FACT SHEET:

Barrett Parkway at Burnt Hickory Road Intersection Improvements (Project # B2441)

The purpose of the proposed intersection improvement is to relieve congestion and improve safety at the intersection of Barrett Parkway at Burnt Hickory Road.

The project proposes eliminating the direct left turns from Barrett Parkway to Burnt Hickory Road and reconfiguring the turns at signalized median openings north and south of the intersection.

Drivers desiring to turn left onto Burnt Hickory Road must travel through the intersection and then execute a U-turn at the signalized median opening downstream of the intersection. These drivers can then turn right at Burnt Hickory Road.



BENEFITS OF A MEDIAN U-TURN:







PROJECT HISTORY: Traffic study re-evaluates need for signalized U-turn. Implement **Board of Commissioners Public Information** Traffic volumes are 31% proposed approve construction Open House higher than 2013. contract project May 2011 2026 September 2008 June 2024 October 2008 August 2024 May 2013 Barrett Pkwy Board of Due to lower traffic Due to crash history, (Dallas Hwy to Cobb Commissioners volumes, Median U-turns Left turns converted Pkwy) approved in approve Barrett Pkwy at Burnt Hickory are to green arrow only not implemented with Transportation widening project infrom 7 AM to 10 PM Improvement cluding median U-turns project for Burnt Hickory Program

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The 2024 traffic study analyzed current and future safety conditions and traffic volumes at the Barrett Parkway at Burnt Hickory Road intersection. The results led to the implementation of the proposed improvements.

SAFETY

The intersection experienced 223 crashes from October 1, 2018, to September 30, 2023. The most frequent crashes at the intersection were rear-end crashes which were 118 of 223 (53%) and 56 of 118 (47%) of those rear-end crashes occurred in the southbound direction.

In August of 2024, protected only left turns for northbound and southbound approaches were implemented subsequent to an increase in crashes with left turn maneuvers.

TYPE OF CRASHES OVER 5 YEARS			
Crash Severity	# of Crashes		
Severe Injury	4		
Visible Injury	14		
Complaint of Injury	50		
Property Damage Only	155		
TOTAL	223		

CONGESTION & DELAYS

The delays at the intersection are expected to significantly increase if no improvement (No Build) is made. The installation of the median U-turn will decrease the amount of delays (as shown in the table below).

The median U-turn will have 850 feet of turn lane storage for the southbound approach and 500 feet for the northbound approach. These distances would offer sufficient storage for the U-turn movements.

HOW LONG WILL YOU WAIT? (SECONDS ON AVERAGE)							
Year	Period	NO BUILD	BUILD				
		Intersection	Intersection	Southbound U-turn	Northbound U-turn		
2026	AM	70	42	14	3		
2026	PM	60	35	9	7		
2046	AM	97	52	24	3		
	PM	91	55	10	9		

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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COMMENT FORM

Provide your comments on the the proposed operational and safety improvements at the intersection of Barrett Parkway and Burnt Hickory Road.

Please print responses.		
Full Name (First, Last)	Email	
Mailing Address	City	Zip code
Do you support the project? (check your re	sponse)	
☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Conditional (I	would support this project if describe in	comments)
☐ Uncommitted (if uncommitted, please to		
Comments:		

Comments and questions regarding this project can be submitted by mail or email until October 22, 2024 to:

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