Purpose of Presentation

- Review Project History
- Review Initial Project Statement
- Review Approved Project Concept
- Present Preliminary Plans-Phase 1
- Project Schedule
- Mayor and Commission - Question & Answer
Project History

• November 2, 2004 – Athens-Clarke County Citizens approved the SPLOST 2005 Referendum

• July 5, 2005 – M&C approved the Master Implementation Plan with the Business Corridor Project programmed/funded for 2010 & 2011

• April 6, 2009 – M&C approved a Project Concept for a 4-Step Methodology to identify project areas & evaluation criteria

• April 6, 2010 – M&C approved Step I & II Methodology Results to focus on the downtown area

• April 5, 2011 – M&C approved Steps III & IV Methodology evaluation criteria

• September 4, 2012 – approved Clayton Street (Lumpkin Street – Thomas Street) & Jackson Street (Washington Street – Broad Street) as the Sub-Project priority and to proceed with preliminary plans
Project History continued (2)

- November 5, 2013 – M&C approved the Preliminary Plans that retained the existing 3-lane roadway section on Clayton Street and authorized staff to enter the Bid & Award Phase.

- November 20, 2014 – ACCGOV received zero bids for construction services contract.

- March to April 2015, ACCGOV Pre-Qualified Contractors for second bidding. Three firms submitted. Two firms were deemed qualified.

- August 13, 2015 – ACCGOV received one bid from the two Pre-qualified Contractors. Bid was three times the amount of the construction budget.

- September 1, 2015 – M&C rejected the bid and authorized staff to develop alternative project approaches to adjust the project within project budget, including removal of work on Washington Street and City Hall Streetscape.
Project History continued (3)

- October/November 2015 - Staff investigated with several contractors regarding the lack of bidding interest and associated project cost and found the following:
  - Elevated risk working underground in the downtown area
  - Restrictive work times & work areas
  - Low Productivity effort
  - Other project opportunities with better Reward/Risk ratios

- November 2015 – Coordination efforts began for T&PW staff to install underground project components (storm sewer & communication ducts) to mitigate reason for lack of Contractor interest in the project.

- May 6, 2016 – ACCGOV issued a RFP for the Downtown Public Health and Safety study. Subsequently, the Manager’s office placed the SPLOST 2005 Downtown infrastructure project on hold to allow the Public Health and Safety study to be completed and for the possibility of a future TSPLOST to provide an additional funding source.

- June 6, 2017 – M&C established the Operating and Capital Budgets for FY18. Inclusive in the budget was for 5 additional full time positions within the T&PW depart contingent of TSPLSOT passage
Project History con’t (4)

• July 2016 – M&C begin discussing the TSPLOST program.


• November 2016 – ACCGOV engaged independent engineering firms to complete a traffic study on Clayton Street to determine what opportunities, if any, where present to change lane configuration, on street parking, dedicated bike lanes, increase sidewalk widths, and impact from potential street closures.

• November 7, 2017 – Citizens of ACCGOV approved the TSPLOST 2018 Program Referendum; which included the Downtown Transportation Improvement Program (Project #09).

• November 2017 – ACCGOV receives Downtown Safety Study

• November 30 & December 6, 2017 - Project User Group Convenes to review potential Project Concept Options.
Project History con’t (5)

• January 2, 2018 – M&C approved the Project Concept.

• January 2, 2018 – M&C approved the purchase of capital project related vehicles and equipment for the Transportation & Public Works Department for initial use on the Business Corridor Infrastructure Project.

• February 25, 2018 – Staff hosted a Public Information Open House to solicit feedback on various topics along the Clayton Street Improvement Project Area.

• April 27, 2018 – User Group meet to review proposed plans, timelines, and perceived community needs moving forward.
TSPLOST 2018 Project #09 - Initial Project Statement
Downtown Transportation Improvements Program, includes the
design and construction for specific improvements for the
Downtown Transportation infrastructure. Project includes
improvements to Clayton Street and connecting side streets for the
completion of the 2005 SPLOST project to new sidewalks,
streetscape, new paving, associated storm drainage, pedestrian
safety improvements, operational and traffic flow improvement, and
bicycle improvements between Pulaski Street and N. Thomas Street.

SPLOST 2005 Project #10 - Initial Project Statement
Business Corridor Infrastructure Improvements, continues the replacement
and upgrade of various infrastructure and streetscape projects within the
Business Districts within Athens-Clarke County. This project will design
and construct improvements to various roadway, sidewalk, drainage, and
water systems in the downtown area and, to the extent that funds are
available, other similar business districts. This continues a SPLOST 2000
program.
Infrastructure Improvement Project Components

- Stormdrain Improvements
- Sidewalk enhancements
- Enhanced Lighting & Traffic Signal Improvements
- Street Trees & Vegetation
- Trash/Recycling
- Non-ACCGOV utility improvement opportunities (gas, phone, cable)
- Public Art
- Signage/Way Finding
“Must Haves”
• Stormdrain conveyance system
• Increased communication/data opportunities
• Maintain current traffic level of services
• Improved safety for pedestrian/vehicle interfaces
• Adequate lighting
• Minimize loss of parking opportunities
• Maintain appropriate access for emergency services
• Enhanced streetscape space

“Highly Wanted”
• Increased sidewalk widths (curb to building)
• Ability for business to wash sidewalk areas
• Reduce trash/recycling negative perceptions

“Nice To Haves”
• Event Support Features (e.g. electrical connections)
Includes:
- Two-Lane, One-Way Traffic, 11-foot Travel Lanes
- Widens Parking Stalls to 17 feet deep and 45 degree angled parking
- No Middle Lane – Loading & Unloading at existing side street Delivery Zones
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PROPOSED PLAN

DOWNTOWN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

EAST CLAYTON ST FROM LUMPKIN ST TO THOMAS ST
Overall Project Area

Approx. loss of parking with approved Project Concept: 25 Spaces
Items needing further discussion as part of Downtown Transportation Improvements

- Final Location & Design of Eco stations
- Café Ordinance - Review
- Final details for landscape and sidewalk amenities
- Identify additional loading/unloading zones
- Event Planning & Safety enhancements
- Final tree removal schedule (dynamic approach, remove trees as progress continues)
- Finalize Communication Plan & Project Ambassador Tasks
Proposed Project Delivery

- **Streets & Drainage Crews – Stormwater Facilities**
  - Reduce costs for each mobilization and demobilization
  - Improved communications with key stakeholders
  - Reduces risk of unknown underground conditions (rock, utilities, coal chutes, etc.) which ultimately reduces cost
  - Crews are able to get started immediately after preliminary plan approval.

- **Non-ACCGOV Utilities**
  - Utility planning post M&C Preliminary Plan Approval
  - Installation coordination with S&D and prior to streetscape finishing work

- **Contracted Crews – Above Ground Facilities**
  - Completion post S&D crews with streetscape
  - Contracted crews will have necessary expertise for landscaping and hardscaping
Proposed Project Schedule

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Schedule Assumptions:
- Traffic to remain open with possible Multiple Partial Blocks at one time
- Minimal breaks in work for football, holidays, or events
- Acceptable Streetscape Bids
- No extensive unknown conditions or non-ACCGOV Utility Relocates w/continuous effort
- Flexible work schedule with appropriate notices
- Jackson Street to worked into schedule
Project Next Steps

- June 2018 – M&C consider approving Preliminary Plans-Phase 1
- June 2018 – Pre-Dig efforts kick off
- May/June 2018 – coordination with Non-ACCGOV Utilities
- June/July 2018 - coordinate public input sessions for remaining project elements-Phase 2
- Fall 2018 – Phase 2 Preliminary Plan Work Session
Questions