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Cascade Road/Avenue Complete Street Project

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Construction Timeline

What is the timeline for completion of the Cascade Road/Avenue Complete Street Phase I project?

Target completion for the project is Second Quarter 2025. Construction is divided into two (2) geographic project areas – the eastern side (Delowe Drive to Avon Avenue) and western side (City Limits near Kingsdale Drive to Willis Mill Road). Barring any major unforeseen construction challenges, utility relocations in the eastern project area will be completed at the end of Third Quarter 2023, with western side relocation targeted for completion in Fourth Quarter 2023. Installation of the “complete street” elements (sidewalk installations, pedestrian safety improvements, etc.) will begin upon completion of the eastern side utility relocations. Western side “complete street” installations will begin upon completion of the western side utility relocations.

As work transitions and progresses from one project activity to the next, updates will be provided via our ATLDOT social media and website, and through project updates to Council Members, NPUs, and constituents subscribed to the Cascade Road/Avenue email list. We invite you to follow project progress on social media, Nextdoor, and ATLDOT email updates.

Safety

Are safety improvements being made or considered for pedestrians? For bicycles? For vehicles?

Yes. Sidewalk and ADA improvements will provide safety improvements for pedestrians, and the addition of bike lanes will provide safety to pedestrians in the form of a buffer between the sidewalk and the vehicle travel lanes. Safety improvements for bicycles include dedicated and shared bike lanes and signage, as well as signalized pedestrian crossings, signage, and refuge islands. In addition, there will be improved accessibility to MARTA bus stops.

Will emergency vehicles be able to properly navigate the narrowed lanes and new medians included in the project? Yes. Medians in this project will not be continuous. Instead, they will be installed in short sections near pedestrian crossings in the areas of the corridor with three lanes.

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Pedestrians

What improvements are being made or being considered for pedestrians?

Yes. Sidewalks will be installed, and ADA accessibility improved from the City Limits near Kingsdale Drive to Willis Mill Road and from Delowe Drive to Avon Avenue as a part of this project. In addition, rapid rectangular flashing beacon (RRFBs) will be installed.

Will pavers selected for the Cascade Road/Avenue Complete Street Phase I project match existing materials in the corridor?

The intent is to match the existing pavers as closely as possible. However, the timeframe between the original paver installation and the new project, exposure to the elements, and different manufacturers could result in color differences.

Will driveway access for residences and/or businesses be restricted during sidewalk repairs/installation?

Yes, in some cases, access will be restricted for 24 to 48 hours to allow concrete to dry and settle properly after sidewalks are poured. Notices alerting property owners to upcoming work will be distributed at least 72 hours prior to the start of driveway construction.

Roadway

Are the vehicle travel lanes being narrowed as part of this project?

In some cases, vehicle travel lanes will be narrowed for consistent 10-foot-wide lanes with center lane medians at appropriate locations and a two-foot buffer separating sidewalks from travel lanes.

How will the new lane configuration differ from the current lane usage?

The “new” lane configuration will maintain one 10-foot through lane in each direction. Where space is available, dedicated or two-way left turn lanes will be installed.

What restriping and repaving will take place on Cascade Road/Avenue and what purpose will it serve?

Approximately 4.25 miles of Cascade Road/Avenue from the City Limits just west of Kingsdale Drive to Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard will be resurfaced and restriped to improve the pavement condition and safety of the roadway.

Will dedicated left-turn lanes be created?

Yes. Dedicated left-turn lanes will be installed at the Cascade Avenue/Childress Drive and Cascade Avenue/Lynhurst Drive intersections, allowing green time solely for left turners. Signal enhancements also are planned for the existing left-turn lane at the intersection of Cascade Avenue and Boulevard Granada/Beecher Road.

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How many traffic signals will be upgraded as a part of the project? Will the signals be synchronized for speed control and optimal movement through the corridor?

The project includes upgraded equipment (pedestrian crossing push buttons, signals, cabinets, wiring, etc.), as well as improved timing, detection, and coordination for signals at 10 intersections:

- Cascade Avenue and Childress Drive
- Cascade Avenue and Lynhurst Avenue
- Cascade Avenue and Benjamin E. Mays Drive/Beecher Road
- Cascade Avenue and Boulevard Granada
- Cascade Avenue and Herring Rd/Fontaine Avenue
- Cascade Avenue and Avon Ave/Cascade Circle
- Cascade Avenue and Cascade Terrace
- Cascade Avenue and Richland Road
- Cascade Avenue and Beecher Street
- Cascade Avenue and Westwood Avenue/Donnelly Avenue

Will drainage be improved as part of the project?

Yes. Concrete header curb and catch basins will be installed throughout the project limits to collect and route stormwater away from roadway.

Neighborhoods

Will improvements/changes cause additional traffic to travel through neighborhoods?

As with any roadway improvement/change to travel lanes, some users will choose to alter their travel pattern. This may include a new mode, a new time of day, and/or a new route.

Transit

Will the project include any MARTA connectivity improvements?

Improved facilities for accessing MARTA buses, including sidewalks and shelters, will be installed at Cascade Falls Drive and Childress Drive. The MARTA shelter will not encroach on the path facilities to be installed as part of the project.

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Lane/Road Closures and Detours

Will project construction require lane/road closures or detours?

Yes. At present, it is anticipated that three (3) closures and detours will be needed to accommodate planned improvements on Cascade Road:



Sandtown Road to Centra Villa Drive



Kingsdale Drive to Tuckawanna Drive

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Tuckawanna Drive to Willis Mill Road

- Fall 2023 - Sandtown Road to Centra Villa Drive (90 Days)
 - Spring 2024 - Kingsdale Drive to Tuckawanna Drive (360 Days)
 - Winter 2024 - Tuckawanna Drive to Willis Mill Road (90 Days)
- } Will take place in the same timeframe

The closures and detours will be implemented separately during the appropriate stages of project construction. Roads will be closed to through traffic, with local access allowed only.

Traffic advisories notifying the community of impending closures and detours will be distributed to media, sent to the project update emailing list, and posted on the ATLDOT website and digital media sites prior to implementation.

More information

How can I stay informed about the progress of the Cascade Road/Avenue Complete Street Phase I project?

Project information is available via the following platforms:

- ☐ Website: www.atldot.atlantaga.gov
- ☐ Twitter: @ATLDOT
- ☐ Instagram: @ATL.DOT
- ☐ **Nextdoor**: City of Atlanta Department of Transportation
- ☐ Scan QR code to sign up for updates:

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