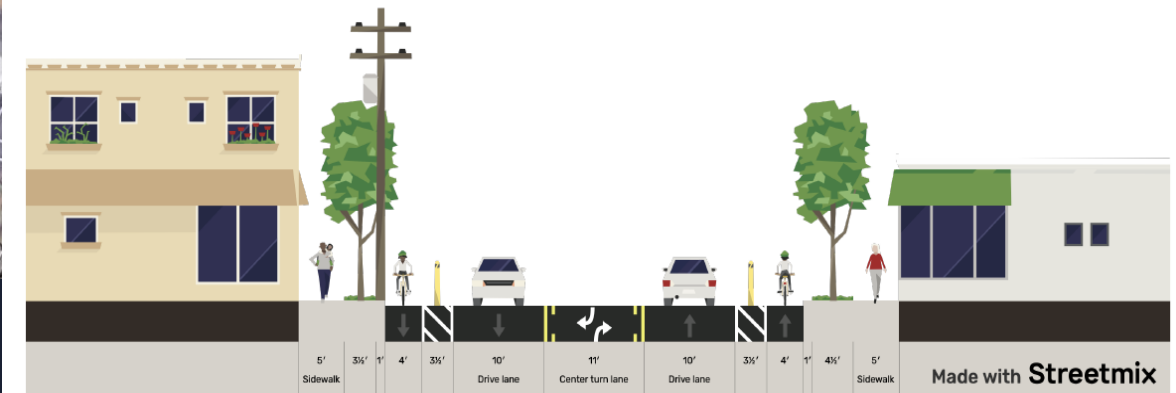
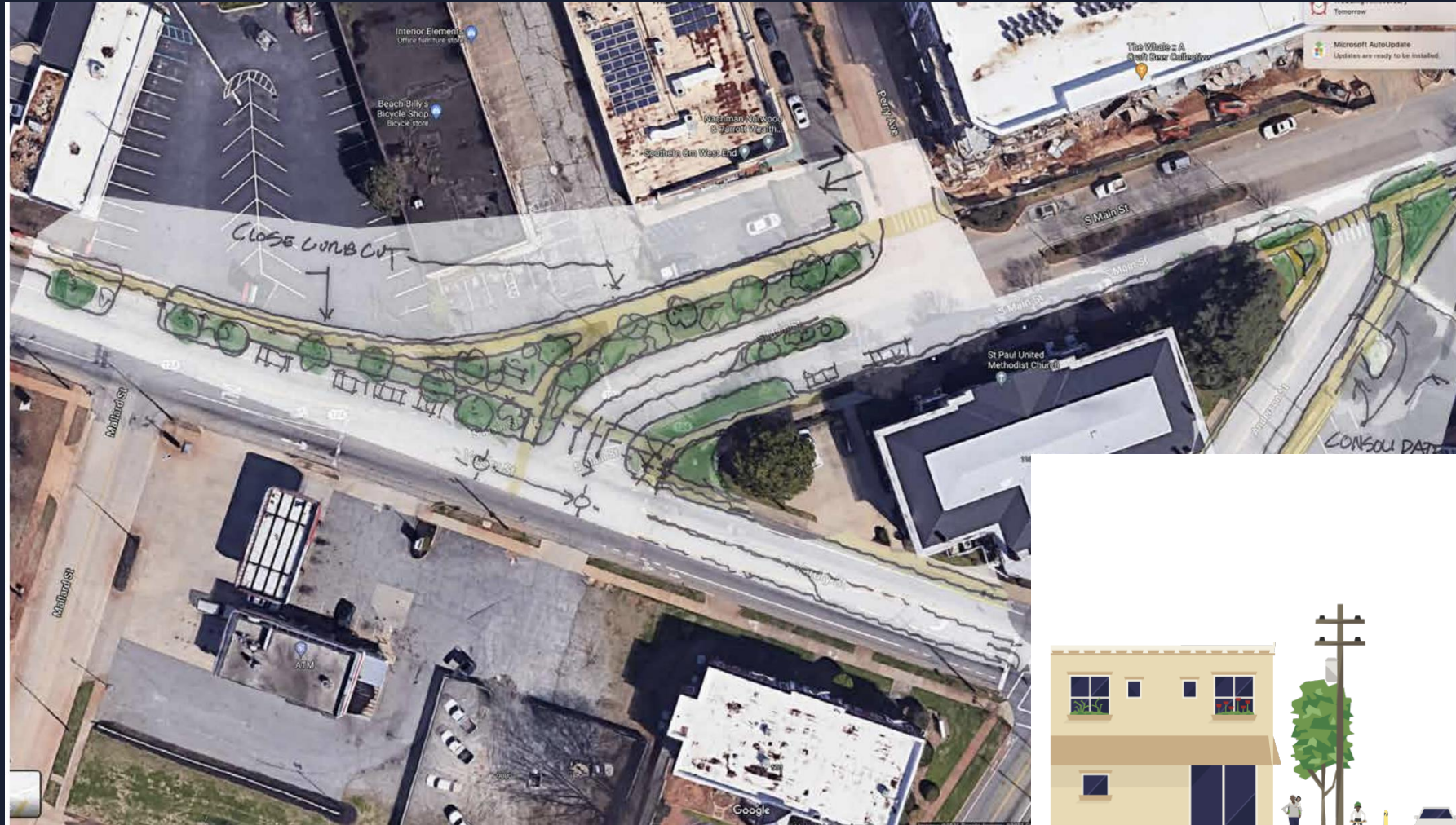


[Stone Avenue Safety Project]

- The Stone Avenue Safety project focuses on safety improvements and congestion relief along the corridor between Pete Hollis Boulevard and I-385
- Staff, HDR, and SCDOT co-conducted a roadway safety audit to identify an implementable safety action plan for the corridor



[Pendleton/Vardry Intersection & Road Diet]

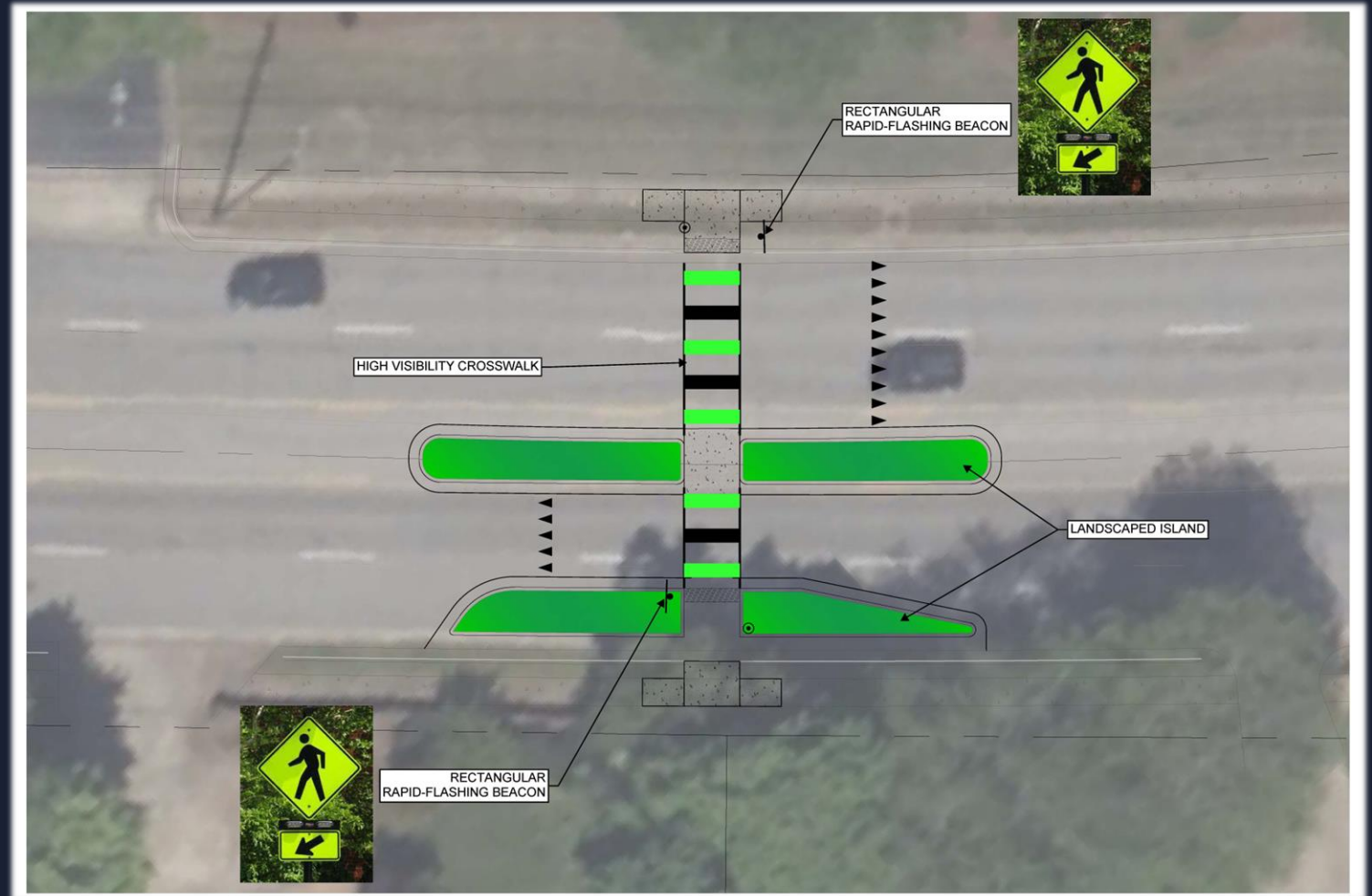




Traffic & Intersection Projects

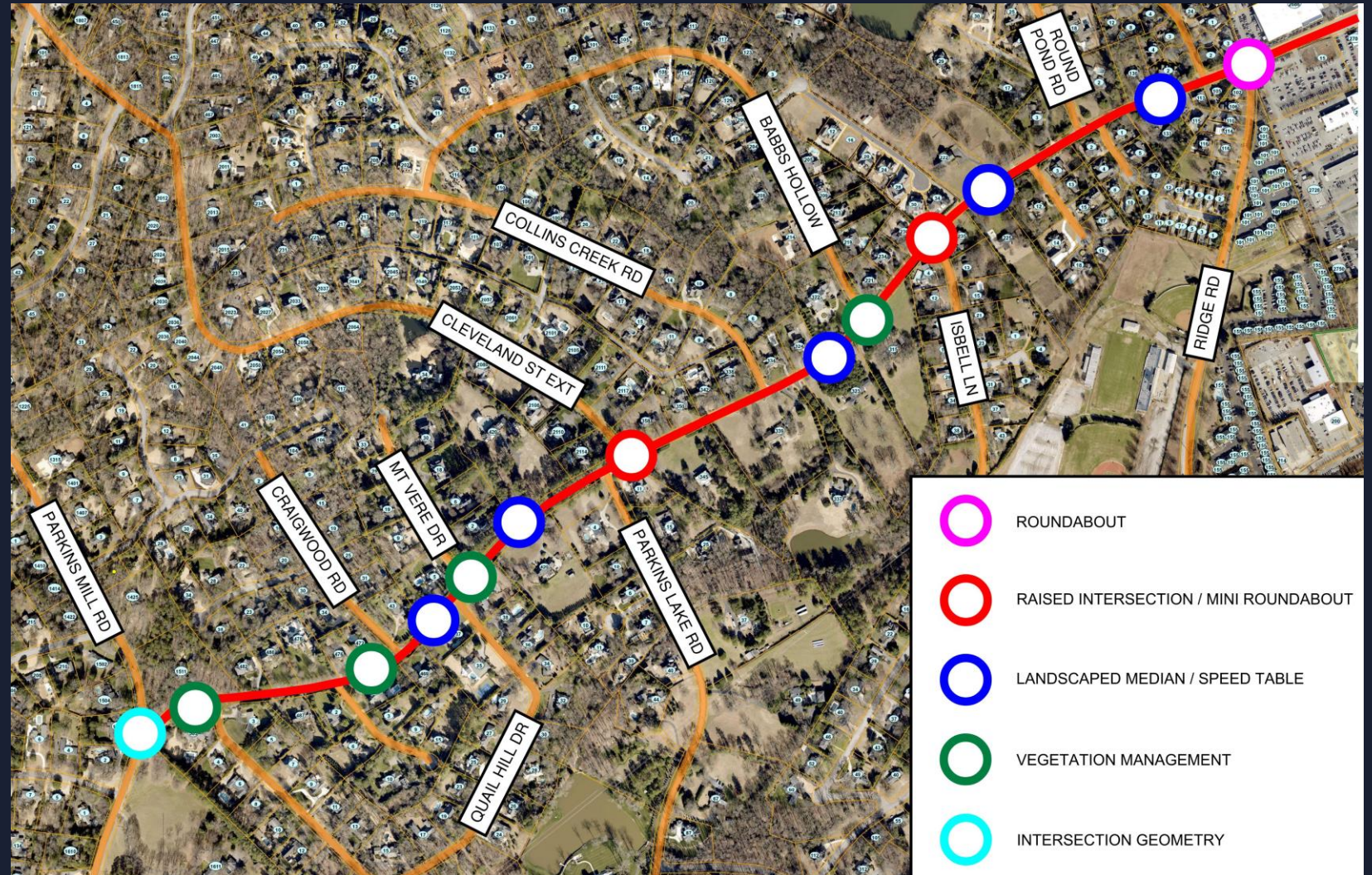
[Cleveland St. Road Diet]

- Budget: \$300,000
- Length: ± 0.25 mi
- Limits: McIver St to Crescent Ave
- Reduction from 4 travel lanes down to 2 through this section.



[E. Parkins Mill Traffic Calming]

- Budget: \$210,000
- Length: ± 1.25 mi
- Limits: Ridge Rd. to Parkins Mill Rd.



[SCDOT Signal Rebuilds]

- Budget: \$2.5M
 - SCDOT share – 58.8% (\$1,508,743)
 - City share – 41.2% (\$1,055,309)
- Locations: 6 intersections
 - Pleasantburg Dr. & Rutherford Rd.
 - Pleasantburg Dr. & Antrim Dr.
 - Academy St. & Westfield St.
 - Washington St. & Cleveirvine Ave.
 - Patewood Dr. & Frontage Rd.
 - Butler St. & Hampton Ave.



Business License Ordinance Update and Needed Changes



November 13, 2023

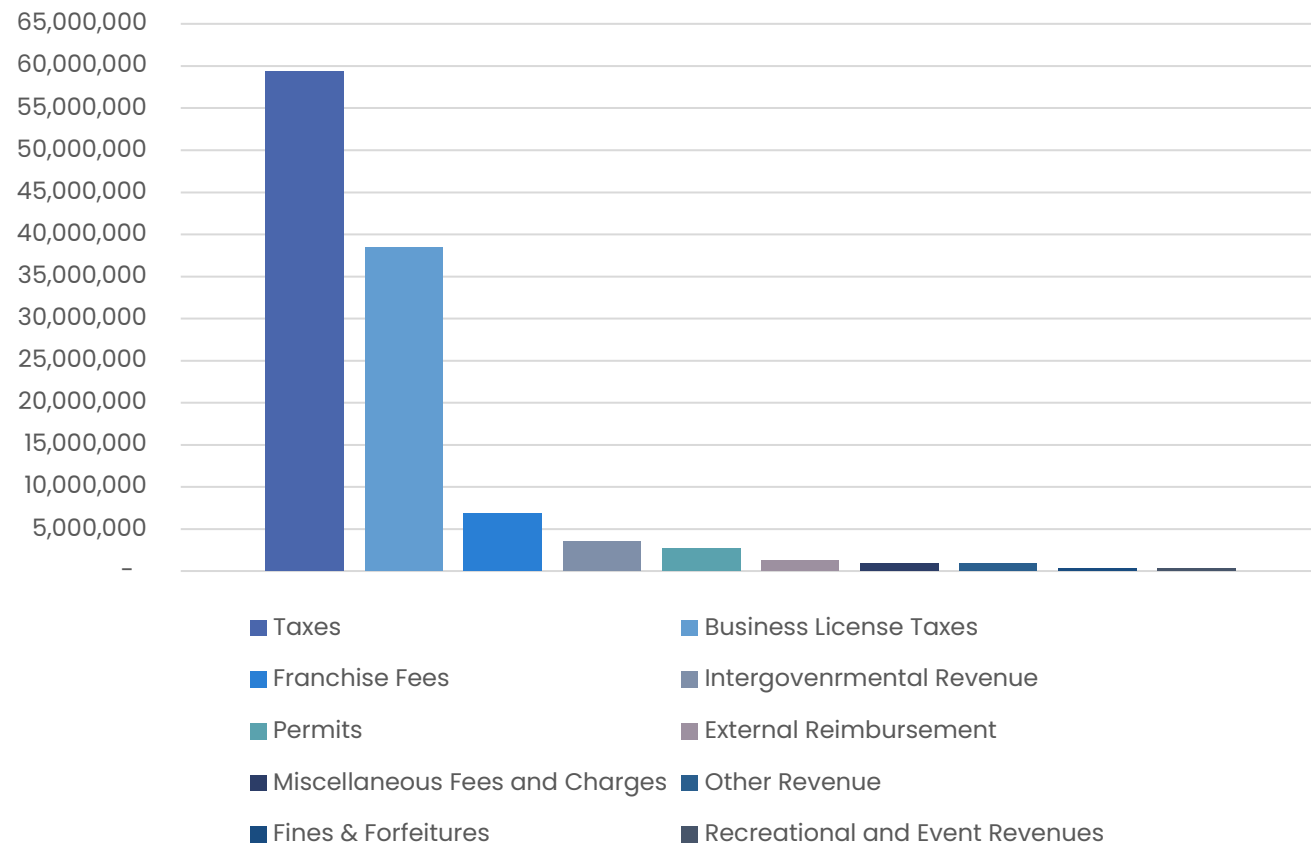
Agenda

1. Background/History
2. Business License Standardization Act
3. NAICS Code Overview
4. Proposed Changes
5. Impact to City Businesses
6. Timeline and Next Steps

Background/History

- What is a Business License Tax?
 - Defined as an excise tax levied on the privilege of doing business within a City or County jurisdiction. The intent is for businesses to contribute their share to fund City services such as Police, Fire, Public Works, etc. The tax is based upon gross income.
- Why is the Business License Tax important to the City?

FY24 Budget Revenue by Source (excluding transfers)



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Business License Standardization Act, effective 01/01/2022

Standard Application

Standard Definition of Gross Income

Online Renewal Payment State Portal

Standard License Year: May 1st to April 30th

Standard Class Schedule based on the
North American Industry Classification
System (NAICS)

What is the NAICS CODE

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is the standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing and publishing statistical data related to the U.S. business economy.

Act 176 requires that all taxing jurisdictions use a standardized business license class schedule recommended by the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) and adopted by the Director of the SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. SC Code Sec. 6-1-400(G)(1). **By December thirty-first of every odd year, the City must adopt, by ordinance, the latest Standardized Business License Class Schedule.**

Class Schedules and Rates

- Nine Class Schedules
 - Resident businesses differ from non-resident businesses (typically double)
 - Base rate is charged on the first \$2,000 of gross income and then incrementally on each addition \$1,000 of gross income.
 - Current rate schedule has declining scale benefiting high-grossing businesses
- General Classifications
 - Classes 1 – 7 based on NAICS Codes (rates increase incrementally)
 - Class 8 is for businesses that have legislative limits or require special treatment (contractors, railroad companies, billiard or pool rooms, etc.)
 - Class 9 is for businesses that do not fit neatly in the above categories or that have unique circumstances (economic stimulus or disproportionate demand for services)

Impact of Required Class Changes at Current Rates and Structure

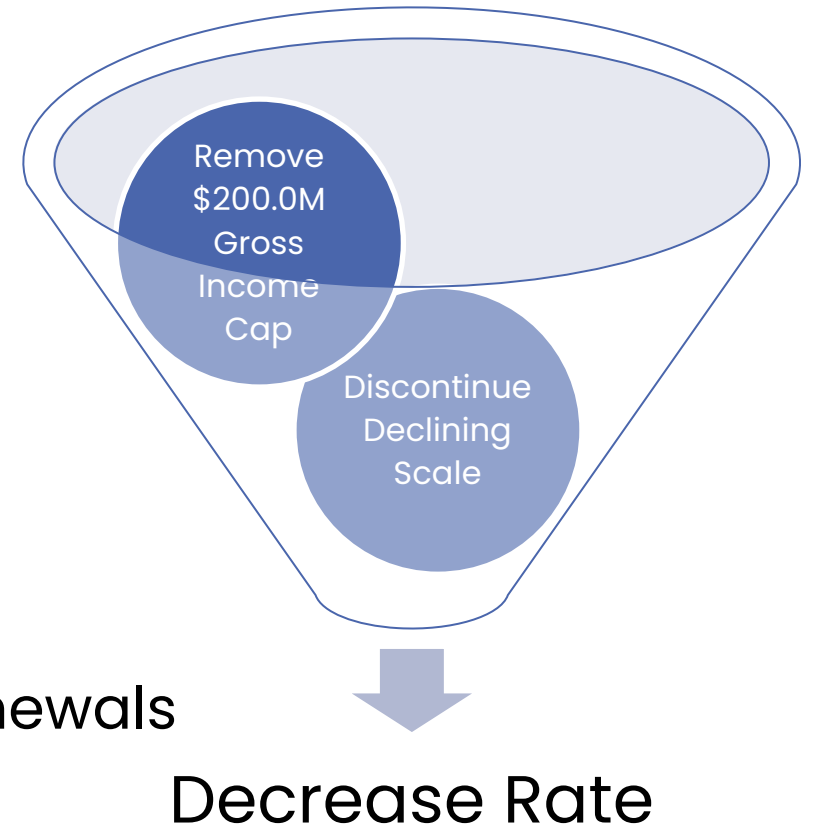
FY23 Gross Income	FY23 Business License Tax, received locally	Projected FY24 Gross Income	Projected FY24 Business License Tax¹, received locally	Difference
\$14,673,022,804	\$19,203,146	\$14,673,022,804	\$19,161,253	\$(41,893)

Required Class Changes Provides an Opportunity to Update and Improve Ordinance

¹ Assumes the same amount of Gross Income with required Rate Class Changes

Proposed Changes

- Implement Class Schedule updates
 - Required by Act 176
- Decrease Additional per \$1,000 rate
 - Benefits Resident Businesses
- Discontinue Declining Scale
 - Benefits roughly 98% of businesses
- Remove Gross Income Ceiling
 - Less than Five Businesses Impacted per FY23 Renewals
- Commercial Property
 - Move to Class Schedule 7 for Consistency



Impact to City Businesses

- Businesses with Reduced Taxes¹
 - Nearly 8,300 or 92% of businesses will pay less than or equal Business License Tax under the new rate structure
- Businesses with Increased Fees¹
 - About 700 or 8% of businesses will pay more under the new rate structure

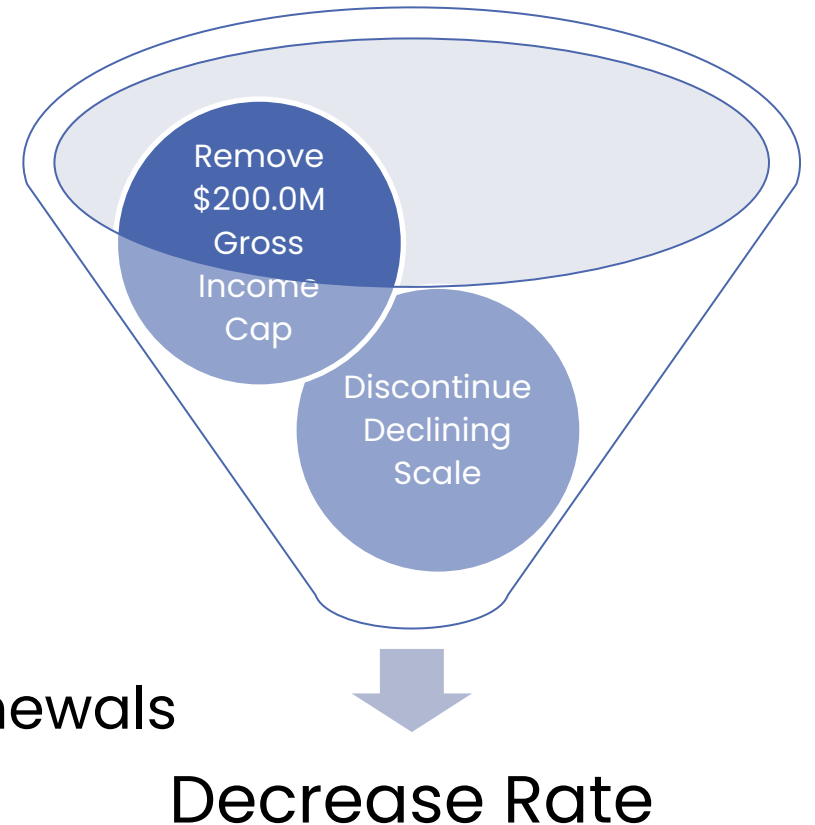
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Lessons Learned: Post Act 176 Implementation

- Simplify the Business License Tax Calculation
 - Customers are confused by the declining scale
- Commercial Property – Proposed Change in Rate Class
 - Current Classification 9.91
 - Any Commercial Property with Gross Income of \$5,000 or Less Prepared a Return but was not Subject to Tax
 - All Other Rate Categories have a Base Tax on the first \$2,000 of Gross Income

Recap of Proposed Changes

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Timeline and Next Steps

- First reading on November 13, 2023
- Second reading on November 27, 2023
 - Allows 60 days to notify customers and system modifications
- Renewal season begins February 1, 2024

Questions / Discussion