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Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Public Review and Comment

Fayette County, Georgia, August 27, 2019 - Fayette County's Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is available for public review and comment from August 27 through September 23, 2019. Comments should be submitted in writing to <u>publicworks@fayettecountyga.gov</u>. The document is available for review through the following links:

- Draft Inventory of Existing Conditions Report (92 pages)
- Draft Assessment of Current & Future Need Report (118 pages)
- Draft Recommendations Report (72 pages)
- <u>Appendix A Public Engagement</u> (30 pages)
- <u>Appendix B Survey Results</u> (136 pages)
- <u>Appendix C Public Engagement Documentation</u> (163 pages)
- <u>Appendix D Path Design Guidelines</u> (24 pages)

After September 23, the project team will review all comments and make the appropriate edits to the documents. Afterwards, the revised document will be presented to the six local governments for hopeful approval and adoption.

Background Information

Over the past 18 months local governments within Fayette County have been working together with a team of Consultants to update the County's Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). This planning document is updated periodically using funding from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and is an important tool in identifying and prioritizing transportation needs, recommending possible solutions, and establishing a plan for project delivery and funding.

The CTP has three main sections, described below:

- Inventory of Existing Conditions this section of the CTP provides a snapshot of Fayette County with respect to planning documents, land use, demographics, growth projections, transportation system characteristics, existing public transportation and human service transportation (HST) services, travel demand management, freight management, and planned/programmed projects. This information creates the baseline against which proposed projects are evaluated.
- Assessment of Current & Future Needs this section of the report uses various data sources, such as traffic counts, crash data, growth forecasts, regional travel demand model runs, local government's future land use plans, planned developments, public input, surveys, etc., to identify existing and future transportation needs.
- **Recommendations** this section of the CTP uses model run results, public input, findings from the Needs Assessment, the Consultant's planning and engineering experience, etc., to provide policy and project recommendations. The projects are identified by type (e.g.,

intersection improvement) and a recommended implementation schedule. Project costs and funding options are also discussed in this section.

In addition to the traditional CTP information, this project also included a special emphasis on the planning, construction, use, and maintenance of paths within Fayette County and the incorporated areas. The intent is to establish guidelines that promote consistent use of pavement markings and signs on paths among the multiple jurisdictions. This information is provided in Appendix D of the CTP – Path Design Guidelines.

Fayette County is thankful to all the citizens who participated with the development of this document. As a community we continue to have robust public input, which is essential for these types of planning documents.