

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021

2:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

Randy Ognio, Committee Chair – Representative, Fayette BOC
Kevin Madden, Vice Committee Chair – Council Member, Peachtree City
Lee Hearn - Chairman, Fayette BOC
Edward Johnson – Mayor, City of Fayetteville
Gary Laggis – Mayor, Town of Woolsey
Maurice Ungaro – Staff, Town of Brooks
Phil Mallon – Staff, Fayette County
Jaimi Tapp – Citizen Representative, Town of Tyrone
Takiyah Christian, Committee Secretary – Staff, Fayette County

Committee Members Absent:

Stanley Merantus – Staff, Fayette County
Chris Robison – Sgt., Fayette County Sheriff's Office
Martin Sas – Citizen Representative, Fayette County

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Ognio called the September 14, 2021 meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

2. Ascertainment of Quorum

Committee Chair Ognio acknowledged that a quorum of the Transportation Committee was present.

3. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

Committee Chair Ognio asked the Committee to move the Unfinished Business up in the agenda. The Unfinished Business will be before the report of Committee. Mr. Ungaro made a motion to accept the meeting agenda with the change in the meeting's order of business. Vice Committee Chair Madden seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

4. Review and Approval of the August 3, 2021 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Vice Committee Chair Madden and Mrs. Tapp said they would abstain since they did not attend August's meeting. Without their votes there would not be a quorum to approve the minutes. The vote for approval of the minutes was tabled until the October meeting.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. County Truck Routes** – The Committee discussed the process required for developing and enforcing no-truck routes. Major Brian Eubanks was present and represented the Sheriff's Office. They asked if permits could be issued for trucks having to make multiple deliveries on a no-truck route. Questions were raised about signs, fines/misdemeanors for violators, what neighboring jurisdictions are doing, and if a road can be both a truck route and a bike route.

Mr. Mallon proposed the Committee recommend a few no-truck roads, and that would allow him and staff from the cities and town to seek direction from the elected officials before time was spent working on an ordinance or regulation. The Committee recommended the following six roads be considered by the governing bodies (County, Cities and Towns) as No-Truck routes: Redwine Road, Hampton Road (SR 93 to Antioch), Hwy 85C, West McIntosh Road, Lowery Road, and Ebenezer Church Road.

There were questions on if Peachtree City would support trucks on Peachtree Parkway from the city limits to Robinson Road. Vice Committee Chair Madden said he'd seek input from Peachtree City Council and report back in October. There was agreement that if Peachtree Parkway and Redwine Road are No-Truck routes, then the portion of Bernhard Road from SR 85 to Redwine Road should be as well.

6. Report of Committee Members

a. Brooks – report by Mr. Ungaro

- Brooks approved the purchase of 3 radar signs and is working with the County's Road Department to inspect the following locations to make sure the signs will get adequate sunlight
 1. Hwy 85 Conn - heading south by the Fire Station where the speed limit reduces to 25 mph
 2. Hwy 85 Conn – heading northbound entering the town limits where the speed limit reduces from 55 mph to 35 mph
 3. McIntosh Rd – heading west where the speed limit reduces to 20 mph
- The Town is considering a speed cushion on ROAD NAME near the cemetery.
- Intersection of Hwy 85 Conn and Morgan Mill Rd – Fayette County's engineering staff conducted a study of the intersection, which included traffic counts and crash data analysis. It has been determined that the intersection does not meet the warrants for a four-way stop.

b. Fayette County

Project Updates – report by Mr. Mallon

- SR 85 & Hwy 85 Conn – Task order has been approved for the traffic study which will determine if a change to the intersection (e.g., a traffic signal) is warranted.
- Roundabout on SR 92 at Hampton Rd – Edits to the detention pond are underway; Woolsey made their decision on the decorative light poles; Plans for the traffic signal on Hampton Road West is with GDOT's Atlanta Office awaiting approvals; There is utility work that still needs to be done.

- Realignment of SR 279 and Corinth Road – Staff is working on getting the RFQ approved by the Purchasing Department and GDOT.
- FY22 Resurfacing - Staff is working on getting the RFQ approved by the Purchasing Department and GDOT.
- Banks and Ellis Roads Intersection Improvement – This project was previously submitted to the ARC during the 2019 TIP Solicitation, but it did not received funding. The County recently received complaints from concerned residents about traffic volumes and speed. An in-house study determined that the location likely meets warrants for a three-way stop, however, staff believes that a three-way stop will cause significant traffic delays. County staff feel a roundabout is a better solution and Mr. Mallon is seeking a funding source for the project.

Committee Chair Ognio stated that the left turn on SR 85 at Ellis Road backs up during the afternoon rush hour and would like for the County to ask GDOT for consideration in lengthening the lane.

- Brogdon & New Hope Roundabout – Work on this project is delayed due to needed gas line relocations.
- Redwine, S. Peachtree Pkwy, & Bernhard Roundabout – This project is in the right-of-way acquisition phase and the data book is being prepared.
- Starrs Mill School Complex Bridge – Delayed until future notice.
- Redwine Road Multi-Use Path – The contracts have been awarded but Fayette County is waiting on the Notice to Proceed from GDOT.
- Ebenezer, Ebenezer Church, and Spear – The design for the road realignment is being done in-house. Citizens are concerned about speeding drivers and limited sight distance on Spear Road. This project will not change the Spear Road sight distance but will increase the offset between the intersection.
- Veterans Pkwy and Eastin Road Intersection – There is a concern about the crash rate at this location. Fayette County is collecting data.

Mr. Mallon informed the Committee that the ARC is looking for projects for their next TIP Solicitations. For the last TIP, the County submitted 3 projects: Realignment of SR 279 and Corinth Road, the multi-jurisdictional resurfacing, and Banks Road widening. Fayette County received PE phase funding for two projects: the Realignment of SR 279 with Corinth Road, and the multi-jurisdictional resurfacing. The County could ask for funds for the right-of-way and construction phases for those projects. Mr. Mallon stated that each jurisdiction should starting thinking about projects they would like to suggest. It may be difficult to get new construction projects approved with this call, but studies (like the Coweta-Fayette Study of Highway 54) are easier to get approved.

c. Fayetteville

Mayor Johnson stated that Chris Hindman, Fayetteville's Director of Public Services, will attend the October Transportation Committee meeting to give updates about the pedestrian bridge across SR 54 at Piedmont Hospital.

d. Peachtree City – report by Vice Committee Chair Madden

The bridge across SR 54 had minor lighting issues that have been corrected. The hawk signal at Crosstown Drive is working well. They have received a few complaint about tree limbs blocking the signal and they will have them removed. There is a study of Peachtree Parkway being conducted to count golf cart traffic and evaluate whether a hawk signal is needed by the boat ramp at Lake Kedron. Vice Committee Chair Madden stated that the general consensus of the Peachtree City Council is to honor the intergovernmental agreement with the County for a tunnel at Robinson Road.

e. Tyrone – No Report

f. Woolsey – No Report

7. Public Comment

8. New Business

a. Working within a prescriptive easement – Quarters Road

Mr. Mallon stated that he received an email from a resident asking what could be done within a prescriptive easement. The County's definition of a prescriptive easement is the areas of land that the County maintains. The resident would like to designate Quarters Road a historical landmark to limit the changes to road and reduce traffic volumes.

Mr. Mallon stated that there will be two guest presenters: Ms. Christian and Mrs. Tobi Ayodeji.

b. Path Use Survey (*see the attached presentation*)

Mr. Mallon informed the Committee that Ms. Christian's presentation is a response the Board of Commissioners questions about the use of the County's multi-use path. The survey conducted was informal and they are looking for the Committee to give their feedback on the results.

Ms. Christian provided an overview of the 2019 Comprehensive Transportation Plan's Master Path Plan. The Master Path Plan (MPP) was created to provide to provide guidance for the expansion and improvement of paths throughout Fayette County. An analysis of data, field counts, and public input was used to make their final decision. Ms. Christian concludes the presentation with the informal survey count of the paths located in the unincorporated county. The paths location surveyed were McCurry Park, Kenwood Park, Kiwanis Park, Redwine Road/Patriot Park, and Lake Horton.

- Morning Path Counts from 8 – 8:30 am
 - The highest counts were at Kenwood Park, 44 pedestrians, and McCurry Park with 21 pedestrians.
- Afternoon Path Counts from 6:30 – 7 pm
 - The highest counts were at McCurry Park with 30 pedestrians and 3 bike riders, and McCurry Park with 20 pedestrians and 2 bike riders.

The Committee suggested that the County follow up with a thorough field count survey.

c. Kenwood Road Sidewalk Study (*see the attached presentation*)

Mrs. Ayodeji presented her study that was based on a request from residents for sidewalks on Kenwood Road providing pedestrian access to North Fayette Elementary School. Several residents that live along Kenwood Road have asked for sidewalks so that they can walk their children to school and also increase the connectivity to the neighboring subdivisions.

Mrs. Ayodeji proposed a 10 foot wide multi-use path, approximately 5,000 linear feet, which will serve 4 subdivisions on Kenwood Road from Ashely Drive to Thornton Drive. If supported by the Committee, the next steps would be to prepare a concept layout and seek Board approval.

Several members of the Committee expressed their support for the project as an alternative means for students to get to school. The general consensus of the Committee is that they would prefer that a multi-use path was constructed instead of a sidewalk.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM. Mrs. Tapp made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ungaro and it passed unanimously.



Multi-Use Paths

Current Use Assessment

Takiyah Christian, Fayette County Public Works
Transportation Committee
September 14, 2021

Overview of the 2019 Comprehensive Transportation Plan's Master Path Plan

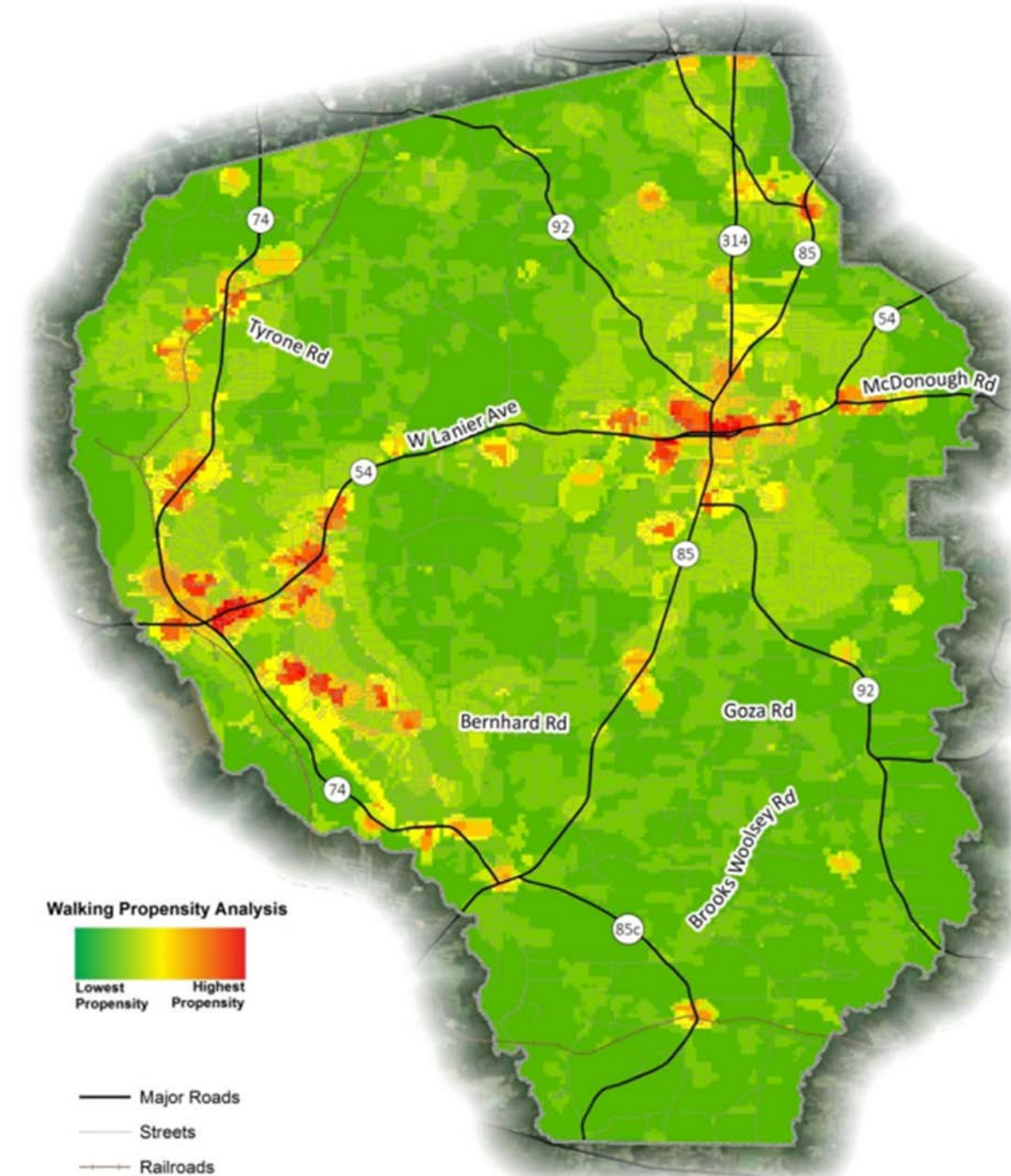
- Purpose: expand the path network throughout the county
 - Connect densely populated centers, schools, commercial districts, and recreational areas
- Investigation of active and alternative transportation
- An analysis was conducted to determine how to improve and expand the current path system
 - Data Collected: Population Projections, Walking Propensity Analysis, Field Counts, Intercept Survey, Strava Bicycle Data, Public and Stakeholder Input

Study Results

The background features an abstract geometric pattern of overlapping diamond shapes. The diamonds are in three colors: gold, taupe, and dark navy. They are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and movement, with some diamonds appearing to be in front of others. The pattern is concentrated in the upper right and lower left corners, leaving the center area more open for the text.

Walking Propensity

- Identifies areas where people are more inclined to walk
 - For this study, it identified areas for improved pedestrian facilities
- Assessment factors:
 - Proximity to School and Park Zones
 - Pedestrian Crashes
 - Intersection Density
 - Existing Land Use
- Analysis Findings - High Propensity Locations
 - High propensity located throughout the county, heavily concentrated in Peachtree City and Fayetteville
 - DT Fayetteville, PTC City Hall, Braelinn Village Shopping Center,
 - Luther Glass Park, McIntosh Trail Recreational Center, Fayette Middle School, Starr's Mill High School, McIntosh High School, Whitewater High School



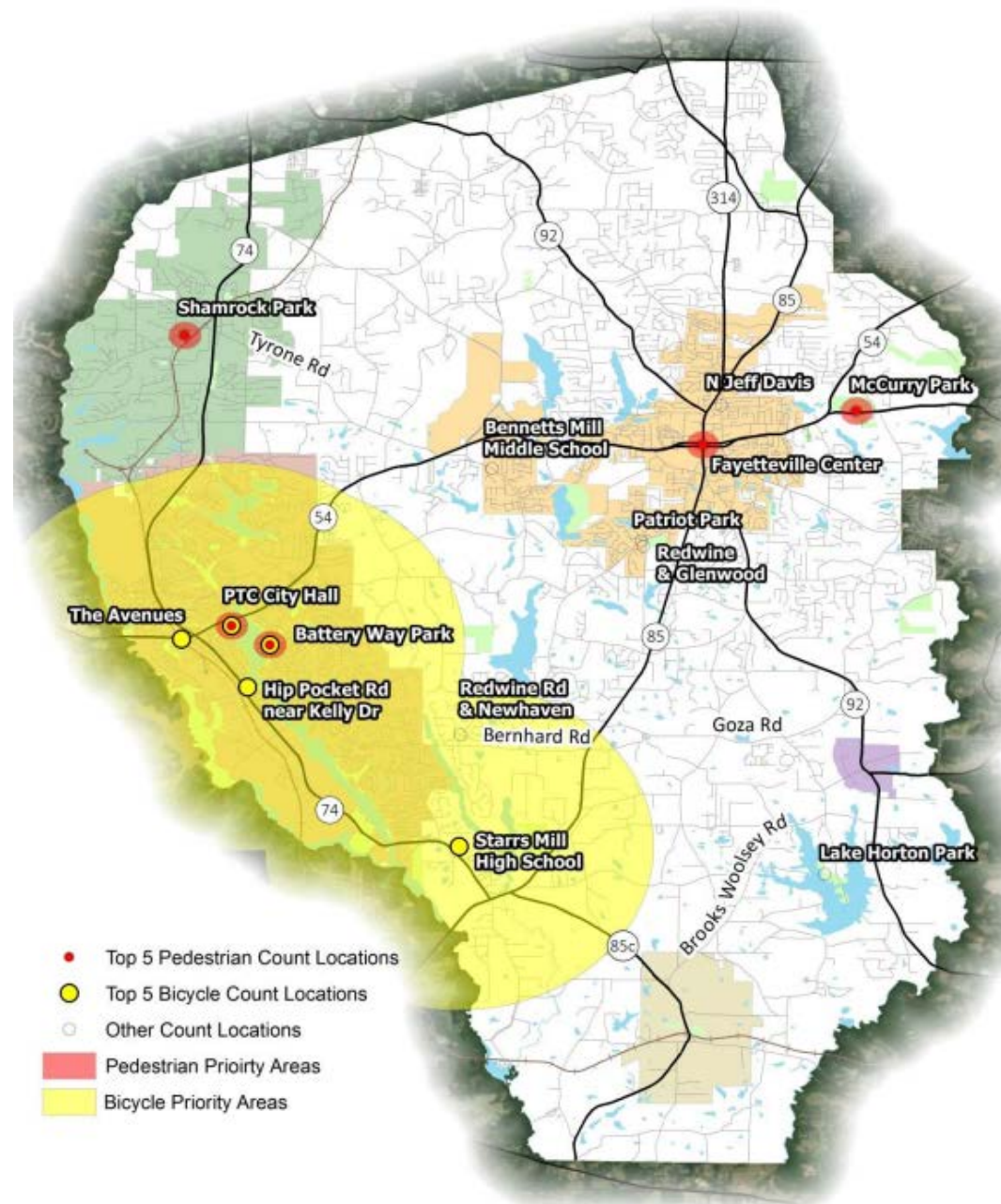


Figure 20: Survey Counts, Assessment of Current and Future Needs Report

Intercept Survey Results

Trip Purpose

- Health and Exercise - 48%
- Shopping and Errands - 23%
- Social/Leisure/Dining - 14%

Path Features That The Users Appreciated

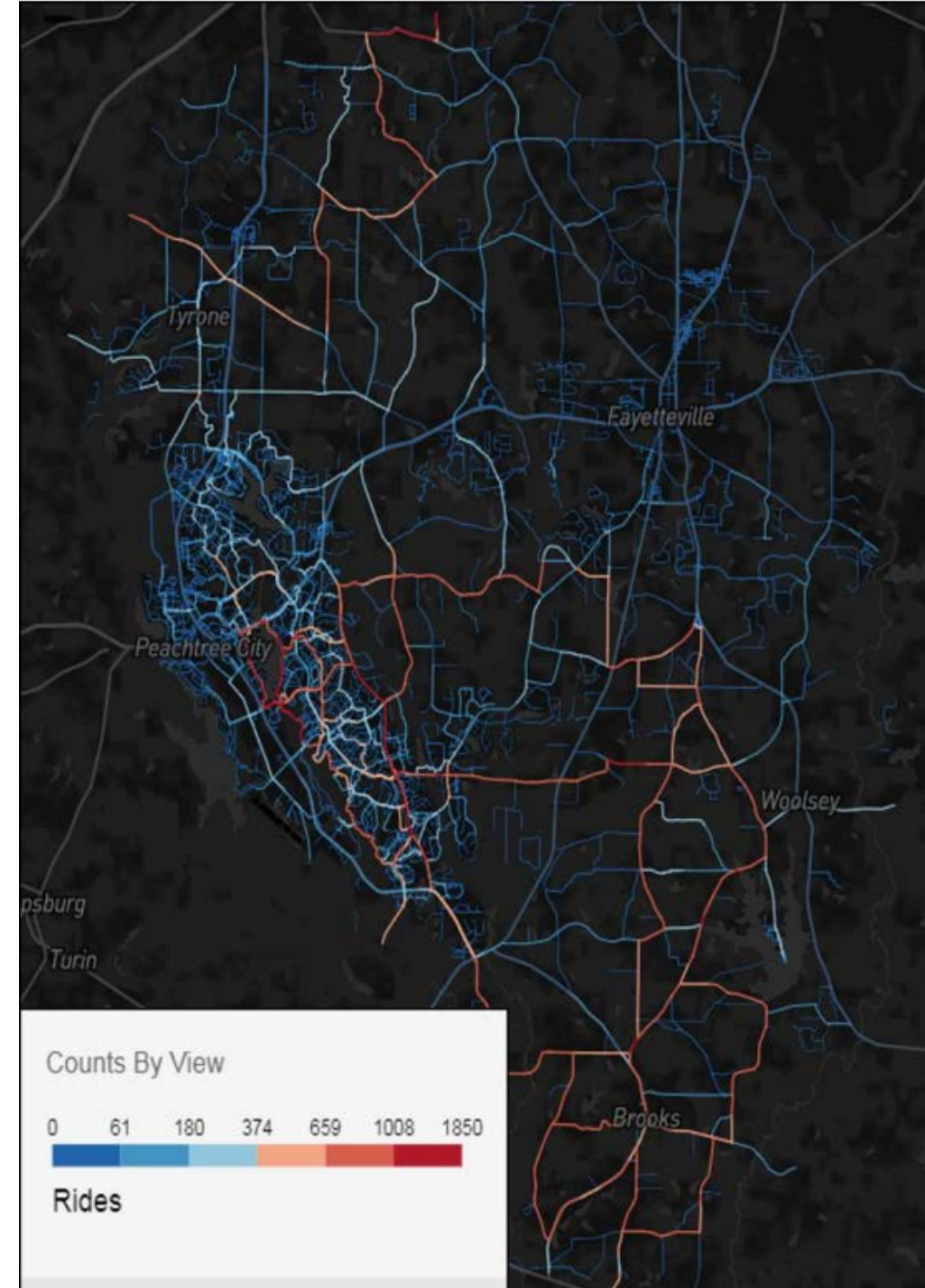
- Access to Nature - 48%
- Convenience - 23%
- Separation from Cars - 14%

Needed Path Improvements

- Enhanced Safety and Security - 29%
- Improved Maintenance - 27%
- More Connectivity/Larger Path Network - 25%
- Wider Paths 17%
- Golf Cart Driver Education 17%
- Safer Crossings 10%
- Better Wayfinding 8%
- More Bicycle/Golf Cart Parking and Charging Stations 4%

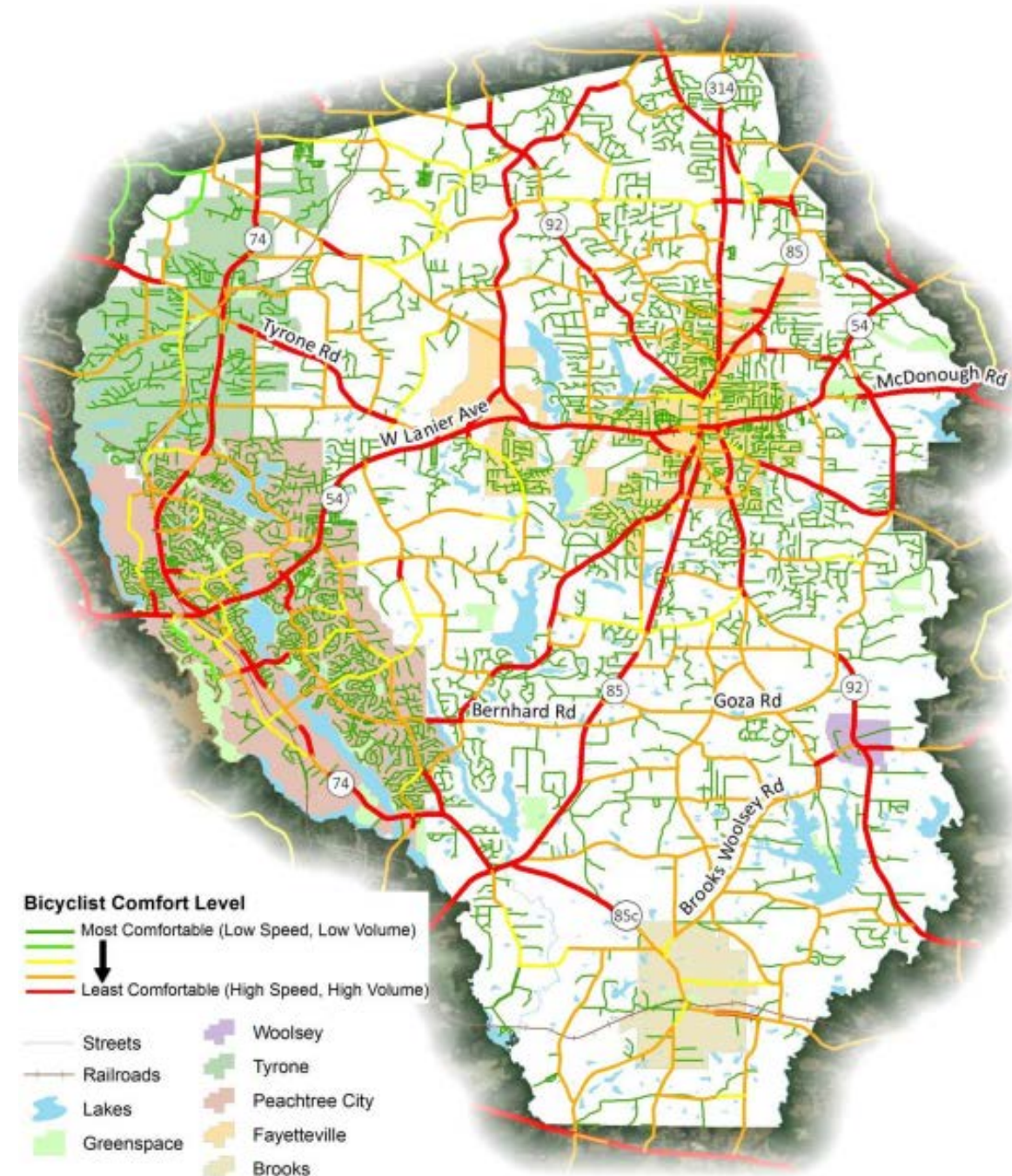
Bicycling Data

- Bicycle usage data collected using Strava, mobile fitness app that bicyclist use for tracking their rides
- Findings:
 - Heavily frequented routes are located in the central and southern regions of the county
 - Mostly concentrated to rural areas with low traffic volume
 - Trip types: 89% Recreational, 11% Commute
- Key Bicycle Corridors
 - Goza Road
 - Bernhard Road
 - Brooks-Woolsey Road
 - Old Greenville Road
 - Ebenezer Church Road
 - Lees Lake Road
 - Redwine/Robinson Road



Bicycle Comfort Analysis

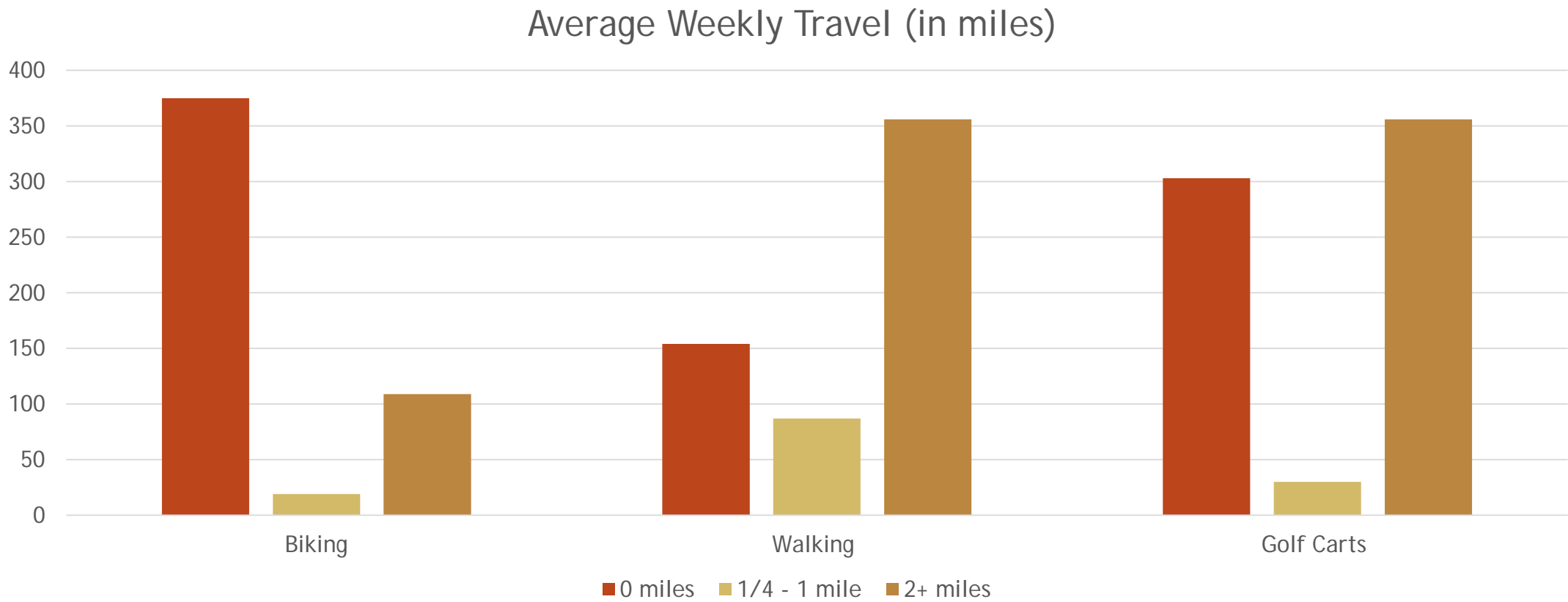
- Assessment Factors:
 - Traffic Volume
 - Roadway Speed
- Key Findings:
 - Most bicyclists do not feel comfortable riding on the state routes and they act as a barrier to cross-county travel
 - The popular bike routes had good to moderate comfort rating
 - McCurry and Kenwood Park rated least comfortable due to poor bike access to the parks



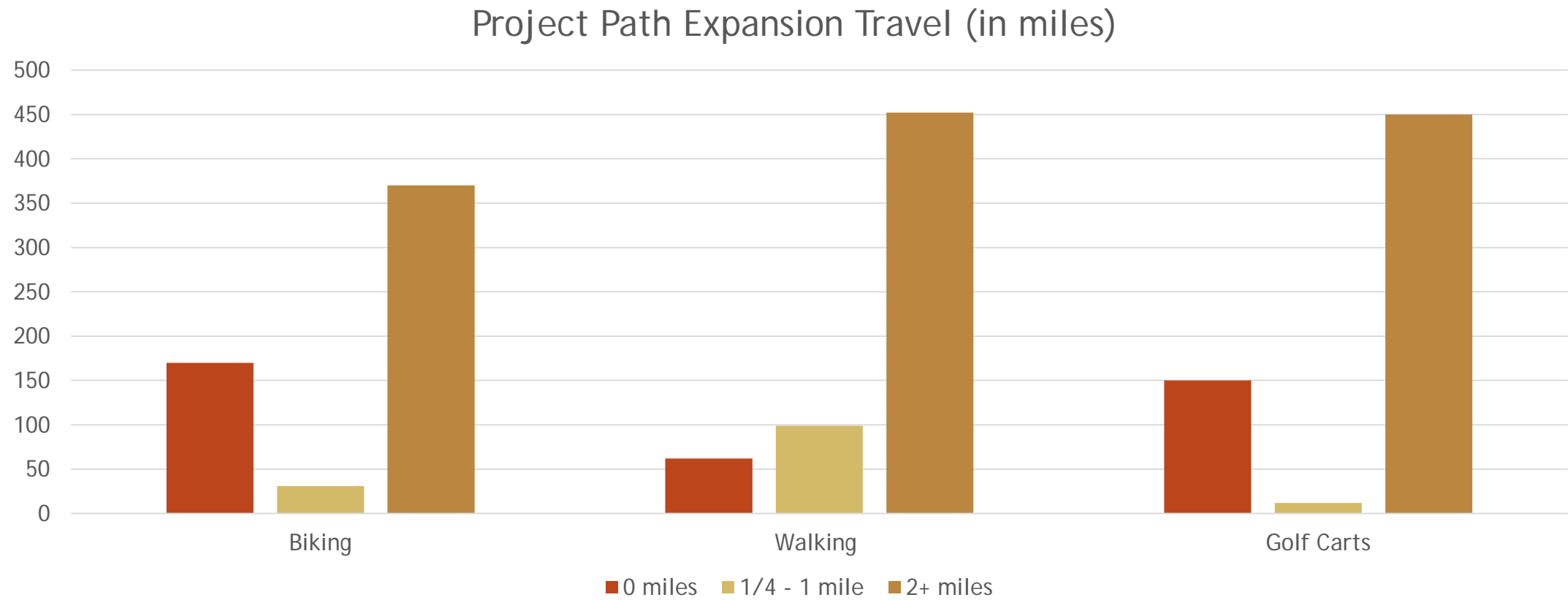
Stakeholder & Public Input



In a typical week, how far do you travel (in miles) by: Golf Cart, Walking, Bike?

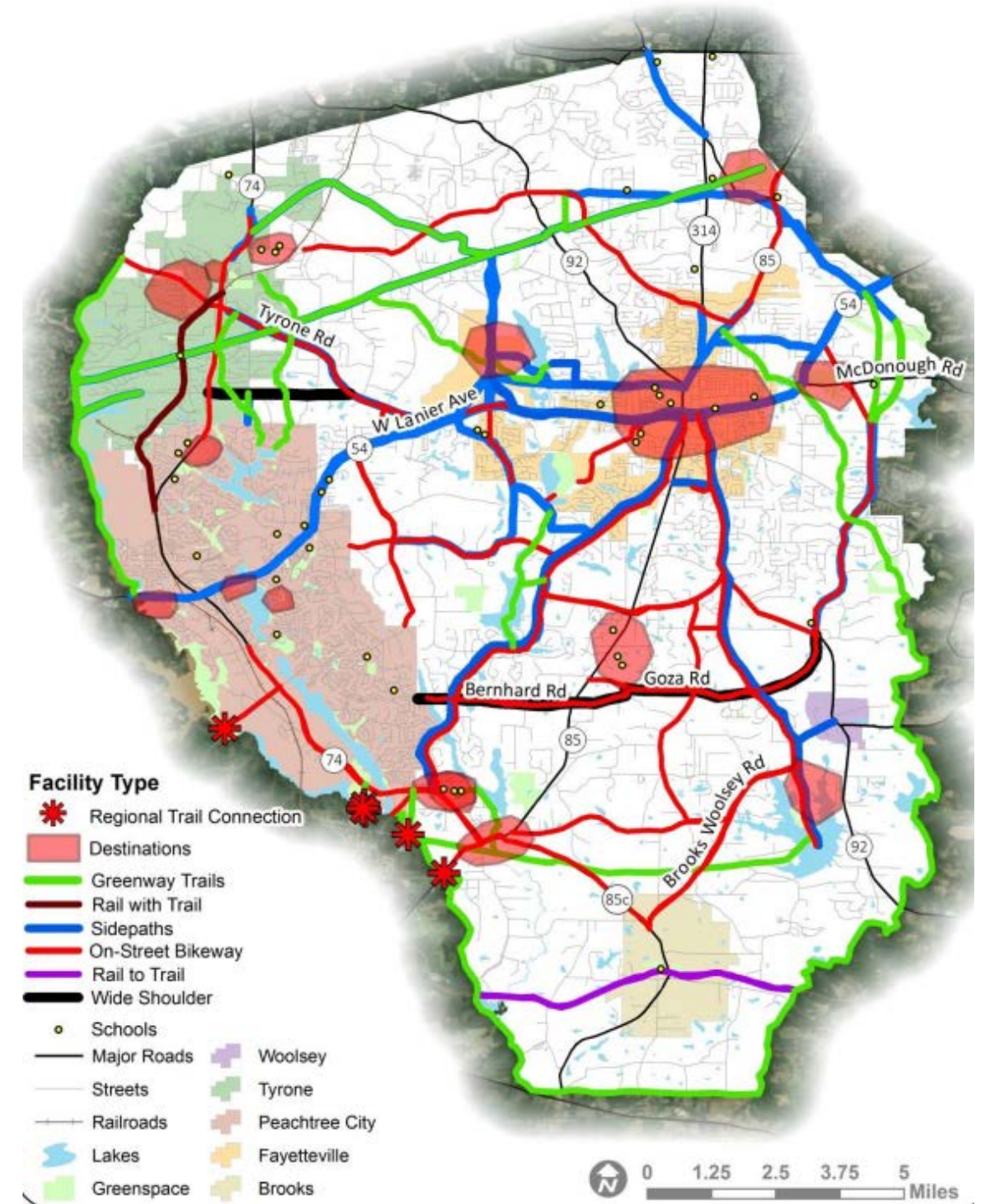


If there were adequate facilities (sidewalks, paths, and/or bike lanes), how far (in miles) would you be willing to travel by: Golf Cart, Walking, Bike?

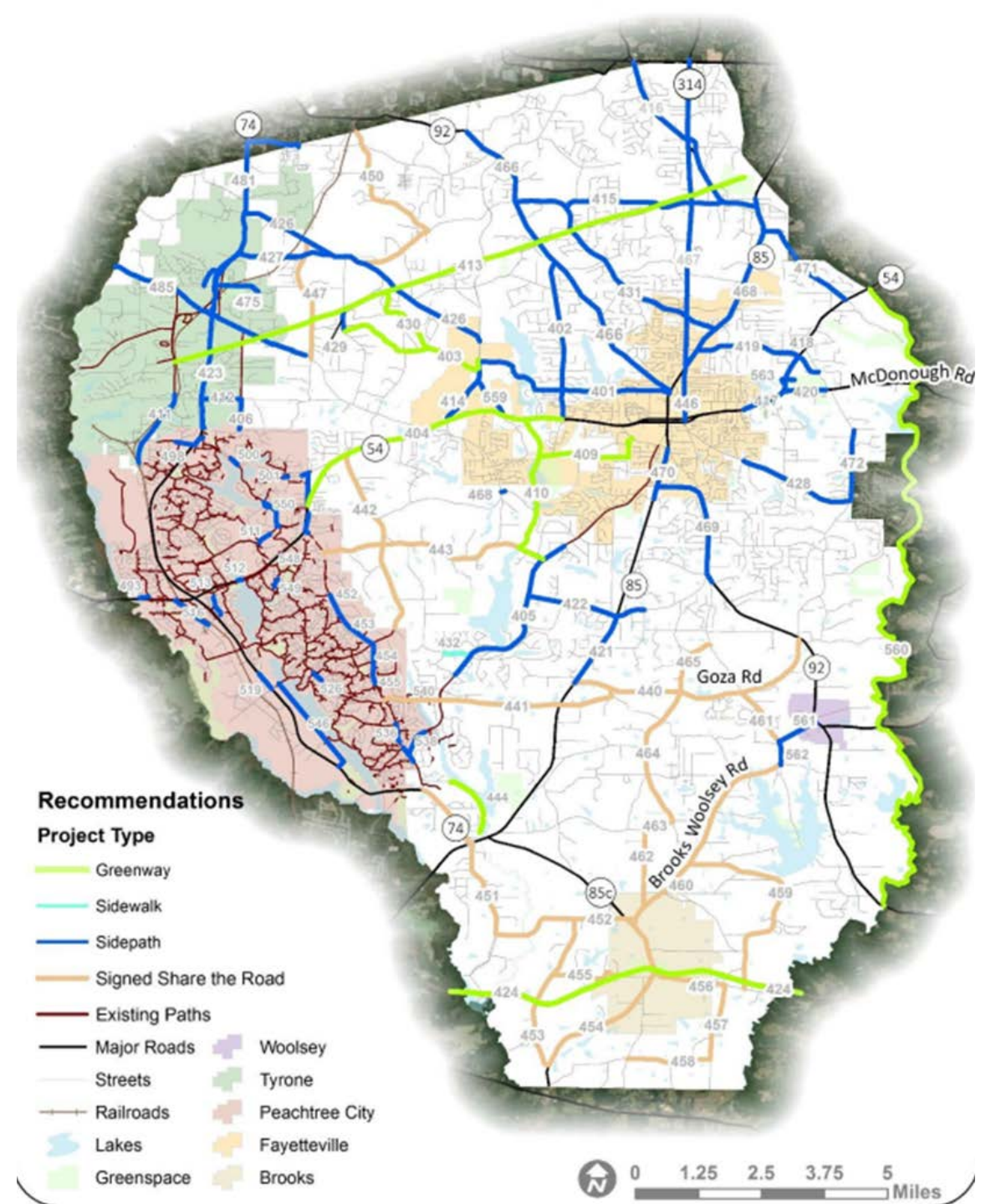


Stakeholder Recommendations

- When asked how the County should prioritize its path network expansion, 82% of survey participants prioritized walking paths
 - 81% for Golf Carts
 - 75% for Bikes



Master Path Plan Recommendations



Survey Data

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Path Counts (Morning)

| | Pedestrians | Bikers | Golf Carts |
|----------------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| McCurry | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Kenwood | 44 | 0 | 0 |
| Kiwanis | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Redwine/Patriot Park | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Lake Horton | 15 | 2 | 0 |



Data collected from 8:00 – 8:30 am based on peak usage times observed by County staff.

Path Counts (Afternoon)

| | Pedestrians | Bikers | Golf Carts |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| McCurry | 30 | 3 | 0 |
| Kenwood | 20 | 2 | 0 |
| Kiwanis | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| Redwine Path/Patriot Park | 8 | 0 | 1 |
| Lake Horton | 13 | 0 | 0 |



Data collected from 6:30 – 7pm based on peak usage times observed by County staff.



Discussion

Proposed Kenwood Road Multi-Use Path

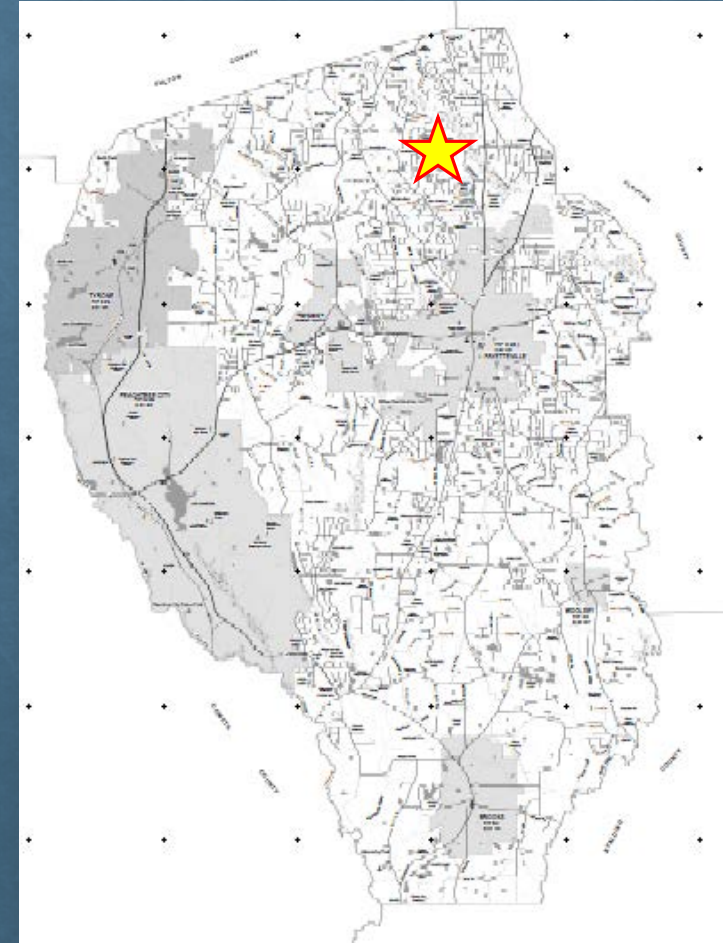
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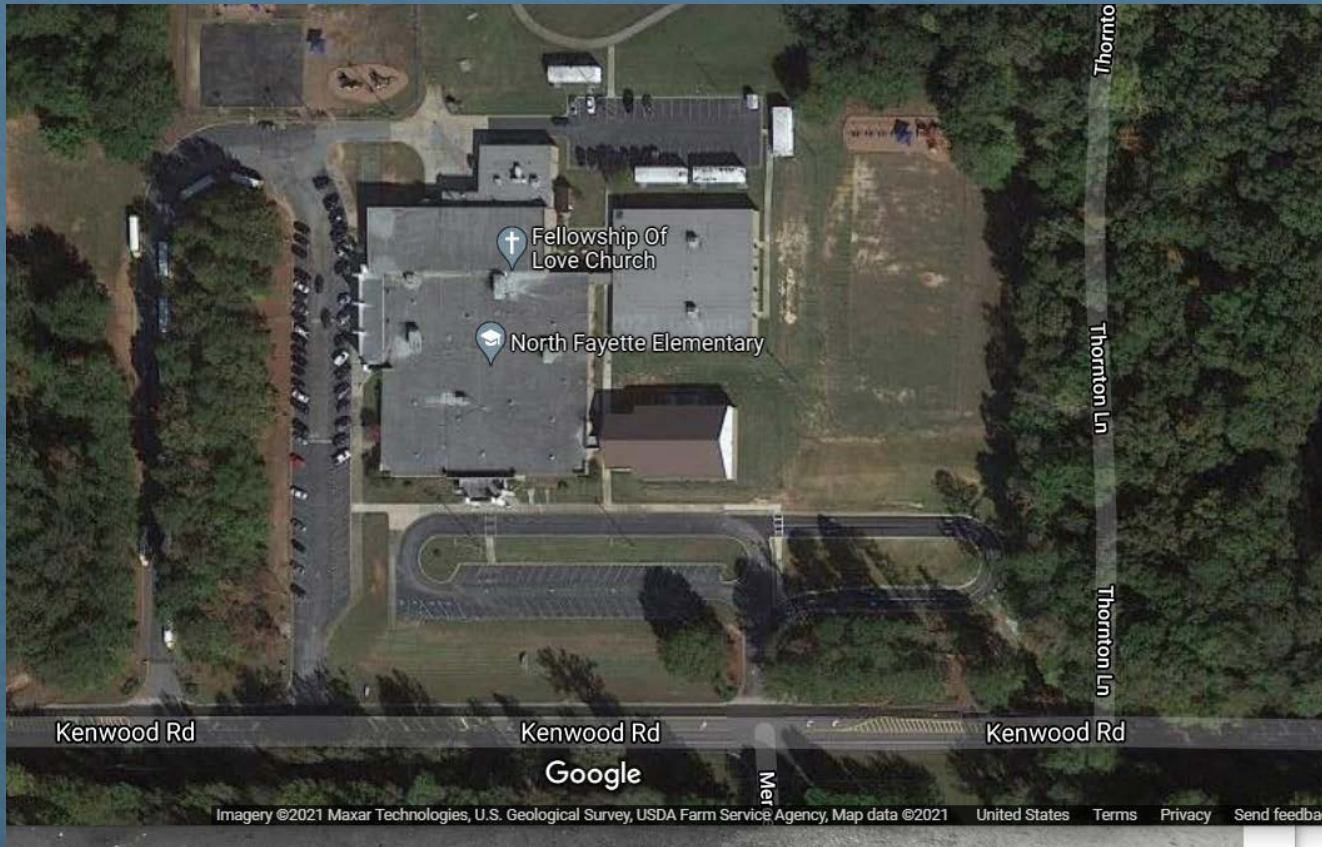
By: Tobi Ayodeji

To: Transportation Committee

Kenwood Road Multi-Use Path

- Request for possible options from:
 - Residents
 - Commissioners
- Residents not able to walk kids to school
- A 2004 SPLOST Project – \$750,000 allocated for safety and operational improvements along Kenwood Road, scope to be dictated by budget





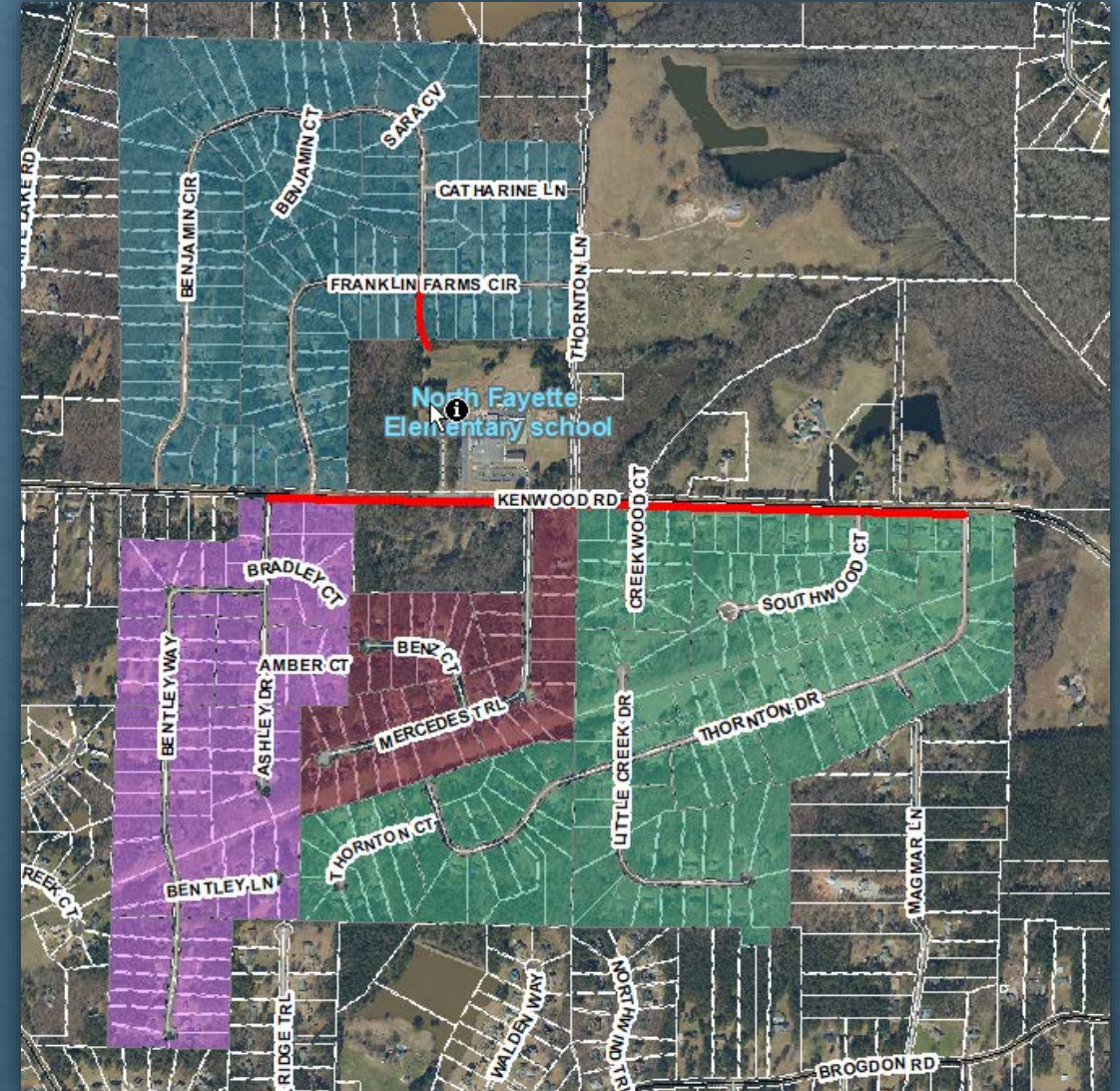
In 2019 Fayette County and the BOE added on-site parking to alleviate cars from queuing on Kenwood Road.

Funding was from County 2017 SPLOST project # 17TAB & the BOE (\$314,275)



Kenwood Road Multi-Use Path - Users

- North Fayette Elementary school
- 4 Subdivisions could be served
- Approximately 458 home will have access to path
 - Ashley Drive to Thornton Drive
 - Approximately 5,000 LF of path
 - Possible BOE buy-in to link Franklin Farms
- 35 mph non-school hours (25 mph school hours)



Location

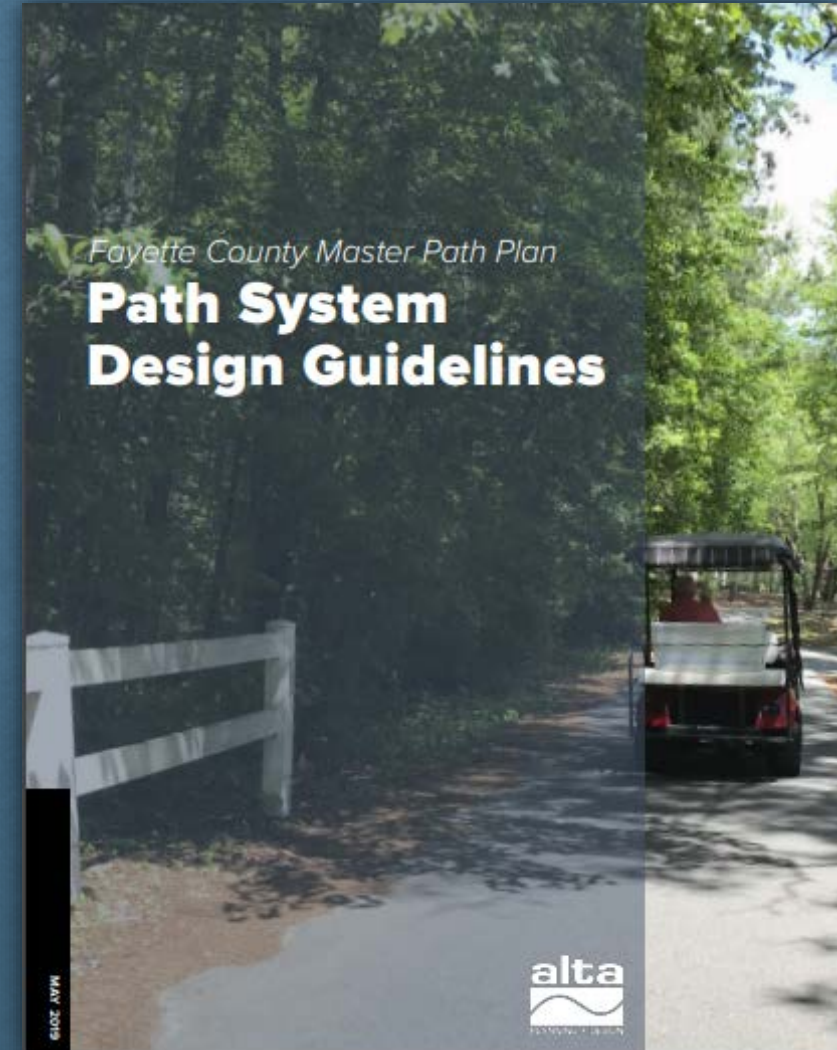
- South Side
- Direct connection to more Subdivisions
- Better Topography
- Safer

Suggested Design Criteria

- 10 ft wide multi-use path
- Target 6 ft wide buffer from Road
- Intersection separation

Cost

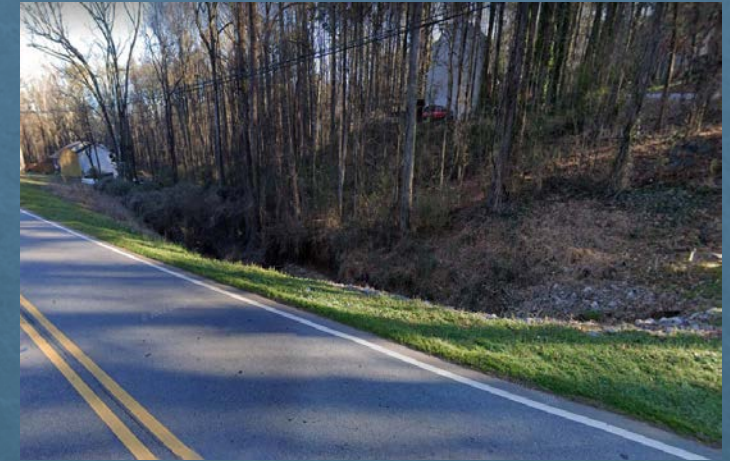
- Approximately: TBD



Possible challenges

Problem locations

- Intersection separation might require ROW acquisition
- Grading considerations



Conclusions



Note Worthy:

- Project not official yet
- Transportation Committee to determine project viability
- Entire Kenwood budget might be used

Next Steps:

- Prepare concept layout and grading to determine viability
- Seek BOE input and support
- Gather community support
- Identify grant opportunities
- Seek Transportation Committee support
- Seek BOC approval