



**FAQs RE: SR 3/Northside Drive at Peachtree Creek, PI No. 0007174, Fulton County**

**Q:** Safely containing and protecting pedestrians who will use the sidewalk on the west side of the replacement bridge remains a top priority. Neighbors have received GDOT's response dated August 14, 2018 that there will not be a barrier between traffic and the sidewalk similar to what currently exists. Neighbors, however, remain concerned that there will not be a barrier of any sort to protect pedestrians and their pets from venturing into the roadway. It is important to remember that although GDOT considers Northside Drive to be a highway, it is a residential street. From its intersection with I-85 until just before its intersection with West Paces Ferry Road, Northside Drive is bordered only by parks and single-family residences.

With the recently added Beltline loop around the golf course and the new 5' sidewalks around Memorial Park, pedestrian traffic has increased significantly and will continue to increase even more once the bridge replacement project is complete. Not only is this area a major thoroughfare for pedestrians, vehicles also travel well in excess of the posted 35 mph speed limit. Given these additional considerations, neighbors are requesting that GDOT re-evaluate its decision and consider a light railing to help keep pedestrians and pets securely on the roadway bridge sidewalk.

**A:** The addition of a non-crash rated fence or railing assembly could serve to increase the perception of safety but would not necessarily eliminate or reduce potential vehicle and pedestrian conflicts. The bridge, as designed, is consistent with GDOT's statewide policies for bridge replacements, which provide for a 5'5" sidewalk width. To address the community's concerns regarding pedestrian and bicycle users, GDOT is adding a multi-use trail bridge on the east side of the roadway that will be fully separated from the vehicle travel way. Additionally, the bridge design allows for an underpass from east to west along Peachtree Creek under Northside Drive. GDOT encourages recreational users to utilize the multi-use trail bridge and underpass as much as possible. At the community's request, GDOT is also willing to add white delineator posts on top of the sidewalk at 2-4 feet apart, depending on the vendor ([see image below](#)).



**Representation of Proposed Delineators**

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**Q:** Will the Peachtree Creek pedestrian bridge be opened to pedestrians during construction? If so, how will pedestrians get from the path level to/from the bridge level since the Beltline Connector path on the Woodward Way end is 4 feet below the planned level for the pedestrian bridge?

**A:** The new bridges will be constructed at a higher elevation than the existing bridge, which will make the pedestrian bridge inaccessible. The approaches to the bridges cannot be raised to the same level until the detour is in place. Both bridges will be opened to traffic at approximately the same time after construction is complete.

**Q:** During the time from now until the pedestrian underpass is completed, what provisions can be made to increase pedestrian safety at the 5-way intersection on the north side of the bridge?

**A:** Any equipment that in this area would conflict with the construction and would have to be removed in the very near future. However, GDOT is revising the plans to add a southern crosswalk at the intersection of Northside at Woodward/Sagamore into the project. It will be installed immediately after the grade of the intersection is raised to meet the new elevation of the bridge approach.

**Q:** Bridge plans show that Northside Drive, Woodward Way, and Sagamore Drive (on the northern side of the bridge) will be raised to meet the higher elevation of the new bridges. Will the raising of the streets on the northern side of the bridge take place only during the 90-day detour period mentioned in the GDOT update dated May 28, 2019 or will the raising cut off access via any of the streets for a longer period? Please confirm specifically whether the raising of Woodward Way and Sagamore will take place only during the 90-day detour and, when the detour ends, their traffic access to Northside Drive and the new bridge will be restored.

The plans show the raising of Woodward Way on the eastern side of Northside Drive will include raising the Beltline Connector path up to the level of the pedestrian bridge. The plans also show that at the northern end of the pedestrian bridge the path will be moved to curve away from the creek and back in towards the creek before connecting to the existing path along Woodward Way. Will the raising and the addition of this curve to the path be completed during the 90-day detour period or, if not, when will it be started and completed?

**A:** Northside, Woodward and Sagamore on the north side of the bridges will be raised to meet the higher elevation of the new bridges. At this time, we expect that all of the elevation changes to connect the streets to the bridges will be performed and completed during the 90-day detour. In addition, we anticipate that the realignment of pedestrian bridge path connection to Woodward Way will also be performed and completed during the 90-day detour.

**Q:** When will Northside Drive be closed for the 90-day detour? Is it still planned for the spring of 2021?

**A:** At this time the 90-day detour is tentatively planned for spring 2021.

**Q:** If the construction timeline changes, AMPC and the surrounding neighborhoods request that an updated timeline be emailed to the surrounding neighborhood leaders, AMPC, and Council Member J.P. Matzigkeit's office and the updated construction timeline are presented at the quarterly NPU meetings that GDOT will attend moving forward.

**A:** As always, GDOT will keep residents and other stakeholders informed of project updates as we know them, including presenting information at NPU-C meetings on a quarterly basis. We've also created a **New webpage**: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/BS/Projects/SpecialProjects/NorthsidePCBridge>.