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**FORESTPARK**

# City Council Agenda Item

**Subject:** Council Discussion to adopt the City of Forest Park Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study

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**Date Submitted:** December 30, 2024

**Work Session Date:** January 06, 2025

**Council Meeting Date:** January 06, 2025

**Background/History:**

The City of Forest Park Planning & Community Development Department is requesting approval for adoption of the City of Forest Park Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study. The City of Forest Park received funding from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to perform a feasibility study and develop a concept plan for a potential pedestrian bridge connecting the City Center-City Hall Complex to Downtown Main Street. The City of Forest Park retained Kimley-Horn to perform the feasibility study, prepare a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) concept report, and engage key stakeholders and the public. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the feasibility of constructing a pedestrian bridge over the Norfolk-Southern Railroad and SR 331/Forest Parkway. This study provides a comprehensive analysis of the project's viability, and addresses key factors such as safety, accessibility, and community benefits. It outlines the potential for improved pedestrian connectivity, to Starr park, reduced traffic congestion due to the train, and enhances public health through walking. The study also identifies cost, environmental impact, and funding options, helping to make an informed decision on whether the bridge is a worthwhile investment for the community. If the Mayor and Council approve to adopt the pedestrian bridge feasibility study, the approval will assist the project with moving forward to the next stages and potentially securing funding, conducting detailed design work, and beginning the planning and construction phases of the pedestrian bridge. The approval will also signify that the project is deemed viable and aligns with the community's goals and allows for further exploration of the planning, costs, and environmental impacts necessary to implement the bridge.

**Cost:** \$0.00

**Budgeted for:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

**Financial Impact:** N/A

**Action Requested from Council:** To Adopt the City of Forest Park Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study.

