

City of Auburn, Councilmanic Actions of Public Interest

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1. At its November 11, 2018, meeting, Council approved a \$484,000 contract with Skipper (Traffic and Engineering) Consulting of Birmingham, Alabama, to prepare a comprehensive city-wide traffic study. The Study includes public involvement once Skipper evaluates current traffic patterns and issues; prepares preliminary cost estimates; prioritizes proposed public improvements; and completes other components of the Study. Dates for public involvement are to be determined.
2. At its January 16, 2018, meeting, Council approved a \$575,000 contract with the Columbus, Georgia's, Architectural firm of 2WR to design a new downtown parking structure. Work is to include preparing design alternatives for the exterior of the deck to ensure compatibility with the surrounding environs; access to and from the parking deck; construction plans (to include civil and landscape plans), for approval by local and State regulatory agencies; preliminary construction costs; and construction management and compliance services. Public input is planned through the Planning Commission and other venues. Dates for citizen involvement in the planning process are to be determined.
3. At its January 16, 2018, meeting, Council approved monies for the "Saugahatchee Creek Greenway +Blueway Project." Main elements of the Project will be paved pedestrian and bicycle trails along Saugahatchee Creek between Donahue and Miracle Roads on the east and Richland Road on the south and west. The Project will serve the two elementary schools on Richland Road and the surrounding neighborhoods, with access to all citizens of Auburn. In the long-term parking lots for use by canoers/kayakers, bicycles, and pedestrians will be constructed in the Miracle and Richland Roads areas. Further expansion of the facilities is envisioned as part of a comprehensive city-wide Greenway/Trailways program in development. The City owns portions of the Trailways; other property and access easements are planned for purchase.