

**CITY COUNCIL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

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**21-O-0775**

**AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBERS AMIR FAROKHI, ANDRE DICKENS, MICHAEL JULIAN BOND, JENNIFER IDE, NATALYN MOSBY ARCHIBONG AND MATT WESTMORELAND LAUNCHING THE NEXT ERA OF ATLANTA STREETS ALIVE AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PEACHTREE STREET BETWEEN MITCHELL STREET AND 17TH STREET EACH SUNDAY FROM 2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is committed to creating a safe and enjoyable network of bicycle infrastructure and safe streets, and has made significant investments in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure with a diverse range of partners including the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, founded in 1991, is a nonprofit of advocates working to reclaim Atlanta's streets as safe, inclusive, and thriving spaces for people to ride, walk, and roll; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition works to educate people on safety; provides resources to overcome barriers to biking, walking, using wheelchairs and riding transit; promotes sustainable transportation solutions; and organizes community-building initiatives like Atlanta Streets Alive; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition's Atlanta Streets Alive project has opened streets for people by temporarily closing them to cars to create a whole new healthy, sustainable and vibrant city street experience; and

WHEREAS, Atlanta Streets Alive has grown tremendously over the years, activating 11.1 miles in 2019 and drawing up to 134,000 people at a time to reclaim Atlanta's streets as public space; and

WHEREAS, Atlanta Streets Alive is a part of an international open streets movement happening in many cities throughout the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the first open streets initiative started in 1976 in Bogota, Colombia and now draws more than 1.5 million people to walk, bike, skate, and enjoy more than 70 miles of streets opened to people -- and closed to car traffic -- every Sunday; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to launch the next era of Atlanta Streets Alive by opening Peachtree Street for people by closing it to cars every Sunday from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM, beginning on September 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Peachtree Street is in the heart of our city accessible from six MARTA rail stations, and opening this three-mile stretch will link together two of Atlanta's densest neighborhoods-- Downtown and Midtown; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Department of Transportation is best positioned to oversee operational logistics, while collaborating with partners like the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, Central Atlanta Progress, Midtown Alliance and others around activation, programming, and marketing; and

WHEREAS, launching this next era of Atlanta Streets Alive in September 2022 will provide time to engage with stakeholders, finalize planning, and allocate all necessary funds in the FY23 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the projected annual cost is roughly \$2 million-- to be funded each year by dollars generated by on-street parking revenue and deposited into a dedicated fund for Atlanta Streets Alive, administered by the Commissioner of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the fund may be utilized only to cover costs directly associated with hosting the weekly streets alive event such as equipment, staff, programming, marketing, and security.

THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1: The requirements of Atlanta City Code Section 142-85 are hereby waived, and this ordinance shall be in-lieu of any street closure permits and sidewalk closure permits required by Section 142-85.

Section 2: That the section of Peachtree Street S.W. and N.E. between Trinity Avenue S.W. and 17th Street N.E. shall be closed to automobile traffic on Sundays between the hours of 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM, except on Easter, the second Sunday in October, and when the following City holidays fall on a Sunday: Juneteenth, Independence Day, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Section 3: That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to create an Atlanta Streets Alive Fund (XXXX) project (XXXXXX) and award (XXXXX) for the purpose of funding this weekly initiative.

Section 4: That this Ordinance shall become effective after adoption by the Atlanta City Council, and once in effect, be enforceable beginning September 18, 2022.

Section 5: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the terms of this ordinance are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.

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**Workflow List:**

Atlanta City Council	Completed	10/04/2021 1:00 PM
Transportation Committee	Pending	10/13/2021 9:30 AM

**HISTORY:**

10/04/21	Atlanta City Council	REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION
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**REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WITHOUT OBJECTION**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION</b>	<b>Next: 10/13/2021 9:30 AM</b>
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Certified by Presiding Officer	Certified by Clerk
<p>Mayor's Action</p> <p><i>See Authentication Page Attachment</i></p>	