

August 7, 2025

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed improvements on Fairburn Road. The City of Douglasville proposes to update Fairburn Road into a Complete Street, to improve pedestrian and bicycle access, from City Street 578/Hospital Drive to State Route (SR) 5/SR 8 – Livable Centers Initiative (LCI), PI # 0019210. We are currently in the concept phase of this project and are here to gather information from the public as well as to share information that we have gathered.

In this handout, you will find a description of the transportation issue we are attempting to solve, proposed solutions, a location map, typical cross sections of three (3) alternatives, and a comment card for you to provide additional feedback for the project team.

Your comments are important to us. You may provide your comments today by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box.

If you prefer to leave comments after the meeting, you can also provide comments by **Thursday**, **August 21**, **2025**, using any of the following methods:

- Online at <u>www.DouglasvilleGA.gov/PublicInput</u> or by scanning the QR code:
- Mail in your comment card to:

James Gordon City of Douglasville c/o Engineering Department, 6695 Church Street, Douglasville, GA 30134.



The project displays and plans seen here at the meeting will be available for review for 14 days after this open house at the website noted above. All comments will become part of the project's official record and will be responded to by September 19, 2025.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, James Gordon, at (770) 920-3000 or <a href="mailto:gordanja@douglasvillega.gov">gordanja@douglasvillega.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

James Gordon Senior Project Manager, Engineering City of Douglasville PI#: 0019210, County: Douglas, Date: 8/7/2025

#### Why are we here and what is the issue we are seeking to address within your community?

The City of Douglasville is seeking feedback about the proposed improvements to Fairburn Road. The City of Douglasville proposes to update Fairburn Road into a Complete Street as part of the Douglasville Downtown Master Plan, providing improved traffic, streetscape, and pedestrian and bicycle access to Fairburn Road. The project limits start at the Hospital Drive/Fairburn Road intersection and terminate at the intersection of SR 5/SR 8 (Veterans Memorial Highway) for approximately 1.9 miles. Douglasville is seeking feedback about the proposed project.

#### **Current conditions along Fairburn Road:**

- Four (4) 10-foot travel lanes (two (2) in each direction)
- Dedicated 12-foot center turn lane
- No existing bicycle or multimodal accommodations along the corridor
- No existing sidewalk on the north side of the corridor
- No crosswalks across Fairburn Road

#### Without this Project (No Build):

- The existing roadway configuration of Fairburn Road would remain throughout the corridor
- The lack of sidewalks on the north side of Fairburn Road would not be addressed
- The lack of a safe way to cross Fairburn Road would not be addressed
- There would be no improvement to pedestrian and bicycle connectivity

### **Proposed Solutions: (See Project Location Map and Typical Cross Sections)**

In order to create a Complete Street, the City of Douglasville proposes three road diet (driving lane reduction) alternatives for Fairburn Road from SR 5/SR 8 (Veterans Memorial Highway) to Hospital Drive. The project would construct pedestrian and bicycle facilities along Fairburn Road for approximately 0.78 miles. Proposed project solutions include three (3) alternatives:

#### Alternative A:

- Two (2) 11-foot-wide travel lanes (one (1) in each direction) with no dedicated turn lane.
- The pedestrian area next to the road would be expanded to include a 6.5-foot-wide landscaped buffer, 12-foot-wide shared use path, and 7-foot-wide sidewalk.
- Crosswalks crossing Fairburn Road at Spring Street and Estelle Street/Senior Circle, and a midblock crossing at the Douglas County Tag Office.

#### **Alternative B:**

- Two (2) 11-foot-wide travel lanes (one (1) in each direction).
- A dedicated 11-foot-wide center turn lane.
- The pedestrian area next to the road would be expanded to include a 5-foot-wide landscaped median, 5-foot-wide cycle track, 3-foot-wide buffer area, and a 7-foot-wide sidewalk.
- Crosswalks crossing Fairburn Road at Spring Street, Estelle Street/Senior Circle, and a midblock crossing at the Douglas County Tag Office.

#### Alternative C:

- Two (2) 11-foot-wide travel lanes (one (1) in each direction) with no dedicated turn lane.
- A dedicated 11-foot-wide shared use path, with 5.5-foot-wide landscaped medians on either side of the path, in the center of the road from SR 5/SR 8 to Newman Street.

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- The pedestrian area next to the road would be expanded to include a 7-foot-wide sidewalk and 5-foot-wide buffer.
- Crosswalks crossing Fairburn Road at Church Street, Spring Street, Dorris Road, and a midblock crossing at the Douglas County Tag Office.

#### **Benefits of Project Implementation:**

- Creation of a vibrant, walkable community offering increased mobility options, encouraging healthy lifestyles, and providing improved access to jobs and services.
- Increased connectivity within the community through a network of safe and inviting trails that respect the natural setting and enhance property values.
- Improved connectivity for multi-modal (shared bicycle and pedestrian path) users in Downtown Douglasville.
- Add sidewalks for walkability and safety enhancements for those walking on foot.

**How can you assist?** Please provide feedback about our proposed solutions by selecting the preferred alternative, as well as share information about any resources important to you or to the community. For example, are there events that future construction may affect once it begins?

What phase is the project in? This project is currently in the concept phase. The concept phase defines the existing issue seeking to be resolved along with a proposed solution that will meet the community's needs.

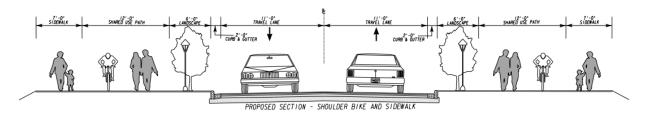
What are the next steps? After the public meeting is held, feedback will be assessed, revisions may occur to the proposed plan initially brought to the public or the no build alternative will be selected. Once a Concept Report is approved, the project alignment would be refined. If major changes occur to what was previously shown to the community, additional public outreach would occur. If no major changes are proposed, the project would advance to right-of-way acquisition and into final design. After all right-of-way acquisition occurs, project design is finalized, and the project would advance to construction.

## **Project Location Map**

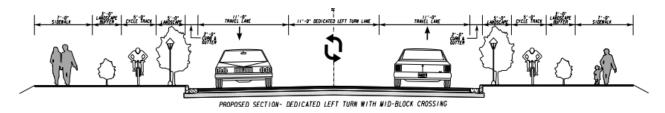


# Typical Cross Sections (not to scale)

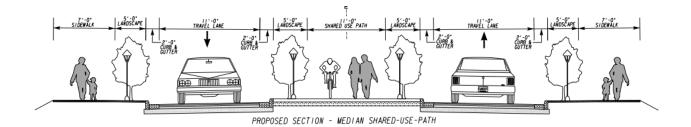
## **Proposed Alternative A**



## **Proposed Alternative B**



## **Proposed Alternative C**



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Please p	orint responses	<b>).</b>		
Name				
Email				
Do you	support the p	roject as presen	nted? (check your response)	
☐ For	☐ Against	☐ Conditiona	al (I would support this project if describe below)	☐ Uncommitted
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Please	rank the alterr	natives accordin	ng to your preference:	
1.			(Most Preferred)	
2.			(Second Preference)	
3.			(Least Preferred)	

For your reference:

Alternative A: No center turn lane, wide shared-use path and sidewalks with landscaped buffers on both sides of the road.

Alternative B: Retain center turn lane, cycle tracks and sidewalks with landscaped buffers on both sides of the road.

Alternative C: Center turn lane converted into a shared use path with landscaped buffers, sidewalks on both sides of the road.

Please complete questionnaire on the next page.

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Advertising: How did you hear about the meeting?								
□Newspaper □Signs □Website □Radio □Word of mouth □Social Media □Postcard □Other								
<b>Attendance:</b> Did you visit the online information for the project? □Yes □ No								
Questions	Answer	If the answer is no, please provide a suggestion/comment.						
Was the location/website convenient?	□Yes □No							
Was the time convenient?	□Yes □No							
Were your questions answered?	□Yes □No							
Do you understand the project?	□Yes □No							
Were materials (in person or virtual) understandable?	□Yes □No							
Please share your suggestions on improving the ways Douglasville conducts or advertises open houses:								

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