

Gateway Pedestrian Bridge - Development Timeline

(Compiled by former Councilman A. W. Clay with assistance from Jackson Myers)

2012 - Mayor & Council learned about \$10M TIGER IV Federal Grants during the annual lobbying trip to DC, February 1-2, 2012.

2012 - During his report at the February 6, 2012 Council Meeting, Councilman Clay mentioned the grant availability, the tight schedule to apply, the possibility of using a TIGER grant for Transportation Oriented Development, and having someone look into that. In response to Councilman Phillips's question regarding "who", he suggested Economic Development. Interim City Manager Austin said he, Economic Development Director Barbra Coffee, and City Engineer Jackson Myers would do so.

2012 - After discussions with Atlanta Regional Commission Staff, City Engineer Myers recommended considering a pedestrian bridge across Camp Creek Parkway.

2012 - Mr. Myers presented initial drawings, prepared by Prime Engineering, at the March 5, 2012 Council meeting and requested authorization to submit an application for a matching TIGER IV Grant. M&C approved the request.

2014 - Following the attempt to secure a federal TIGER grant, using the same conceptual drawings, the City applied to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant. \$250,000 was approved by ARC for a Scoping and Concept Phase grant.

2014 - Concept phase/Stakeholder involvement began. The Concept Plan was approved by GDOT on October 20, 2014.

2015 - Resolution 2015-03, to apply for a TAP grant in the amount of \$7,325,000, was passed by Mayor and Council for the design and construction of the new Global Gateway Connector Bridge, on March 10, 2015.

2015 - Mayor Longino, Council Members Clay, Carn, Phillips, City Manager Terrence Moore, and City Project Manager Myers took lobbying

trip to DC on May 12, 2015. While visiting Congressman Scott, Project Mgr. Jackson Myers called Doug Hooker, CEO of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), and Congressman Scott requested ARC to provide funding for the bridge.

2015 – Transportation Alternative (TAP) Grant applied for by the city and approved by ARC for \$669,553 in funding for Preliminary and Final Engineering Cost.

2017 – Preliminary Engineering Design Completed and Approved by GDOT.

2017 - Pedestrian Bridge was cited in August 2017 College Park Livable Centers Initiative Report: "This pedestrian bridge and associated multi-use trail will provide a much-needed crossing point to improve the north/south study area connectivity."

2019 – Final Engineering Design Completed and Approved by GDOT.

2020 – PS&E Package Approved for Local Let by City of College Park.

2021 – Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) applied for and approved for Engineering oversight and Construction for \$12,077,498. Project Manager Myers applied to ARC for additional funds to cover increased construction costs after COVID delay.

2022 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) applied for by Mr. Myers and approved for Engineering oversight and Construction for \$1,859,234, to cover increased cost for bridge inspections.

2022 - CW Mathews bid for bridge construction, in the amount of \$13,675,825, approved by M&C April 4, 2022. At the meeting, Project Manager Myers introduced Dillon Nurse from Congressman Scott's office. The Congressman continued to champion the bridge.

2022 - Prime Engineering project management contract extension, in the amount of \$594,140, approved by M&C April 4, 2022. The extra cost was to inspect the bridge at the manufacturing site in Houston to ensure proper dimensions before shipment (in sections) to College Park.

2022 – CW. Matthews awarded project in July 2022.

2022 - Groundbreaking August 15, 2022.

2023 - Construction cost in the amount of \$145,841 approved by M&C on 1/17/2023. Additional cost necessary to address discovered stormwater drainage pipe, which delayed GDOT Notice To Proceed to contractor.

2023 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) applied for and approved for Engineering oversight and Construction for \$494,535

2025 – Substantial completion for project June 1, 2025.

2025 – Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening June 17, 2025, at 6pm.