

City of Gainesville

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Signage and Pavement Marking Improvements for Pedestrian Safety (B)

This item is a referral from the City Commission to discuss the issue of improvements to signage and pavement markings to enhance pedestrian safety.

Following the committee's recommendation at its January 18, 2013 meeting, staff developed a proposal to enhance multimodal safety system wide. The estimated cost of implementation is \$5,025,000. The proposal includes:

- Installation of signalized midblock crossings along major corridors with high transit ridership to facilitate pedestrian access to/from RTS bus stops and increase motorist awareness:
- Installation of sidewalks citywide to continue to expand the pedestrian network and reduce conflicts with motor vehicles;
- Installation of ADA compliant access ramps to enhance access and mobility to all users;
- Funding of outreach campaign to educate and increase awareness of drivers, cyclists and pedestrians about safety and regulations;
- Funding of targeted enforcement efforts by GPD to increase compliance;
- Funding of infrastructure improvements identified in the bicycle and pedestrian safety action plan (anticipate completion by Summer 2013);
- Installation of access ramps for cyclists at the roundabouts on SW 2nd Ave to provide an alternative travel path and reduce conflict points; and
- Installation of bike boxes at select intersections along proposed bike boulevards and other intersections with high volume of cyclists to reduce conflicts with turning vehicles.

Implementation of the project is estimated at \$5,025,000. There are currently no allocated funds for this project. Staff submitted a budget increment request for FY14 for City Manager and City Commission consideration.

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee: 1) discuss the initiative; 2) direct staff to incorporate recommendations into Strategic Initiative 5.1; and 3) recommend to the City Commission that this item be removed from the referral list.