WELCOME TO THE 2019 GEORGIA WALKS SUMMIT.

The fourth annual gathering of transportation and public health professionals, community advocates and elected officials committed to making streets and communities in Georgia great places to walk.

Please take advantage of our compelling speakers, breakout sessions and networking opportunities.

YOU’LL RETURN HOME INFORMED AND INSPIRED.
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 7:30 AM–4:30 PM
HILTON ATLANTA NORTHEAST. 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd. | Peachtree Corners, GA

7:30–8:30 AM: REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

8:30 AM–10:00 AM: MORNING PLENARY | GROSS NEGLIGENCE
HUNNICUTT BALLROOM | PRESENTER: Chuck Marohn, Founder and President, Strong Towns

10:00–10:15 AM: BREAK

10:15–11:00 AM: BREAKOUT SESSION A

Panel: The Future of Micro-mobility
Cities across the United States are struggling to accommodate and regulate use of shared, dockless e-scooter and other devices. People in Atlanta and other cities have a love-hate relationship with e-scooters. How can pedestrian, bicycle and e-scooter advocates work together to promote road design and investments that support micro-mobility?

COBB & DEKALB ROOMS
PANELISTS: Moderator: Sally Flocks, PEDS. Panelists: Janide Sidifall; City of Atlanta; Dan Hourigan, Midtown Alliance; Nima Daivari, Lime; Peggy Merriss, City of Decatur

Retrofitting Accessible Pedestrian Design + Accessible Work Zones
Discover how to create accessible paths for people with disabilities in retrofit projects and at locations with site and/or budgetary constraints.
The presentation reviews complex projects and addresses common misconceptions with accessible path design. Also learn components needed to build accessible work zones that protect all pedestrians, especially those with limited vision and mobility issues. Examine case studies of diverse urban construction projects.

GWINNETT ROOM
PRESENTERS: Matt McDow, Arcadis; David McKee, PSS

11:00—11:15 AM: BREAK

11:15 AM–12:00 PM: BREAKOUT SESSION B

Neighborhoods First
Learn how a “Neighborhoods First” approach enables communities to grow stronger by making small, incremental investments over time. By observing how neighbors live their lives, asking people about their daily struggles, and getting out on the street and discovering what is actually going on, local governments can discern their community’s pressing needs. Neighborhood First projects are high return investments and they are all around us.

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Pedestrian Improvements from Small Towns to Suburbs
Learn highlights from Alta Planning + Design’s Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks Guide, including processes for prioritizing recommendations, fun and creative outreach methods, and detailed infrastructure ideas appropriate for small towns. Learn about Cobb County’s updated ADA Transition Plan, Road Safety Audits, and the challenges of increasing pedestrian safety along high-volume, high-speed suburban corridors that have transit service and multi-use paths.

GWINNETT ROOM
PRESENTERS: Ian Sansom, Alta Planning + Design; Eric Meyer, Cobb County DOT

12:00–12:15 PM: BREAK

Quick Zoning Fixes to Improve Walkability
Learn about quick and easy changes to zoning regulations that promote increased walkability in Atlanta.

HUNNICUT C
PRESENTERS: Charletta Wilson Jacks, Atlanta Office of the Mayor; Caleb Racicot, TSW; Keyetta Holmes, Atlanta Office of Zoning & Development; Aaron Fortner, Canvas Planning

Panel: Enhancing Communities with Connected Trail Networks
Discuss processes and collaboration that enabled Gwinnett County to define and achieve its bicycle and pedestrian vision and develop a Master Plan for trails. Learn how to plan for increased network connectivity and diverse bicycle and pedestrian facility types and scales. Also learn about working with other departments and organizations to meet shared goals.

HUNNICUT D
PANELISTS: Moderator: Beth Tucker, Kimley-Horn; Panelists: Tina Fleming Gwinnett County Community Services; Edgardo Aponte, Gwinnett County Transportation; Cristina Pastore, Kimley-Horn

Evaluating Pedestrian Safety without Crash Data
Midtown Alliance is using behavioral data to evaluate and increase safety at complex intersections. Learn about their methods of measuring pedestrian compliance and driver aggressiveness and their safety evaluation at three intersections. Also learn how to use data to design and operate traffic signals for all users.

HUNNICUT C
PRESENTERS: Marc Start, AECOM; Chris Puglisi, Jacobs

Panel: You Can’t Spell Streets without Trees
Learn how to advocate for the inclusion of street trees in projects and communities, as well as best practices for the design of complete streets that include street trees, policies that help ensure proper siting and design, and major challenges to anticipate.

HUNNICUT D
PANELISTS: Moderator: Jack Cebe, Arcadis; Panelists: Andrew Heath and Felicity Davis, GDOT; Clara Kwon, City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation
12:15–1:30 PM: LUNCH PLENARY | RETROFITTING SUBURBIA FOR WALKABILITY AND OTHER 21ST CENTURY CHALLENGES  
HUNNICUTT BALLROOM | PRESENTER: Ellen Dunham-Jones, Georgia Tech

1:30–2:00 PM: BREAK

2:00–2:45 PM: BREAKOUT SESSION C

Transportation in the Next American City
For more than six decades, local governments have been accustomed to building new transportation infrastructure and expanding existing systems. Liabilities have grown, but transportation funding has not kept up. The presentation brings local communities into the national conversation about transportation spending. It also helps local decision-makers determine which transportation projects bring the best return on investments.

COBB & DEKALB ROOMS
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Designing Places for Pedestrians through Creative Placemaking
Learn about Atlanta’s new community-led and community-driven placemaking program. Also learn about two projects under development that creatively enhance public right-of-way and improve safety for walking, biking, and transit use.

GWINNETT ROOM
PRESENTERS: Kemberli Sargent and Chris McIntosh, City of Atlanta Office of Mobility Planning

GDOT’S Updated Pedestrian and Streetscape Guide
Gain a comprehensive overview of GDOT’s updated Pedestrian and Streetscape Guide, which will transform cities and towns into places where pedestrians experience improved mobility and safety. The guide provides information to planners, engineers, elected officials, and public works officials.

HUNNICUT C
PRESENTERS: Marc Start, AECOM; Jack Anninos, GDOT

Rethink the Street: Buford Highway + Redesigning Peachtree Street
Buford Highway is acclaimed for its diverse and international food scene and notorious for its dangerous street design. Discover how Buford Highway is using arts and culture to improve the corridor’s safety and walkability while also preserving and expanding its culturally diverse character.

Learn about Atlanta’s plans to transform a half-mile section of Peachtree Street into a shared street, thereby reversing decades of auto-oriented design and making Peachtree once again the city’s center of activity.

HUNNICUT D
PRESENTERS: Marian Lou, WeLoveBuHi; Kevin Bacon and Vanessa Lira, Atlanta City Studio

2:45–3:00 PM: BREAK

3:00–3:45 PM: BREAKOUT SESSION D

Transforming North McDonough into a Complete Street
Learn about the City of Decatur’s innovative solutions to smart development and transportation. Gain insight into how the design team, city officials, and residents worked together to transform North McDonough Street.

COBB & DEKALB ROOMS
PRESENTERS: Mickey O’Brien, AECOM; Hugh Saxon, City of Decatur

Building Grassroots Walking Movements
Learn how GirlTrek is inspiring one million black women to lower the risks of stress and chronic disease by committing to walking at least 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week.

Learn about Decatur’s Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee and gain insight into how the city is harnessing citizen enthusiasm to bring walk-friendly changes.

GWINNETT ROOM
PRESENTERS: Carla Harris, Deborah McGlawn, and Marionetta Audiffern, GirlTrek; Jack Kittle, Ann Abramowitz, and Richard Cohen, Decatur Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Developing an Urban Creek Trail Network: From Concept to Reality
Discover how the South Fork Conservancy took the idea of connected trails along urban creeks and actually began to build the network, which currently includes three parks and five miles of trails. Learn about successful strategies, challenges the Conservancy experienced, and how their work across multiple political jurisdictions can apply to your projects.

HUNNICUT C
PRESENTERS: Sally Sears and Kimberly Estep, The South Fork Conservancy

Streets Atlanta: A Design Manual for Multimodal Streets
Cities that seek to retrofit and modify streets are often stifled by standards and guidelines based on principles that consider moving car traffic as the primary role of streets. Learn about the recently-approved “Streets Atlanta: A Design Manual for Multimodal Streets,” which will play a large role in determining urban form for decades to come.

HUNNICUT D
PRESENTERS: Jordan Dowdy, City of Atlanta Office of Mobility Planning

4:00–4:30 PM: EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENTS
HUNNICUTT BALLROOM | PRESENTER: Sally Flocks, PEDS

5:00–6:30 PM: PEDS & APBP NETWORKING RECEPTION
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<td>Learn how the Atlanta Regional Commission's Safe Streets for Walking and Bicycling plan establishes a data-driven, proactive, and aggressive approach to eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes. The plan uses a “Safe System” approach to advance safety improvements within a complete streets framework. Gain insight into ways the Atlanta Regional Commission's Transportation Equity Advisory Group connects equity advocates with transportation planners, shifts community engagement processes, and influences project selection processes and planning outcomes.</td>
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<td>Learn how GDOT is implementing technology that will improve pedestrian and bicycle safety by maximizing the compliance and behavior of non-motorized users at signalized intersections and other locations. Learn about findings from a demonstration project to automate pedestrian and driver compliance field measurements at signalized intersections.</td>
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<td>Follow up on the intersection site visit by participating in a creative design workshop. Team members will develop and compare design ideas that make the intersection more walk-friendly. So put on your designer hat and explore how intersection design can be a tool for walkability and pedestrian safety.</td>
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