



Greater Dalton MPO
201 South Hamilton Street, Dalton, GA 30720
(706) 275-7500

Public Hearing: June 3, 2025 – Joint Committee Meeting Minutes
Location: 1999 Riverbend Rd
Call to Order: 10:01 A.M.
Adjournment: 10:30 A.M.

I. Meeting Minutes June 2025

- 1) Kent Benson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
- 2) There was a quorum of five voting PC members in attendance as follows.
 1. Bob Sivick – Administrator, Whitfield County
 2. Ken Gowin – Mayor, City of Tunnel Hill
 3. Tom Dickson – Mayor, City of Varnell
 4. Dennis Mock – Council, City of Dalton
 5. Ron Schinnick – Mayor, City of Cohutta
 6. Andrew Parker (Jackson Shepard proxy) –Administrator, City of Dalton
- 3) Action Item: Consideration to approve meeting minutes from May 13, 2025 as presented.
 - Motion was made by: Ken Gowin
 - Seconded by: Tom Dickson
 - Vote: 6-0

II. Presentations

- 1) GDOT Status Report: District 6 Representative: Kayla Husted states the roundabout @52 and 3 bypass has an anticipated let date of November 2028 the rest of her report was provided via email:

***M006202_ SR 1;SR 2;SR 3;SR 20 & SR 286 @ 8 LOCS - BRIDGE PRESERVATION_**
Catoosa, Floyd, Whitfield_ Let Date: 8/16/2024. Current Completion Date: 1/31/2026. 10% complete.

The work involves Bridge Preservation Applying a polymer overlay and replacing joints. The bridge preservation work will take place on (8), State Route bridges in Catoosa, Floyd and Whitfield Counties.
2 Locations in Whitfield County:

1. SR 286 OVER SMITHEY BRANCH, Whitfield
2. US 41/SR 3 OVER CR 307-CSX RR, Whitfield

***0019241_ OFF-SYSTEM SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS @ 4 LOCS IN DALTON - VRU_ Let Date: 8-16-2024 (100% Federal Funds)**
Completion Date: 9/30/25

Project Description-

Pavement Markings

Locations:

1. Glenwood Avenue, SR 52 to SR 3
2. Abutment Road, SR 3 to SR 52
3. South Tibbs Road, SR 52 to Shugart Road
4. Tony Ingle Parkway, College Drive to Pavement Joint

***0019962_ OFF-SYSTEM SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS @ 39 LOCS IN WHITFIELD COUNTY_**
Signing_ Let Date: 6/15/2025. 100% Federal Funds.

| | | | |
|---------------------|------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Beaverdale Rd | 667 | Cleveland Hwy SR 71 | Hwy 2 |
| Corporate Dr | 488 | S. Dixie Hwy | Dead End |
| Hopewell Rd | 187 | Cohutta Beaverdale Rd | Old Dalton Cleveland Hwy |
| Lake Kathy Rd | 221 | Tunnel Hill Varnell Rd | Catoosa Co Line |
| McGaughey Chapel Rd | 677 | Cleveland Hwy SR 71 | Cohutta Beaverdale Rd |
| Mill Creek Rd | 319 | Utility Rd | Old LaFayette Rd |
| Ridge Rd | 674 | S. Dalton Bypass | Sane Rd |
| Riverbend Rd | 35 | S. Dalton Bypass | City Limits |
| S. Dug Gap Rd | 16 | N. Dug Gap Rd | Carbondale Rd |
| S. Riverbend Rd | 1095 | Raider Dr | Dead End |
| Waring Rd | 1069 | Cleveland Hwy SR 71 | Rauschenberg Rd |
| Utility Rd | 343 | Walker Co. Line | LaFayette Rd |
| Bear Creek Rd | | Abutment Rd | Antioch Rd |
| Brickyard Rd | 48 | S. Dixie Hwy | Antioch Rd |
| Brooker Dr | 115 | Dawnville Rd | Pleasant Grove Dr |
| Conasauga Rd | 37 | S. Dalton Bypass | S. Riverbend Rd |
| Crider Rd | 356 | Utility Rd | Mill Creek Rd |
| Dogwood Valley Rd | 333 | Houston Valley Rd | Catoosa Co Line |
| E. Emerson Rd | 171 | Keith Valley Rd | Mt. Pleasant Rd |
| Haigmill Rd | 668 | Waring Rd | Cleveland Hwy |
| Lake Francis Rd | 154 | Beaverdale Rd | Hwy 2 |
| Lowe Rd | 209 | Catoosa Co. Line | Cohutta Varnell Rd |
| Lower Dug Gap Rd | 378 | Old Dug Gap Rd | S. Dixie Hwy |
| Maple Grove Rd | 225 | Rauschenberg Rd | Cleveland Hwy |
| Old Grade Rd | 72 | E. Walnut Ave | Tibbs Bridge Rd |

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|-------------------------|-----|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Poplar Springs Rd | 239 | Crow Valley Rd | Waring Rd |
| Quarles Rd | 350 | Mill Creek Rd | Utility Rd |
| Sane Rd | 53 | Airport Rd | Ridge Rd |
| Threadmill Rd | 361 | Dug Gap Rd | S. Dixie Hwy |
| Wagner Dr | 576 | Hill Rd | S. Dalton Bypass |
| Airport Rd | 664 | E. Walnut Ave | Murray Co. Line |
| Carbondale Rd | 665 | Gordon Co. Line | Cavalier Way |
| Chattanooga Rd | 19 | Catoosa Co. Line | Wolfe St |
| Cohutta Beaverdale Rd | 167 | Cleveland Hwy SR 71 | Hwy 2 |
| Cohutta Varnell Rd | 206 | Village Dr | Wolfe St |
| Dawnville Beaverdale Rd | 145 | SR 286 | Beaverdale Rd |
| Dug Gap Battle Rd | 848 | Hurricane Rd | Battlefield Dr |
| Dug Gap Rd | 1 | SR 3 | Dalton City Limits |
| Keith Valley Rd | 174 | Cohutta Beaverdale Rd | TN State Line |

***M006552_ SR 61/US 411 FROM S OF RHYMER ROAD TO SR 2_ Resurface and Maintenance_ This project will**
Resurface SR 61 to improve the roadways current low OCI score. Let Date:10/18/2024. Anticipated completion 9/30/25

*** M006510_ I-75 FROM SR 156/GORDON TO SR 3/WHITFIELD_ Pavement Markings_ This project will**
Restripe SR 401 (I-75) to improve the roadways current striping reflectivity. Let Date: 8/22/2025 (100% Federal Funds)

***0013693_ PEDESTRIAN UPGRADES @17 LOC IN CATOOSA; MURRAY & WHITFIELD-VRU_**
Let Date: 7/19/2024_ Project on schedule. Current Completion: 11/30/2025

Project Description-

The proposed project will provide Pedestrian & Signal Upgrades at 17 LOCS in Murray, Whitfield, Catoosa Counties in GDOT district 6. Murray (3) SR 2/3rd Ave at SR 52 Alt/E Fort St SR 2/3rd Ave at Market St SR 61/Hill Street at Duvall Road Whitfield County (9) SR 3 Conn/S. Bypass at Dug Gap Rd. SR 3 Conn/S. Bypass at I-75 NB Exit 328 SR 3 Conn/S. Bypass at I-75 SB Exit 328 SR 3 Conn/S. Bypass at Lower Dug Gap Rd. SR 201/Tunnel Hill Varnell Rd. at Reed Rd. SR 3/N. Bypass at Haig Mill Lake Rd. SR 71/Cleveland Hwy. at Waring Rd. SR 3/Chattanooga Rd at SR 201/Tunnel Hill Church St. SR 3/Chattanooga Rd at Cottonwood Mill Rd. Catoosa County (5) SR 2/Battlefield Pkwy at I-75 NB Exit 350 SR 2/Battlefield Pkwy at I-75 SB Exit 350 SR 3/Chattanooga Rd at I-75 NB Exit 345 SR 3/Chattanooga Rd at I-75 SB Exit 345 SR 3/Chattanooga Rd at Armstrong Rd.

***0016529_ SR 61 @ PERRY CREEK 6.3 MI N OF CRANDALL_ Culvert/Bridge Replacement_**
Anticipated Let Date: Plans prepared for shelf. CST funding scheduled for 2027

*0017234_ SR 225 @ PINHOOK CREEK_ Bridge Culvert Replacement. In final design phase. Let Date: 2/15/2026. Next milestone is final field plan review in May 2025. Offsite Detour_ No risk at this time.

*0017233_ SR 2 @ CONASAUGA RIVER & @ CONASAUGA RIVER OVERFLOW_ Bridge Replacement. New ROW AUTH date April 25, 2025. In final design phase. Next milestone is final field plan review. Anticipated Let Date: 3/15/26

*0017235_ SR 225 @ SUMAC CREEK_ Bridge Replacement_ This project is the replacement of the existing bridge on SR 225 at Sumac Creek at Murray County. Anticipated Let Date: 3/15/2026_ Onsite Detour

*0017964_ SR 286 @ CR 670/DAWNVILLE ROAD_ Intersection Improvement_ Single Lane Roundabout
Let Date: 8/15/2026_ Next Milestone – Final Field Plan Review

Project Description:

This project will construct a single lane Roundabout at the intersection of SR 286 and Dawnville Rd.

*0016528_ SR 2/SR 61 @ SUMAC CREEK 1.6 MI N OF CRANDALL_ Bridge Replacement This project replaces the existing bridge on SR2/SR 61 over Sumac Creek in Murray County. Let Date: 9/15/2026_ No Detour (revised temp bridge location)

*0019358_ SR 2/SR 61 FROM SR 52/GI MADDOX PKWY TO CS 603/OLIVE STREET_ Drainage Improvements_ In preliminary design phase. Let Date shifted: 4/15/29

Project Description:

Drainage improvements along SR 61 from SR 52 to CS 603/Olive Street. TIP amendment completed on 2/1/24.

*0019062_ SR 282/US 76 @ SR 61_ This project proposes to construct a right turn lane on northbound US 411 / SR 61 at the intersection with Smyrna Ramhurst Road and SR 282 / US 76. Left turn lanes are also proposed on eastbound Smyrna Ramhurst Road and westbound SR 282 / US 76. FO/RD Project. Next Milestone- Preliminary field plan review. Let Date: 10/15/2028.

*0019187_ CR 309/OLD US 411 @ WILLBANKS BRANCH 10 MI SE OF CHATSWORTH_ Bridge replacement_ Consultant selected. NTP July 2025. Anticipated Let Date: 1/15/2029

*0019188_ CR 299/CCC CAMP ROAD @ EMERY CREEK 6.5 MI SE OF CRANDALL_ Bridge Replacement_ Consultant selected. September 2025 NTP. Anticipated Let Date: 8/15/2029

*0019190_ CR 256/HASSLERS MILL RD @ MILL CREEK 5.1 MI NE OF CHATSWORTH_ Bridge Replacement_ Let Date: 1/15/2028_ Next milestone – PFPR in April 2026

*0019943_ CCC CAMP ROAD @ DILL CREEK 7 MI SE OF CRANDALL_ Bridge Replacement_ Anticipated Let Date: 7/15/28

*631550_ SR 225 @ SR 52 ALT & @ CR 48/SPRING PLACE SMYRNA RD_ Intersection Improvement/Roundabout. Project on hold. Next Milestone - ROW phase. ROW funds scheduled in 2027. No anticipated Let Date yet.

*0019643_ SR 2 @ SR 201_ Intersection Improvement_ Proposed Roundabout_ Concept Team meeting was held May 28, 2024. Next step – concept approval. No anticipated Let date yet.

*0019836_ SR 3/US 41 @ CR 666/FIVE SPRINGS ROAD_ Multi Lane Roundabout. On schedule. Final field plan review requested to be complete by 5/19/26. Let Date:12-15-2026.

*0019944_ MCGAUGHEY CHAPEL ROAD @ COAHULLA CREEK 3 MI NE OF VARNELL_ Bridge Replacement over Coahulla Creek, 3 miles east of Varnell. Project amended into TIP 5/16/24. On schedule for Sept 2025 concept report submission. Anticipated Let Date: 6/15/28. Concept Team Meeting was held with locals 5/7/25.

*0020133_ SR 3/US 41 @ SR 52_ Multi-Lane Roundabout_ In procurement phase. Next Milestone – Submit concept report. Targeting July 2025 NTP. Concept Team Meeting planned for Feb 2026.

*0013095_ EBER ROAD & COVE ROAD EXT; INC 4 NS RR LOCS_ RRX Warning Devices_ Let Date: 9/19/2025. Signal agreements from Norfolk Southern received 3/6/2025.

*0020151 - HOUSTON VALLEY ROAD @ E CHICKAMAUGA CREEK 6.2 MI W OF DALTON - bridge replacement. New project in MPO TIP, amended in December 2024. Preliminary engineering scheduled for FY25. Let Date: 7/15/2029

*0020373 - I-75 @ CARBONDALE ROAD - new lighting project (FO/RD)- This project proposes Interchange Lighting at I-75 @ Carbondale Road in Whitfield County. Kick-off meeting with consultant held on 01/30/2025. Schedule development in progress. Next milestone is FFPR. CST funds anticipated in 2027.

- 2) Local Project Updates: City of Dalton- Jackson Shepard reports road closure at Hamilton Street for utility work through the end of the week, Franklin at Valley been having some ground water issues next week there will be a detour and start utility locates. Pence and Kyler project substantial completion set for July 31. The all way stop at Hagar and Spencer was approved, LMIG let for bids set for next week and will be opening bids in July. Summer paving began last week. Dalton Utilities – Charlie Morrow, reports business as usual, Cleveland Highway sewer main moving along. City of Tunnel Hill - Mayor Gowin no updates, City of Cohutta - Ron Schinnick reports everything is going good and fireworks set for end of the month. Whitfield County - Kent Benson, reports LMIG is moving along they have completed about 10 miles of 30 and had a decent paving season so far, The roundabout at Houston Valley bids will be open June 13th.
- 3) Thrive Update: Michelle Smith, THRIVE, there will be a freight coalition meeting in August exact date and location TBD.
- 4) Greater Dalton MPO Status Report: James Davis reported staff continued to work with Gresham Smith for the 2050 MTP update. Developed the final 2026 UPWP draft document that will be voted on today. Updated the TIP as needed. PI 0017233 added row and PI 0017234 added cst and updated amounts. Staff reviewed bids for the Dug Gap Road Corridor study and will recommend to the BOC at the June meeting to award the bid to Gresham Smith. Safe Street for all kickoff will be Wednesday of this week, more information to follow.
- 5) Gresham Smith: Andrew Smith and Erin Thorensen from Gresham Smith give an update on the 2050 MTO. The presentation can be viewed in attachment 1.

III. New Business

- 1) Action Item: TCC Approval of the 2050 MTP

Motion: Andres Ramirez (proxy for Brian Brackett)

Second: Charlie Morrow

Vote: 5-0

- 2) Action Item: PC approval of the 2050 MTP

Motion: Tom Dickson

Second: Dennis Mock

Vote: 6-0

- 3) Action Item: TCC Approval of 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Motion: Andres Ramirez (proxy for Brian Brackett)

Second: Kayla Husted

Approved 5-0

- 4) Action Item: PC Approval of 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Motion: Dennis Mock

Second: Ron Schinnick

Approved 5-0

- 5) Action Item: TCC Approval of 2024-2027 TIP Amendment (PI0019944)

Motion: Andres Ramirez (proxy for Brian Brackett)

Second: Charlie Morrow

Approved 5-0

- 6) Action Item: PC Approval of 2024-2027 TIP Amendment (PI0019944)

Motion: Ken Gowin

Second: Dennis Mock

Approved 5-0

IV. Open Discussion - None

V. Public Comment

- Kent Benson reminded everyone that the next meeting is scheduled for July 22. We will be back on our regular schedule now that the MTP has been approved.

VI. Adjournment

Kent Benson adjourned the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: James Davis

Attachment #1



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2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan



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What is the MTP?

- Identifies long range transportation needs, strategies, and projects
- Updated every 5 years with next adoption due in June 8, 2025.
- Federally required to receive and distribute federal transportation funds
- Project list requires “fiscal constraint” to show that projects do not exceed reasonably expected revenues



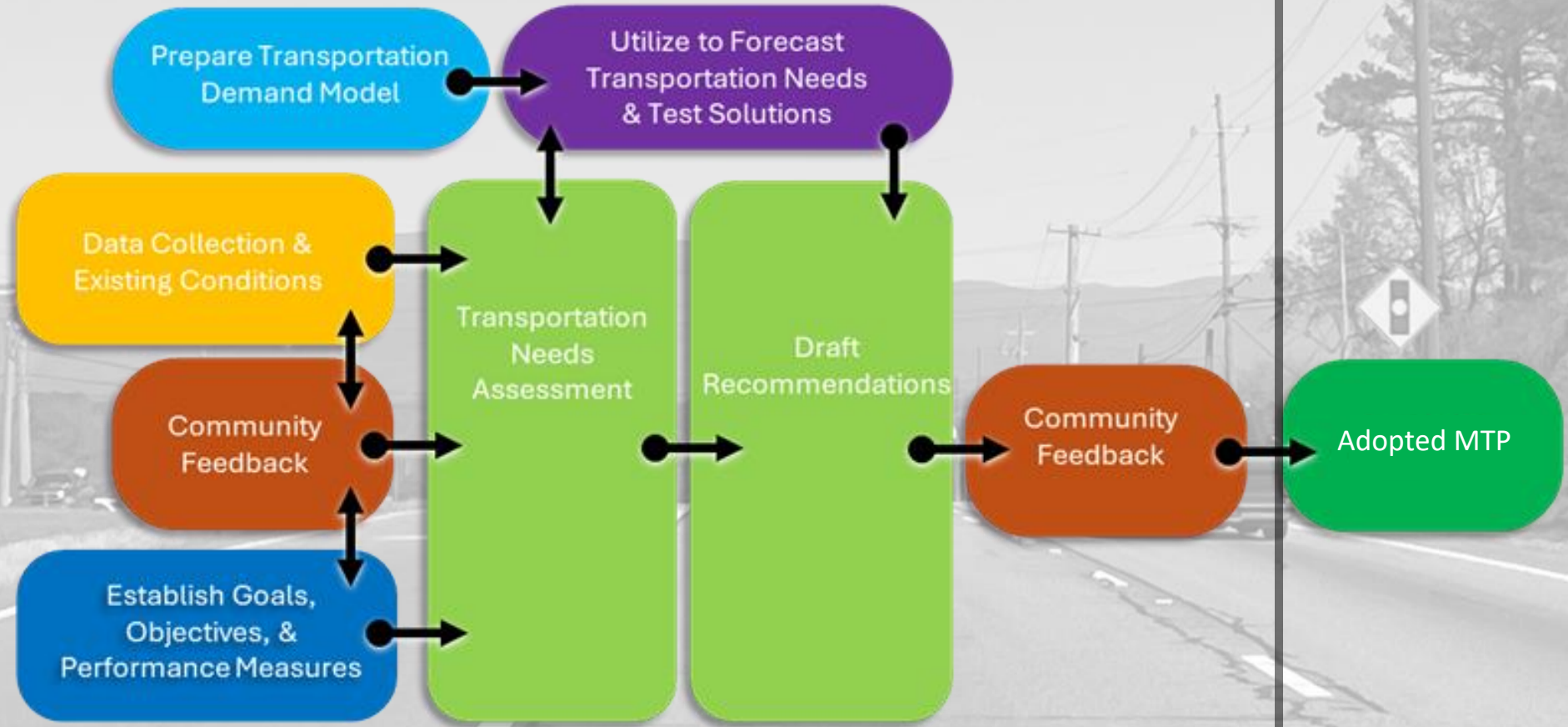
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we are here

| 2024 | | 2025 | | |
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| Summer | Fall | Winter | Spring | Summer |



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Focus Areas of 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- Highway systems and networks
- Transit systems and services
- Park and ride facilities
- Pedestrian and bicycle networks
- Freight networks (rail and highway)
- Airport facilities (general aviation and commercial)
- Traffic signals
- Environmental, Title VI, and Environmental Justice considerations
- Operations and maintenance
- Safety
- Security

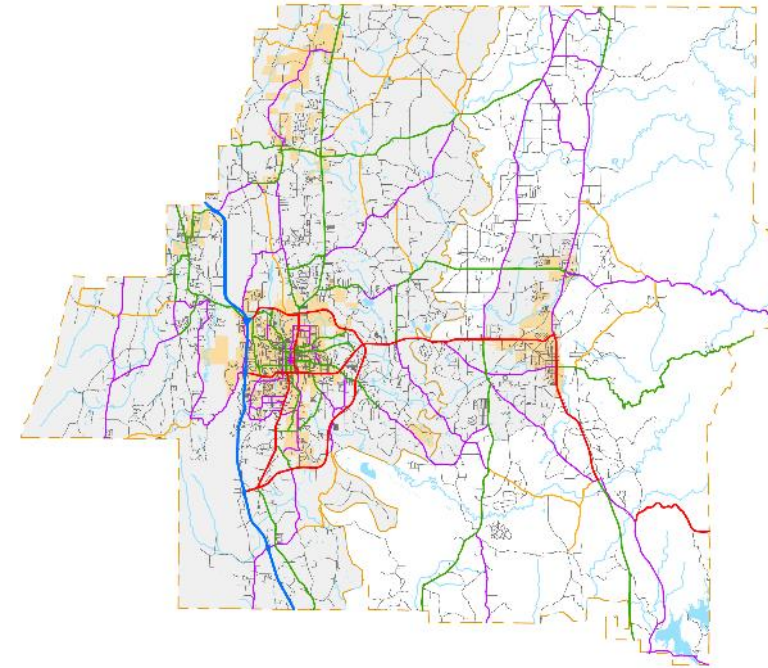


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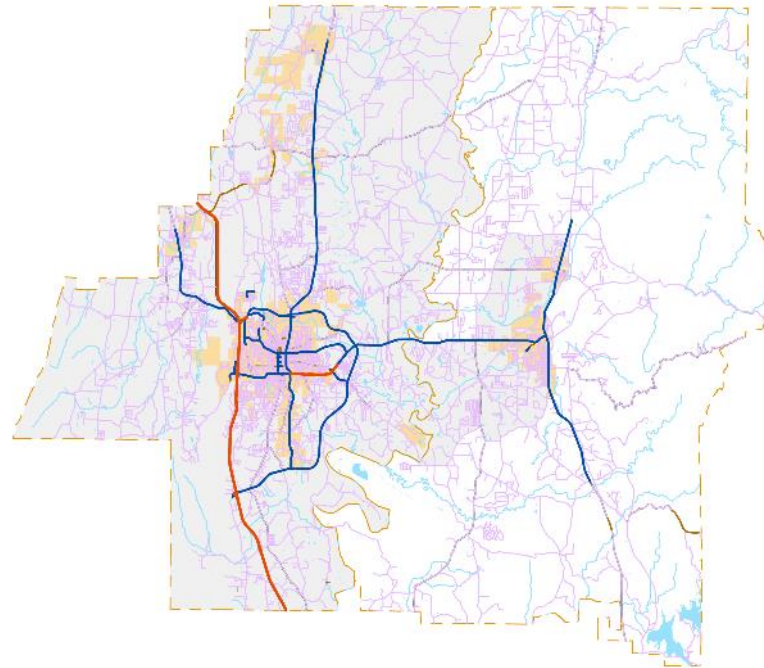


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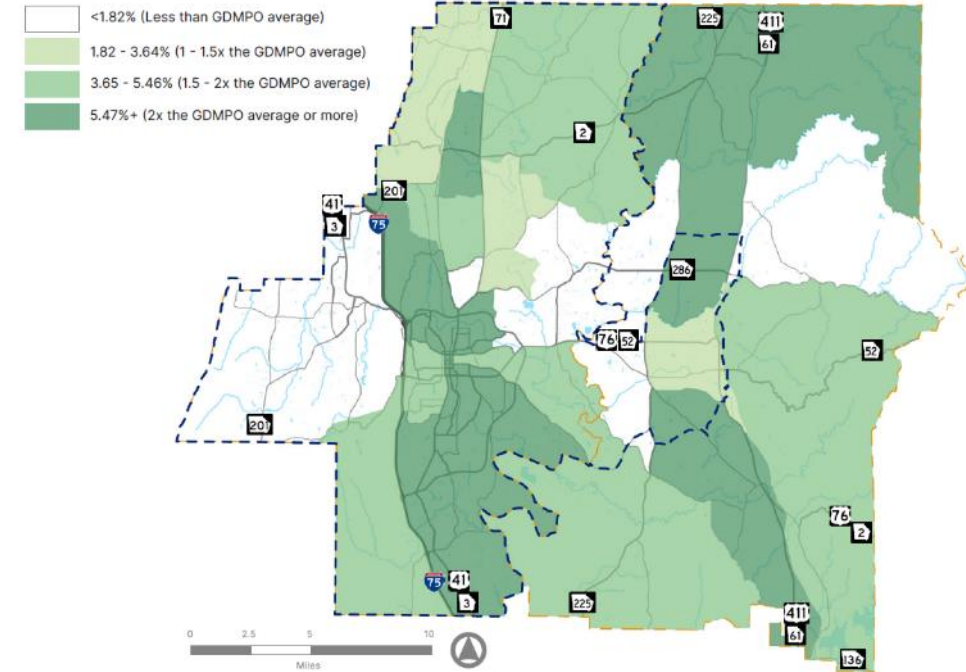
Data Collection & Existing Conditions



Roadway Classification



of Lanes/Capacity



Households With No Vehicles

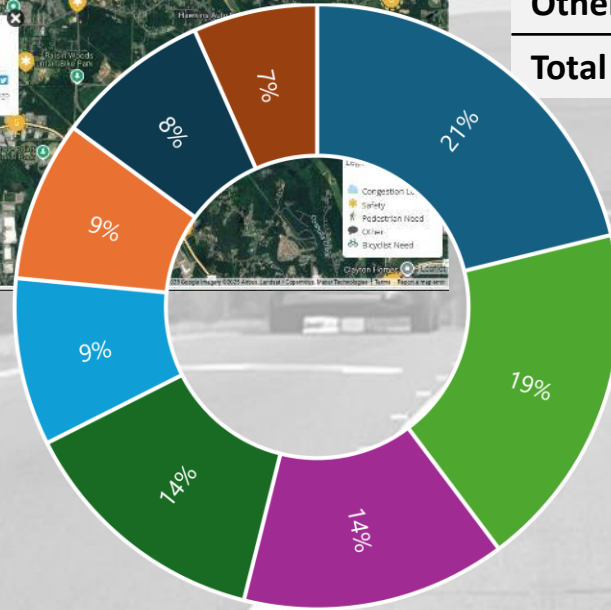
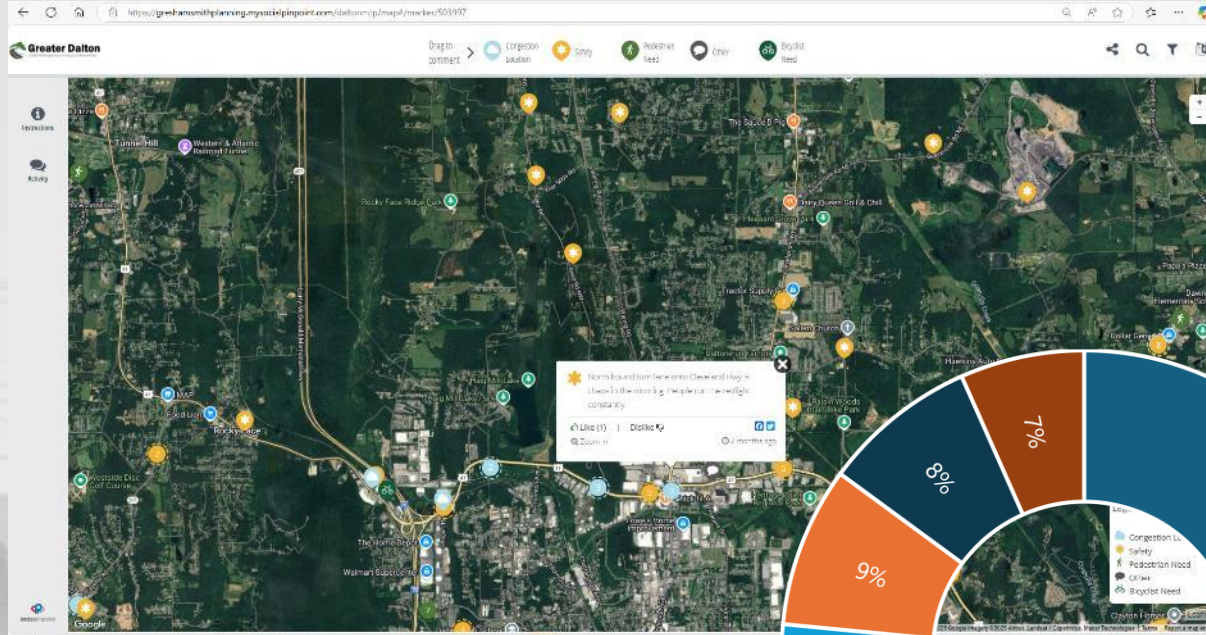


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Community Feedback



| Comment Category | # of Comments | # Thumbs Up | # Thumbs Down | # of Total Comments |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Bicyclist Need | 7 | 19 | 2 | 28 |
| Pedestrian Need | 14 | 20 | 0 | 34 |
| Congestion Location | 79 | 109 | 0 | 188 |
| Safety Concern | 168 | 576 | 6 | 750 |
| Other | 8 | 7 | 1 | 16 |
| Total | 276 | 731 | 9 | 1,016 |

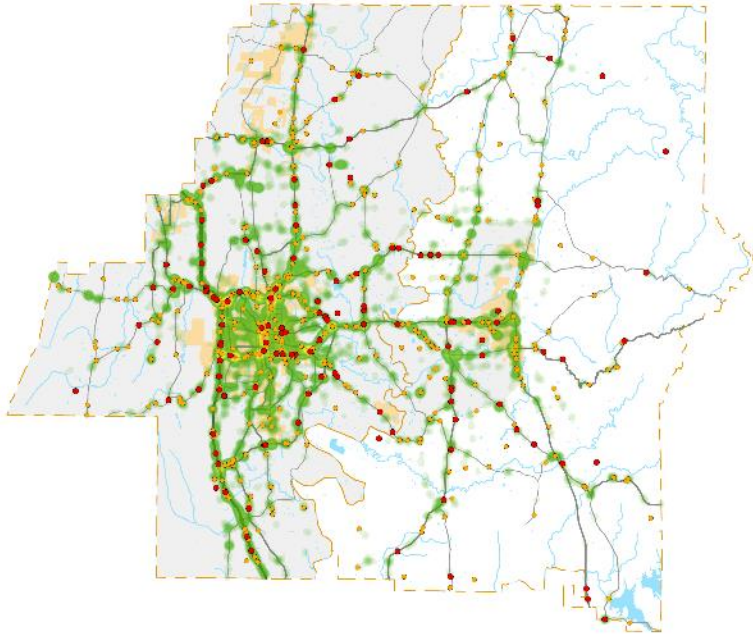


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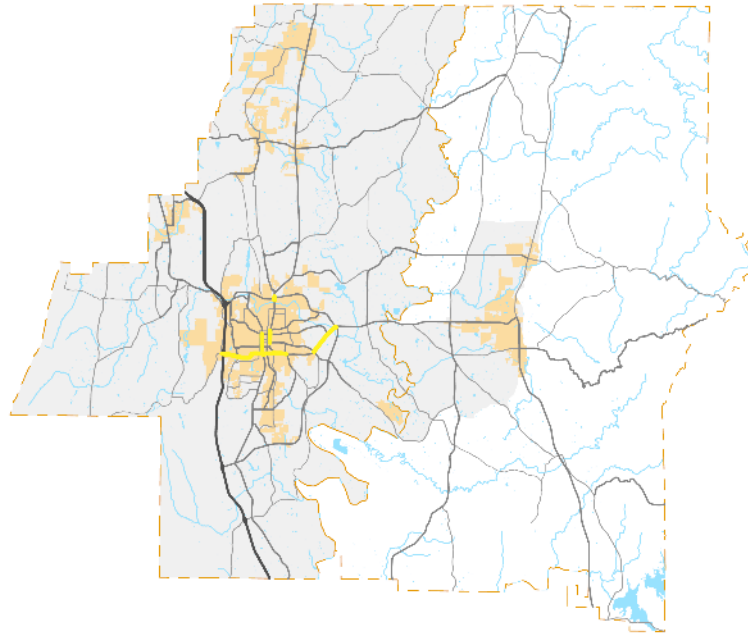


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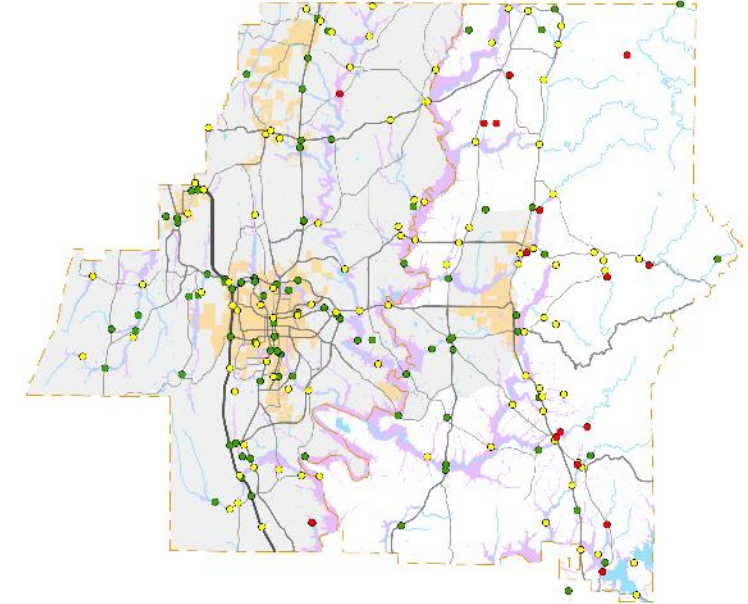
Needs Assessment



Crashes



Typical PM Congestion



Bridges and Floodplains



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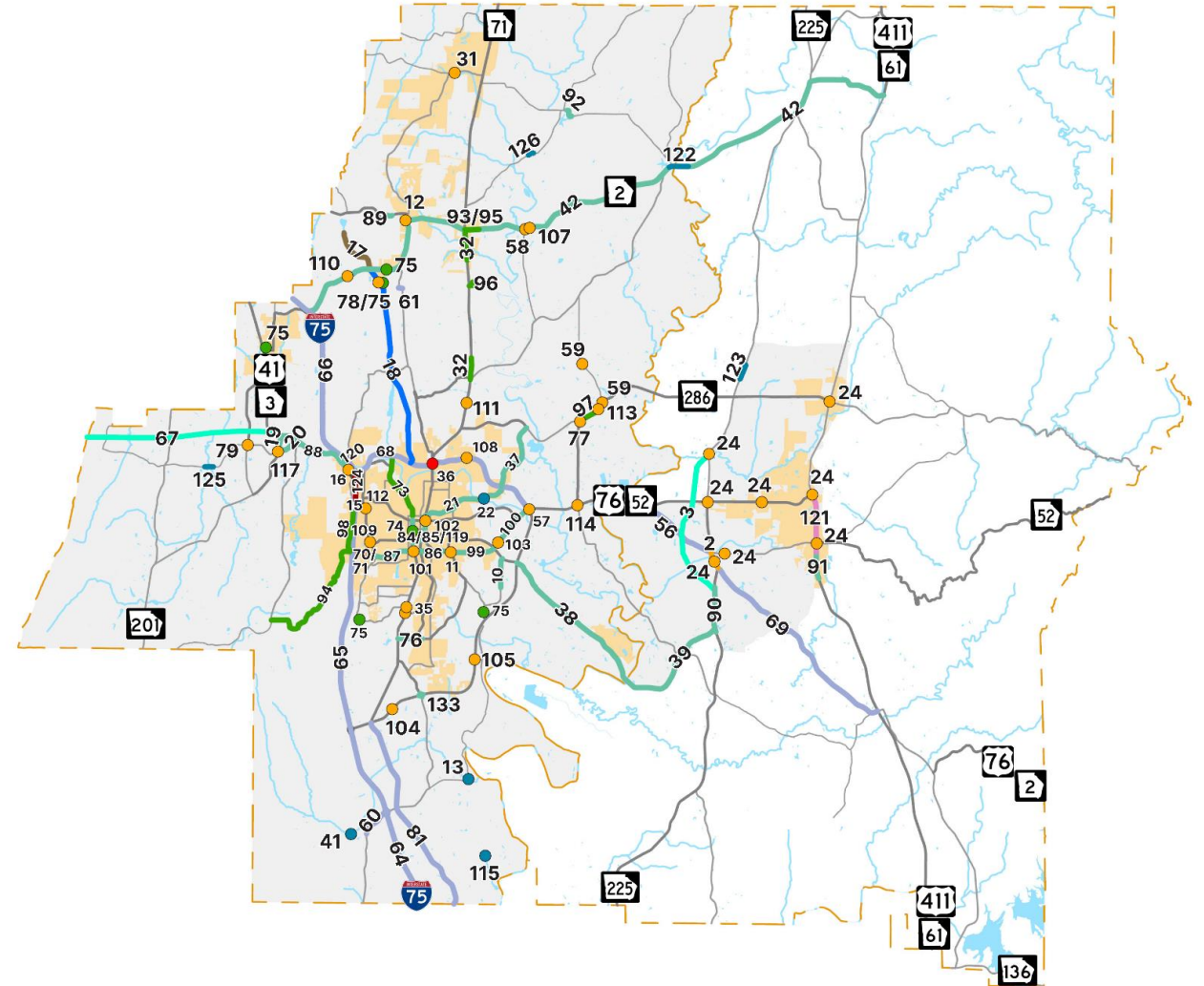


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Draft Recommendations | Project Development

The Universe of Projects – 90 projects

- Major Capacity Projects (widening and new locations)
- Bike/Ped/Active Transportation Projects
- Bridges
- Operational and Safety Projects
- *Sources:*
 - Existing MTP
 - Review of community feedback
 - Analysis from GDOT (modeling)
 - Analysis of real-time data
 - Community conditions analysis

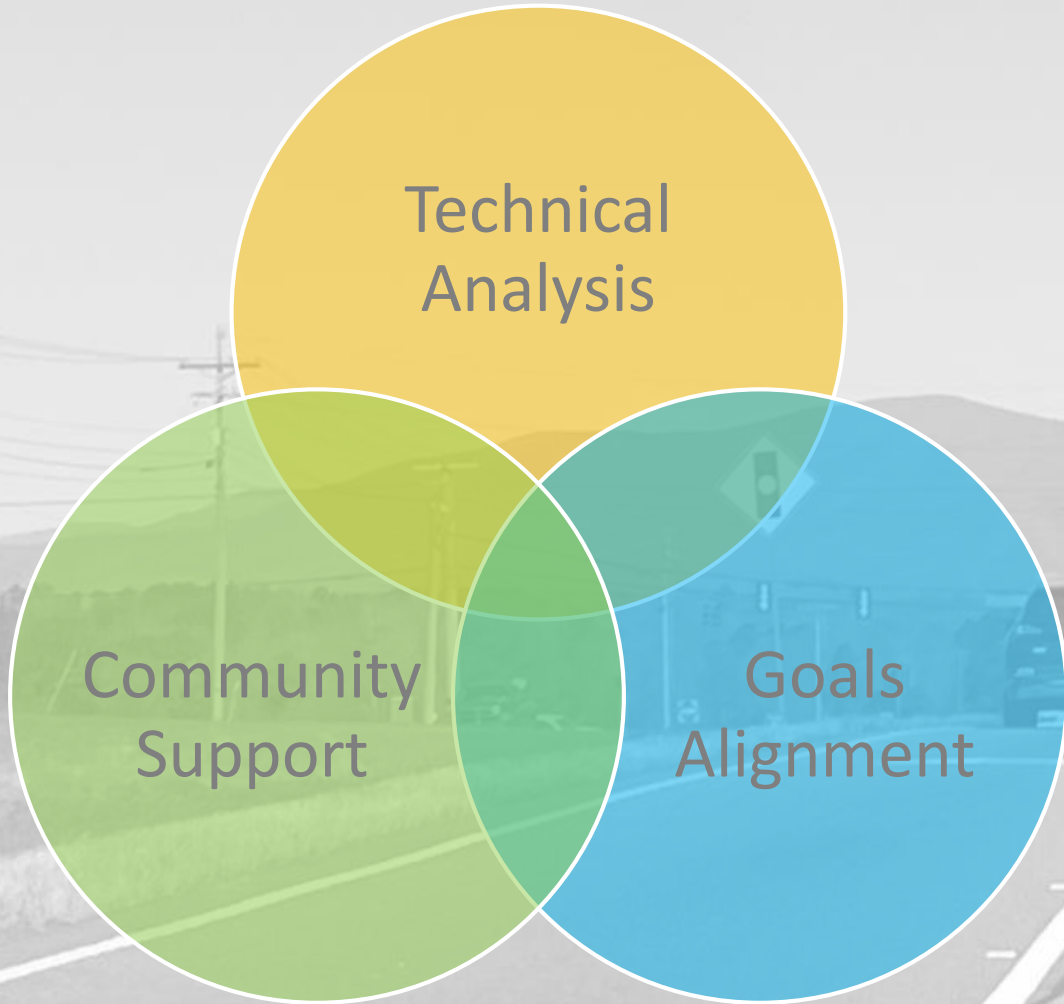


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Draft Recommendations | *Project Prioritization*



Technical Analysis

Ability of the project to successfully address

- Traffic and Congestion
- Safety
- Environmental and Community Considerations
- Movement of Goods and Services
- Multimodal Considerations

Community Support

Relationship of the project to address needs and issues expressed by the community.

Goals Alignment

Extent to which the project reflects long-term goals for the transportation system established by the community.



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Draft Recommendations | Fiscal Constraint

Process that considers:

- Anticipated formula based state/federal and local funding revenue available for transportation improvements
- Expenditures to implement projects with highly prioritized projects considered first
- Revenue grows at a slower rate (1%) than project delivery costs (3%)
- Resembles “balancing a check book” with the balance always needing to be positive.
- Does not include discretionary transportation funds (federal grants, state HB 170, etc.)

| Time Period | Funding | Expenditures | Period Ending Balance | Cumulative Ending Balance |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 2025 | \$4,746,835 | \$4,746,835 | - | - |
| 2026 | \$10,212,261 | \$1,464,552 | \$8,747,709 | \$8,747,709 |
| 2027 | \$10,314,384 | \$8,110,140 | \$2,204,244 | \$10,951,953 |
| 2028 | \$10,417,528 | \$3,476,517 | \$6,941,011 | \$17,892,964 |
| 2029 | \$10,521,703 | \$6,621,532 | \$3,900,171 | \$21,793,136 |
| 2030 | \$10,626,920 | \$10,119,822 | \$507,098 | \$22,300,234 |
| 2031-2040 | \$112,292,907 | \$109,864,973 | \$2,427,934 | \$24,728,168 |
| 2041-2050 | \$124,041,230 | \$122,117,555 | \$1,923,675 | \$26,651,842 |

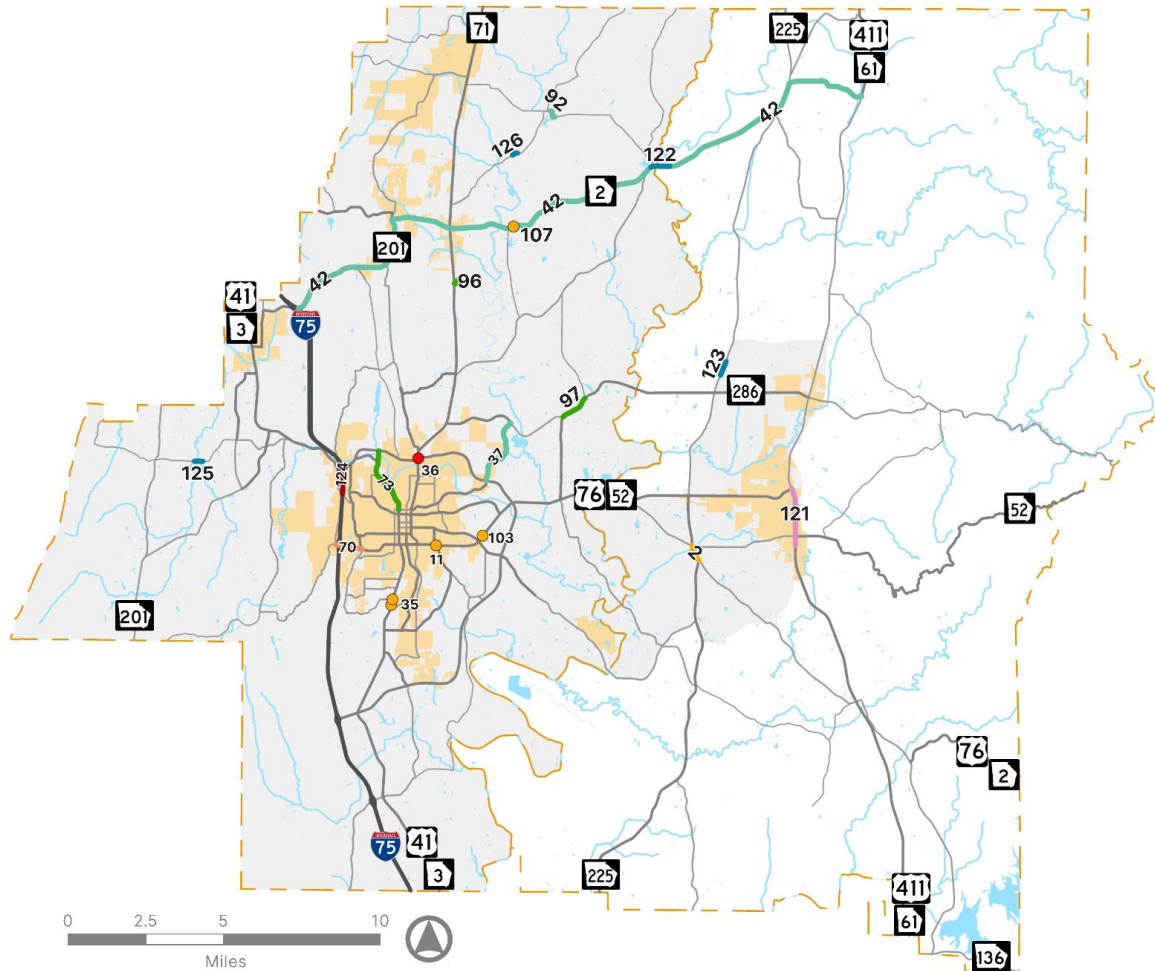


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Draft Recommendations | *Short-Term (2025-2030)*



Key Projects Constructed

- 11 – Riverbend Road at Walnut Avenue Intersection Improvements
- 42 – SR 201 Auxiliary Lanes
- 123, 125 & 126 – Bridge Replacements
 - SR 225 at Pinhook Creek
 - Houston Valley Road at E Chickamauga Creek
 - McGaughey Chapel Road at Coahulla Creek



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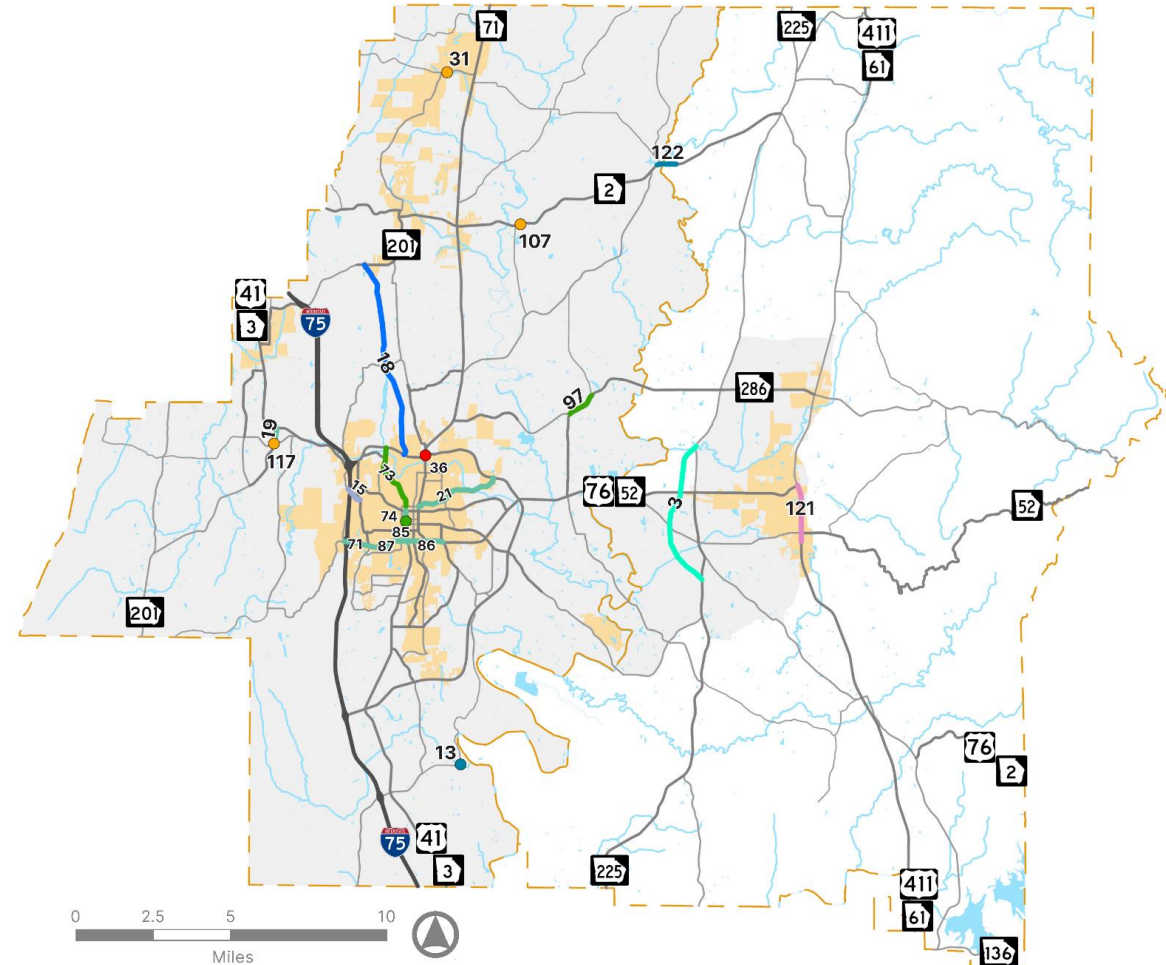
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Draft Recommendations

Mid-Term (2031-2040)

Key Projects Constructed

- 3 – SR 225 Bypass
- 18 – Reed Road Auxiliary/Turn Lanes
- 73 – Thornton Avenue Sidewalks
- 85 – Thornton Avenue Corridor Operational Improvements
- 97 – SR 286 Bicycle/Pedestrian Enhancements



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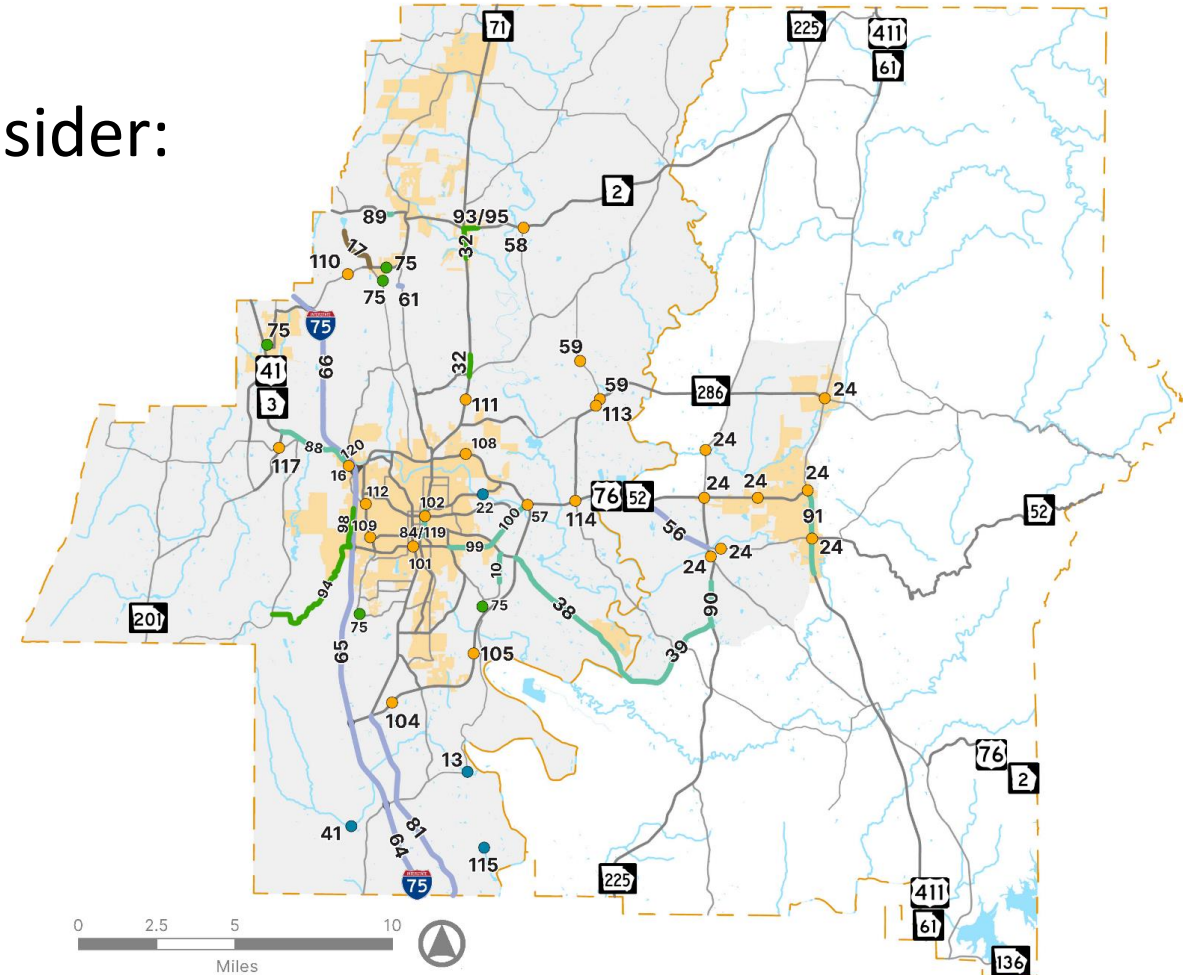


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Draft Recommendations | Illustrative (Beyond 2050)

Additionally identified projects to consider:

- MTP Amendments
- Future MTP updates
- Local or discretionary funding



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Questions?



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