



MULTIMODAL SAFETY & ACCESS PROGRAM

Program Overview

The Georgia DOT's mission is to provide a safe and connected transportation system; this includes providing safe connections for people walking and biking. The intent of the Multimodal Safety & Access Program is to provide funds for relatively small projects sited on the state route system that improve access, make a connection, or fill a gap in existing pedestrian or bicyclist infrastructure. A total of \$2M in state funds is being made available in FY17 to fund the construction phase of projects statewide; the Department is targeting funding between 5 and 20 projects.

Timeline

- Project proposals may be submitted through March 15th, 2017.
- Projects will be prioritized by GDOT based on local impact and feasibility; local government sponsors will be contacted to provide commitment for the local match and project implementation no later than May 1st, 2017.
- Local governments must provide commitment to implement by June 12th, 2017.
- All projects must be under construction by December 31st, 2017.

Project Proposal and Selection Criteria

Proposed projects must be on the state route system and either connect or improve a connection in existing facilities for biking, walking, or connecting by biking or walking to transit. Any state route is eligible, the program is not specific to state or local bicycle or pedestrian corridors. Projects should demonstrate improve safety for people walking and/or biking and not adversely impact the safety of people driving. Projects should have public support. Additional consideration will be given to projects that will improve health outcomes and generate economic impact in the community.

Local Government (LG) responsibilities

Local governments must be in good standing in regards to receiving state funds. LGs must provide at least a 30% match; matching funds may cover preliminary engineering, public outreach, utilities, and right of way as well as construction. State funds will only be eligible for the construction phase.

LGs will be responsible for completion of fieldwork, plan preparation, bidding the project, construction oversight and inspection services. LGs are responsible for determining the appropriate level and timing of public outreach. LGs will also be fully responsible for all clearance of environmental requirements, utility adjustments and right of way. LGs will be responsible for any traffic studies needed to justify specific project recommendations as well as permitting for the project.

Eligible Contract Items

Eligible contract items include, but are not limited to sidewalks, crosswalks, curb ramps for sidewalks or paved trails, median refuge islands, pedestrian scale lighting, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, pedestrian hybrid beacons, shoulder widening, protected bicycle lanes, and pavement markings (including, but not limited to striped bicycle lanes and bicycle boxes).