Roswell Road Access Management Plan

Virtual Public Meeting

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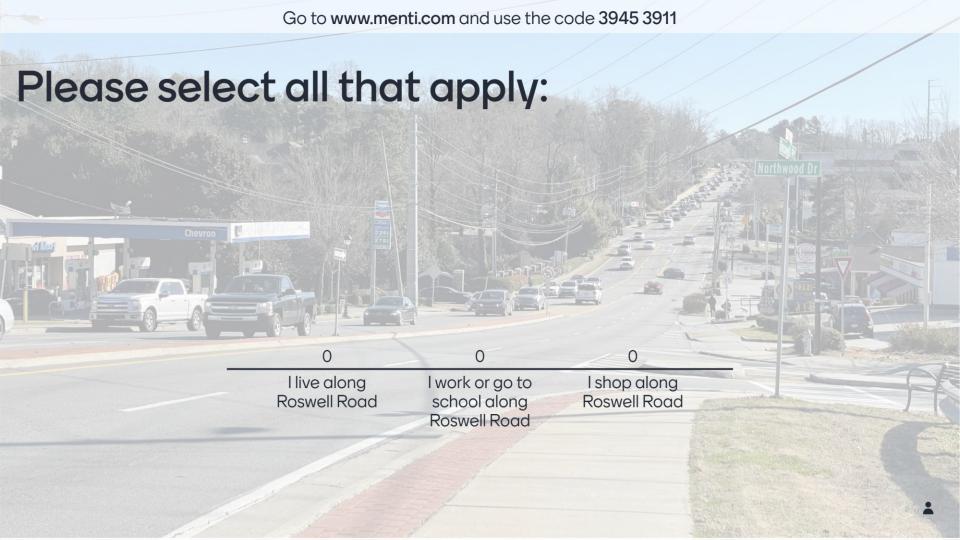


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Agenda

- Plan Overview
- Existing Conditions along Roswell Road
- Potential Access Management Treatments
- Interactive Map Tool
- Next Steps

Plan Overview

What is Access Management?

- The coordinated planning, regulation, and design of access between roadways and development
- Helps to improve safety and efficient roadway operation
- Sample treatments:
 - Medians and median openings
 - Limited and separated driveways
 - Interparcel connections

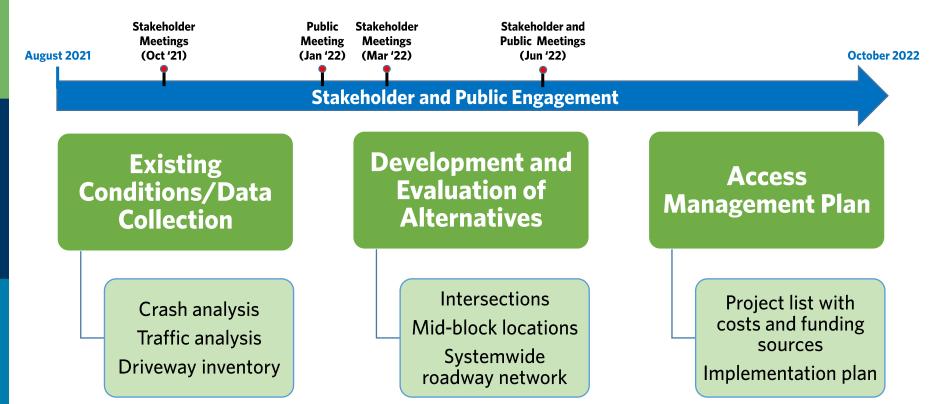


What Happens When We Don't Manage Access?

- Increase in crashes
- Inhospitable environment for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users
- Traffic congestion and longer travel times
- Loss of economy productivity
- Less functional, less livable communities



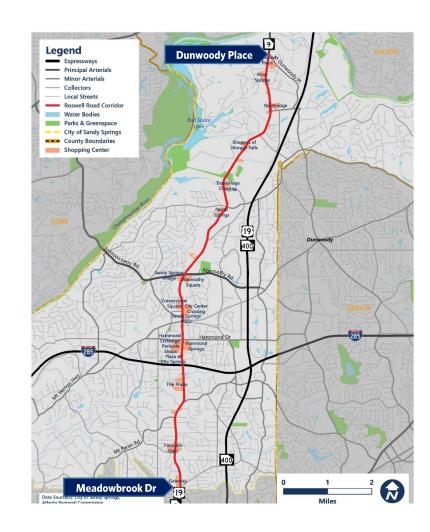
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Existing Conditions along Roswell Road

Roswell Road (SR 9)

- Principal arterial with four lanes
 (two in each direction), a center turn
 lane, and turn lanes at major
 intersections
- Carries approximately 25,000 –
 33,000 vehicles per day on average
- Mix of land uses retail, restaurant, multifamily residential, schools, government facilities, etc.
- Mix of travelers vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders



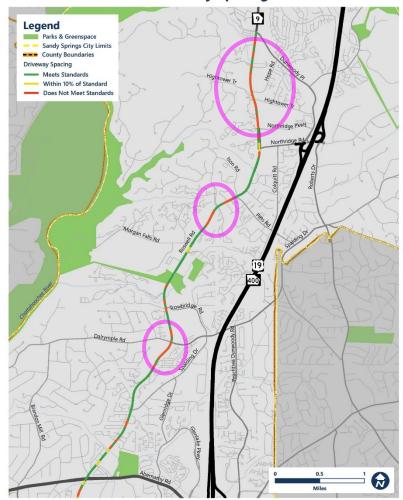
 Closely spaced driveways, and driveways located near intersections, introduce conflict points that create safety and operational deficiencies



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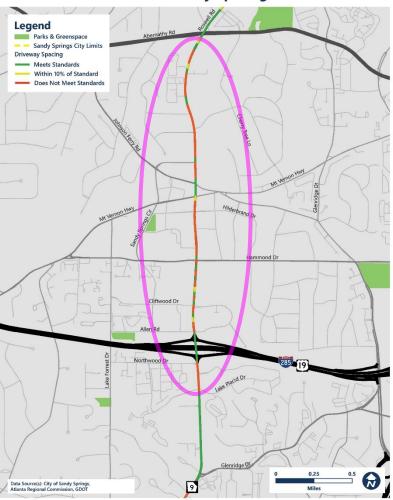


Roswell Road North - Driveway Spacing



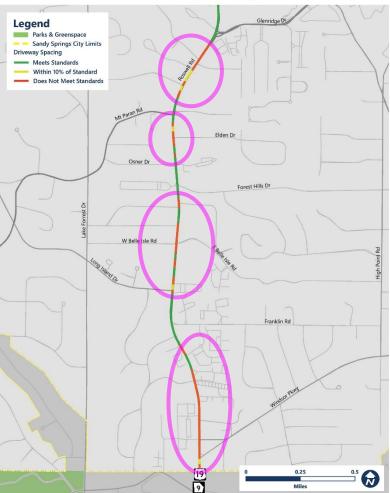
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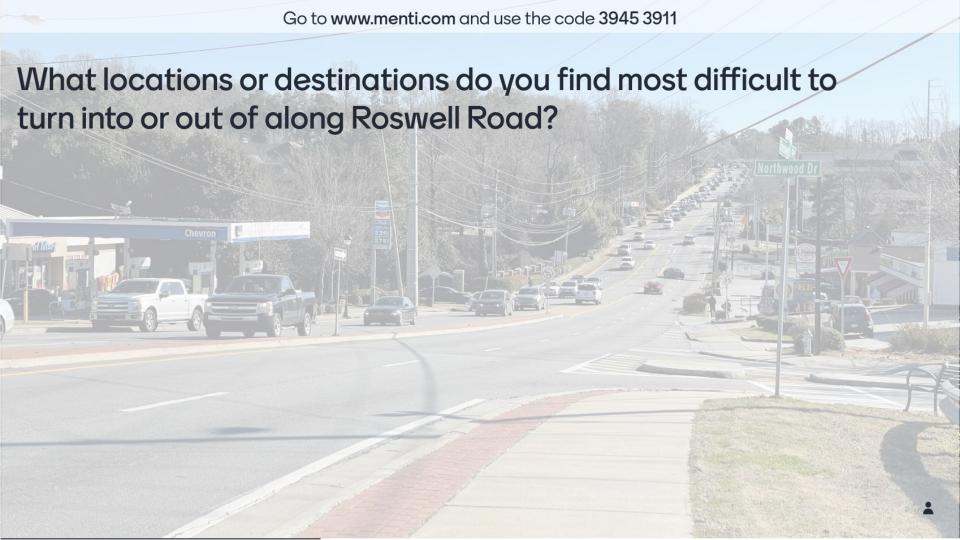
Roswell Road Central - Driveway Spacing



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Roswell Road South - Driveway Spacing

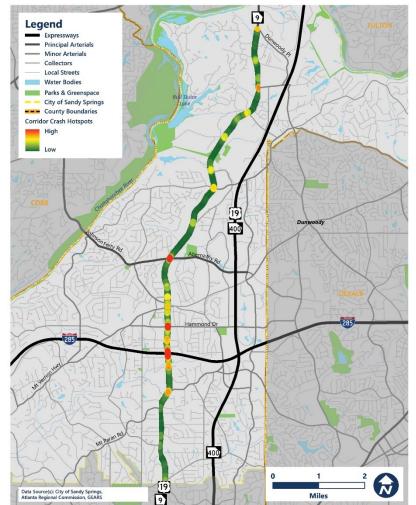




Crash History

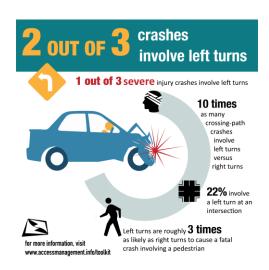
- 5,543 crashes over five years*
 - 1 in 4 crashes resulted in at least one injury, 29 of which were severe
 - 11 fatal crashes
 - 51 pedestrian crashes
 - 10 bicycle crashes
- Total crash rate and injury crash rate are nearly twice as high as statewide average (urban principal arterial)

Roswell Road - 2015-2019 Crash Density Map

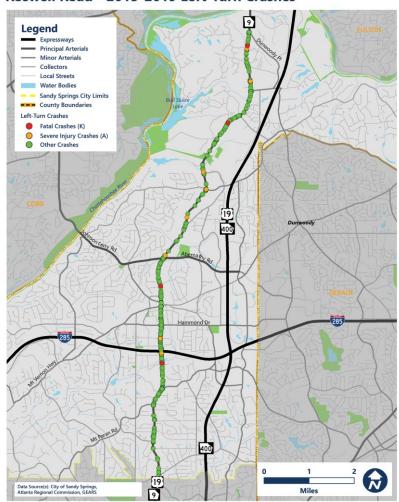


Left-Turn Crashes

- 1,300 crashes involved at least one vehicle making a left turn
- Resulted in four fatal crashes and 11 severe injury crashes



Roswell Road - 2015-2019 Left-Turn Crashes

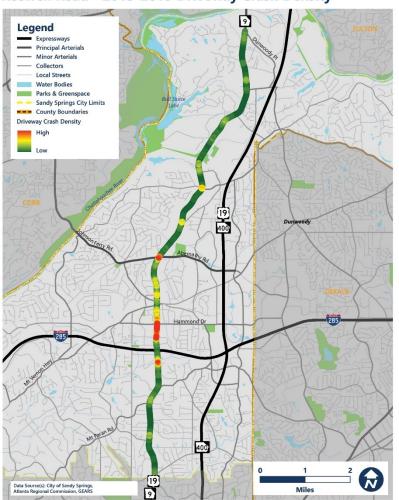


Driveway Crashes

- 387 crashes involved a vehicle entering or leaving a driveway or parking area
- Resulted in two fatal crashes and two severe injury crashes
- Resulted in one pedestrian crash
 - Northridge Pkwy (2016)



Roswell Road - 2015-2019 Driveway Crash Density



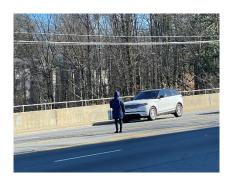
What is a Vulnerable User?

- Those without the protection of a vehicle when traveling are at greater risk of severe injury or death in a crash
 - Pedestrians, cyclists, transit users
 - Elderly, children, and those with mobility challenges
- Risk factors include availability of sidewalks, concentration of driveways, width of roadway, and distance between crossings



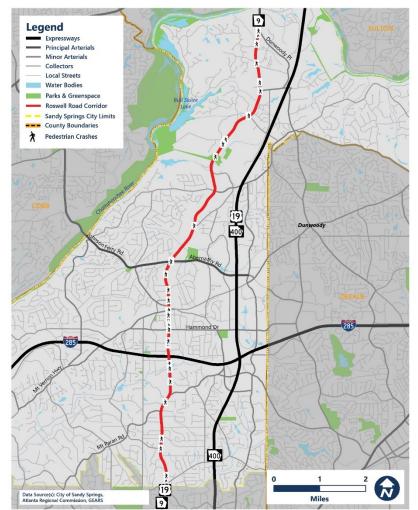
Pedestrian Crashes

- 51 crashes over five years*
 - 2 resulting in fatality
 - North of Cliftwood Dr and south of Glenridge Dr (2019)
 - 3 resulting in serious injury
 - Near Dunwoody Pl/Hannover Park Rd (2015)
 - Carpenter Dr and Morgan Falls Rd (2019)





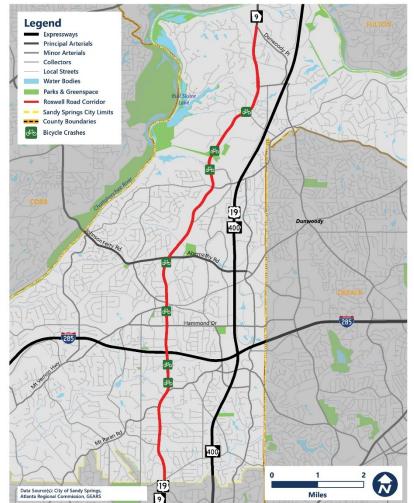
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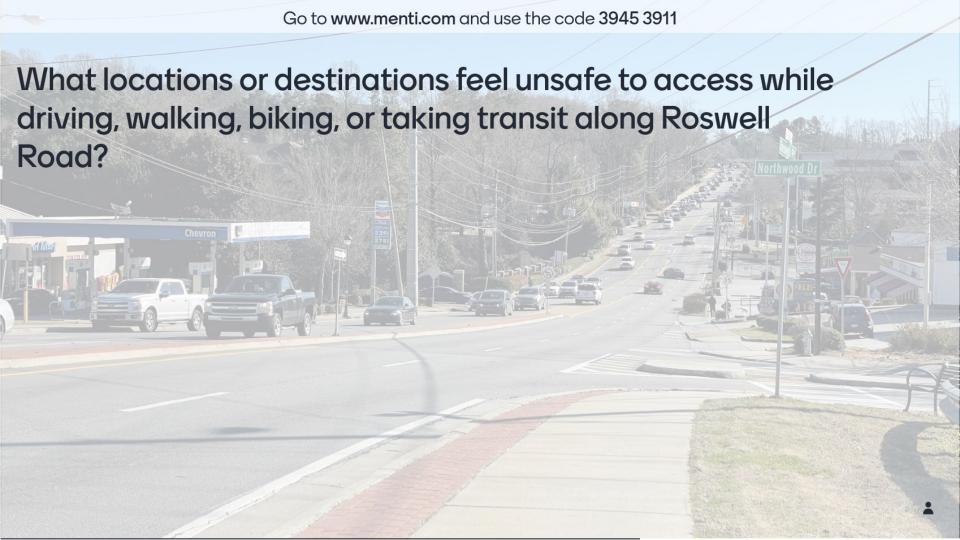


Bicycle Crashes

- 10 crashes over five years*
 - 1 resulting in fatality
 - Trowbridge Rd (2019)
 - 1 resulting in serious injury
 - Lake Placid Dr (2018)

Roswell Road - 2015-2019 Bicycle Crashes





Potential Access Management Treatments

Raised Medians

- Direct left turns to strategically planned locations
- Reduce the number of conflict points for turning movements
- Can provide a pedestrian refuge
- May help calm traffic
- Converting a two-way left turn lane to a raised median can reduce crashes by 23%*



Turn Lanes

- Reduce the incidence of sudden braking or stopping, and the risk of rear end crashes
- Increase the capacity of intersections and reduce delay
- Result in better traffic flow and travel time
- Installing left-turn lanes at a signalized intersection can reduce crashes by 19%*



Driveway Consolidation

- Reduces the number of conflict points along the main roadway, and the risk of rear-end and angle crashes
- Improves traffic flow
- Facilitates safer and more convenient access to businesses and other destinations
- Reducing driveway density can reduce fatal and severe injury crashes by 25-31%*



Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing

- Often accompanied by pedestrian refuge island and sometimes a pedestrian hybrid beacon
- Most useful where there is high walking activity and a long distance between signals
- Includes push-button signals, flashing beacons, crosswalk
- Can reduce pedestrian crashes by 55%*





Interactive Map Tool

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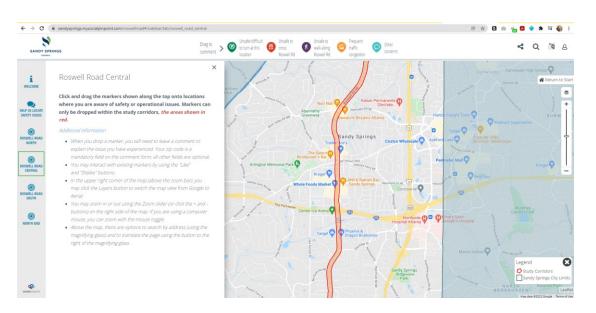
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- Where is it difficult to access businesses, your neighborhood, school, or other destinations?
- Where is it difficult to turn along Roswell Road?
- Where do you frequently observe traffic congestion?
- Where is it unsafe to walk along or cross Roswell Road?



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Online map will be open for input through Monday, February 7th

Next Steps

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- Please share your input on the online map!
- Finalize existing conditions analysis and report
- Begin development of access management recommendations
- Additional stakeholder and public meetings scheduled for summer 2022

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