

RESOLUTION NO. 980592

PASSED: April 28, 2003

**A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of  
Gainesville, Florida, adopting the vision for future corridor  
modifications for Glen Springs Road.**

WHEREAS, a document prepared by the Public Works Department entitled "*Visioning for a Scenic Corridor: Glen Springs Road*" was recommended for approval by the Public Works Committee on March 03, 2003;

WHEREAS, the document identifies roadway modifications that address safety, mobility and access for users of all modes of transportation along the Glen Springs Road corridor;

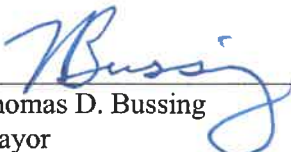
WHEREAS, the initiatives listed in the document seek to preserve the scenic character and ambiance of the corridor;

WHEREAS, the document is consistent with the City of Gainesville 2000-2010 Comprehensive Plan as adopted by Resolution No. 002684.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

1. To adopt the visioning statement for Glen Springs Road, attached as exhibit A, and to pursue and implement the modifications to Glen Springs Road that are consistent with such visioning statement as funding is provided.
2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.


Dated the 28th day of April A.D. 2003.

  
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Thomas D. Bussing  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kurt M. Lannon  
Clerk of the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

  
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Marion J. Radson  
City Attorney

## Visioning for a Scenic Corridor: Glen Springs Road

### PURPOSE..

The document is to serve as a guide for the implementation of future roadway modifications along Glen Springs Road. The document prepared by the Public Works Department describes the existing conditions along Glen Springs Road; identifies problems associated with the corridor based on a study conducted by FDOT in 2002, field investigations, and public input; establishes a goal for the future development of the corridor; and suggests ways by which the City may attain such goal. Several planned roadway modifications are listed; some are funded for construction in the near future, some are pending availability of funds. The proposed potential modifications have no funds identified/allocated for construction at this time.

### THE CORRIDOR..

Glen Springs Road is a scenic tree-canopied corridor located between NW 16<sup>th</sup> Terrace and NW 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Identified as a collector road by the City's Comprehensive Plan, it provides access to major arterials such as NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street and NW 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Land uses surrounding the corridor generate high levels of bicycle and pedestrian activity including a high number of children.

### THE PROBLEM..

High vehicular speeds, a traffic volume of up to 12,000 vehicles per day, and numerous collisions have raised the community's concern for the safety of the roadway users.

### GOAL..

The City seeks to address the problems while maintaining the character and ambiance of the roadway. Our goal is:

*"To preserve the roadway character while increasing safety, mobility and access for users of all modes of transportation."*

### EXISTING CONDITIONS..

- Roadway.. Glen Springs Road is a 2-lane roadway with 12 ft wide travel lanes; the posted speed limit is 35 mph on the eastern half, and 40 mph on the western half; traffic volumes range between 7,400 to 12,000 vehicles per day; no parking is allowed along the roadway.
- Land Use.. Land use along the Glen Springs Road is primarily single-family residential with several large apartment complexes located on the eastern portion of the corridor. Other uses along the corridor include an elementary school, daycare facilities, churches and a park.
- Multimodal.. The surrounding land uses generate high levels of bicycle and pedestrian activity. The corridor is also served by RTS Route 8; several bus stops are located along the eastern portion of the corridor accommodating approximately 200 users on a typical weekday.

- Utilities.. The street lighting system consists of overhead lighting with cobra head luminaries hung from utility poles located along the south side of the roadway.
- Environment.. Glen Springs Road is surrounded by mature trees. The tree canopy along the south side of the roadway is trimmed away from power lines. The roadway is traversed by several creeks, including the Hogtown Creek along which a trail runs at Ring Park on the eastern portion of the corridor.

#### PLANNED MODIFICATIONS..

##### Funded Projects:

1. Townsend Roundabout at the intersection of Glen Springs Road and NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Terrace – planned for construction in 2003;
2. Access Management project from NW 16<sup>th</sup> Terrace to NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street including the modification from 4-lane section to 2-lane section with medians, turn lanes, bicycle lanes, and a bus bay – funded for construction in FY 04/05;
3. Curve Reconstruction at the curve adjacent to Ring Park – funded for construction in FY 04/05.

##### Projects Planned/Not Funded:

1. Construction of eastbound left-turn lane at Glen Springs Elementary;
2. Roundabout at the intersection of Glen Springs Road and NW 21<sup>st</sup> Street;
3. Curve reconstruction west of NW 31<sup>st</sup> Terrace.

#### POTENTIAL MODIFICATIONS..

1. Complete sidewalk gaps along the south side of the roadway;
2. Modify crosswalks using colored/textured materials;
3. Construct paved shoulders to maximize potential for road bicycling;
4. Post a constant speed limit throughout the length of the corridor;
5. Install bus shelters at bus stops;
6. Underground wiring and install new lighting fixtures;
7. Replace existing traffic signs for newer/larger signs;
8. Add new thermoplastic pavement markings;
9. Install mast arms at the intersection of NW 16<sup>th</sup> Terrace;
10. Install gateway treatment at the intersection of NW 16<sup>th</sup> Terrace.