

Oakdale Road Improvements FAQ

1. Q: Can the center turn lane be converted into a reversible lane?

A: Many studies have concluded that more crashes are associated with reversible lane operations compared to segments without reversible lanes. Reversible lanes have also been found to be confusing for pedestrians. Several reversible lane segments in Georgia have been removed in recent years due to the frequency and severity of crashes.

2. Q: Is it possible to do both [Option 1](#) and [Option 2](#) concurrently?

A: The City is only considering implementation of one of these options in order to maintain access to the residents and businesses along Oak Drive.

3. Q: How does increasing the length of the turn lane on Highland Parkway help traffic flow on Oakdale Road?

A: The proposed increase in the length of the turn lane on Highland Parkway would accommodate additional vehicle storage in the turn lane. This will allow the City to make adjustments to the signal timing at the intersection of Highland Parkway and Oakdale Road to improve the operation of this intersection.

4. Q: Can the City consider more Pedestrian and Bicycle improvements?

A: The updated concept plan includes additional pedestrian improvements such as the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) signs and a new mid-block pedestrian crosswalk. Also, the recently approved 2022 SPLOST program includes proposed improvements to be installed by Cobb County on the Oakdale Road corridor.

5. Q: Can there be more medians placed between Oakdale Ridge and Veteran Memorial Highway and between Oakdale Bluff and Farmlake Drive?

A: The City is currently in discussions with Cobb County to determine the possibility of the City installing medians in the County controlled portions of Oakdale Road.

6. Q: What improvements, if any, can be made at the railroad bridge to improve pedestrian safety improvements?

A: This portion of Oakdale Road is outside of the City Limits. Cobb County has an Oakdale Road Corridor Improvements Project included in the 2022 SPLOST Program. The City will discuss improvements to this bridge with Cobb County.

7. Q: Has Smyrna Police considered any additional efforts as it regards to regular traffic enforcement?

A: Smyrna uniform officers and traffic units spend a good amount of time on the Oakdale Road corridor currently. The issue with speed enforcement on Oakdale Road west of Oak Dr is the inconsistent jurisdictional boundaries and the requirements outlined in state law as they apply to municipal speed enforcement.

8. Q: Can Cobb County and/or GDOT help facilitate these improvements?

A: Cobb County has an Oakdale Road Corridor Improvements Project included in the 2022 SPLOST Program. The City will discuss additional improvements to the corridor with Cobb County.

9. Q: Can a median be added to South Cobb Drive to eliminate the left turning movements onto Oak Drive?

A: The 2022 SPLOST Program that was just approved includes multiple projects that will implement improvements to South Cobb Drive. The City will consider this request in conjunction with the other planned improvements along South Cobb Drive.

10. Q: Would it be possible to widen the road to increase capacity?

A: The current project budget would not accommodate the widening of the roadway. In the recently approved 2022 SPLOST program the County has identified a project for Oakdale Road to improve corridor capacity and safety. The County will also explore the availability of State and Federal funds to assist in improvements for the corridor.