

## Overview & Need

The Atlanta Braves' announcement of their move to Cumberland in 2013 served as the catalyst for the Cumberland Community Improvement District's (CID) most recent growth. Today, nearly 29,000 residents call Cumberland home, a 27% increase over the past decade. Not only has the number of residents surged but the number of entertainment options have also risen such as The Battery Atlanta, Coca-Cola Roxy, and Trust Park just to name a few. The draw of these entertainment options have showcased the need for a vital, safe pedestrian bridge between The Battery Atlanta and the City of Smyrna over Cobb Parkway/US-41. The Cobb Parkway Pedestrian Bridge represents a joint partnership between the Cobb County, City of Smyrna, Atlanta Braves, and the Cumberland CID.

The Cobb Parkway Pedestrian Bridge will provide a safe elevated crossing for pedestrians over Cobb Parkway/US-41, a high volume six-lane roadway corridor that currently exists as a barrier to connectivity between The Battery/Truist Park, the City of Smyrna, and other locations west of Cobb Parkway/US-41. Pedestrians wishing to travel between these destinations are forced to contend with various conflicts, challenges, and safety hazards as they cross at an existing at-grade signal-controlled mid-block crossing. The construction of an elevated crossing would minimize pedestrian and vehicular conflicts by separating their interaction, particularly during regularly programmed and special events hosted at The Battery/Truist Park and as future developments west of Cobb Parkway/US-41 further increase pedestrian activity in the area.

## About the Bridge

- Places to locate a pedestrian bridge across Cobb Parkway/US-41 near The Battery/SunTrust Park are limited due to existing structures, overhead and underground utilities, and grades
- The recommended location is the one feasible crossing site between Spring Road and Cumberland Boulevard
- The pedestrian bridge will clear span Cobb Parkway/US-41 and provide a minimum of 17'-6" vertical clearance above Cobb Parkway/US-41
- The pedestrian bridge must comply with ADA requirements; this can be achieved with a switch-back ramp system west of Cobb Parkway/US-41; an elevator is required east of Cobb Parkway/US-41 due to limited space to incorporate a ramp system
- The pedestrian bridge concept has been developed to work with existing overhead high power transmission lines; power distribution lines east and west of Cobb Parkway/US-41 along with other utilities will require relocation

## Concept Rendering



## Total Project Cost.

**Total Project Cost: \$8,575,000**