



ARTS 2035

Long Range Transportation Plan

FINAL REPORT

Appendix C – Public Participation Evaluation Report

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Public Meeting # 1

Date: December 8, 2009
Location: North Augusta Municipal Center Council Chambers
100 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, South Carolina
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Media Advertisements and Announcements

The public meeting advertisement shown below was advertised in the following six local newspapers in the ARTS study area:

1. Augusta Chronicle – December 2 and December 8, 2009
2. North Augusta Star – December 3, 2009
3. Aiken Standard – December 2 and December 8, 2009
4. Hola – December 3, 2009
5. Metro Spirit – December 2, 2009
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Augusta Regional Transportation Study 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan



The Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission has initiated efforts to develop the Augusta Regional Transportation Study 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan to meet the area's transportation needs over the next 25 years. You are invited to attend a public participation meeting to be held on:

Tuesday December 8, 2009

North Augusta Municipal Center
Council Chambers
100 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC
5:00 to 7:00 PM

Formal presentation will start at 6:00 PM

Come share your ideas or concerns about transportation and help to shape your future transportation system. For more information, contact: Marya Moultrie, at (706) 821-1796 or mmoultrie@augustaga.gov

Public Meeting #1 Email Announcement

The following public meeting announcement was emailed to the ARTS contact list two weeks prior to the meeting.



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Public Meeting Notice

Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission
Augusta Regional Transportation Study
2035 Long Range Transportation Plan

Tuesday December 8, 2009

North Augusta Municipal Center
Council Chambers
100 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC
5:00 to 7:00 PM

The Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission is currently developing the Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan, which is evaluating and identifying existing and new transportation solutions and mobility options. The ARTS study area includes Augusta-Richmond County and portions of Columbia County, as well as portions of Aiken and Edgefield Counties in South Carolina. The cities in the ARTS area include Augusta, Grovetown, Hephzibah, and Blythe in Georgia, and Aiken, North Augusta, and Burnetown in South Carolina. An essential part of this planning process is public participation in developing long-term goals and establishing short-term priorities to identify and address transportation needs.

This is our first Public Meeting for this study and it is designed to encourage local residents and businesses to share their thoughts on roadway, intersection, public transportation, bicycle and pedestrian improvements within the study area. The meeting will begin at 5:00 and a formal presentation will be given at 6:00 to provide an overview of the study and planning process.

Your input is needed at this important meeting. So please attend and share your thoughts and ideas on topics such as:

- Goals and Objectives
- Future Development Plans
- Roadway Improvements
- Public Transportation Improvements
- Pedestrian Improvements
- Bicycle Improvements

For additional information contact Marya Moultrie, at (706) 821-1796 or mmoultrie@augustaqa.gov.

Tell us what you think!



Public Meeting #1 Summary

The Augusta-Aiken Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted the first public meeting for the 2035 Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on December 8, 2009, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the North Augusta Council Chambers in North Augusta, South Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the public an overview of the planning process and receive feedback from the public about the draft 2035 LRTP Goals and Objectives and multimodal transportation needs in the region. There were 10 attendees to the meeting consisting of citizens, local officials, and media.

The ARTS staff and members of the Wilbur Smith Associates consultant team facilitated the meeting. The two hour meeting was designed as an open house format, with boards and maps placed around the room. The boards included two study area maps and the seven draft Goals and Objectives, which are all provided at the end of the Summary Report. At 6:00 pm a formal presentation was delivered by Jeff Carroll the Wilbur Smith Associates Project Manager. The presentation covered the following topics:

- What is a Long Range Transportation Plan
- Population and Employment
- Goals and Objectives
- Identify Needs
- Develop Projects
- Highway, Transit, and Bike/Pedestrian Considerations
- Comments and Questions

Questions, Comments and Discussion Items

- Question: Does the travel demand model use data during the validation process?
 - Answer: Yes, the 2035 ARTS travel demand model will use traffic count data collected by Georgia Department of Transportation and South Carolina Department of Transportation to develop and validate the model.
- Question: Who developed the 2006 and 2035 population and employment projections for each of the four counties in the study area?
 - Answer: ARTS staff developed the Augusta-Richmond County projections, Columbia County staff developed Columbia County projections, and



- Aiken County and the Cities of Aiken and North Augusta coordinated to develop the projections for Aiken and Edgefield Counties. The projections were based on 2000 Census, recent trends, interim year projections, future land use contained in area Comprehensive Plans.
- Question: What is the boundary line in the interior portion of Columbia County?
 - Answer: Eucheec Creek
- Question: Will the 2035 LRTP examine the impact of local residents losing their jobs, ability to pay for auto insurance, the need to sell a car due to economic hardships?
 - Answer: The 2035 LRTP will examine and identify improved mobility options throughout the study area. This includes public transportation, closing gaps in the bicycle pedestrian system, identifying park and ride lots that connect to transit, and coordinating the three transit agencies schedules.
- Question: Are there plans to expand public transportation to Fort Gordon? Expanding bus service to Fort Gordon will make soldier life more enjoyable and help integrate the base into the community.
 - Answer: Yes, Augusta Public Transit recently completed their Transit Development Plan and one of the recommendations is to expand service to Fort Gordon. It was also noted that one of the major reasons for expanding service to Fort Gordon was based on the number of on-line survey responses from soldiers stationed at Fort Gordon and their need to have transportation from the base to areas served by Augusta Public transit.
- There was a discussion on how the ARTS study area could expand based on the results of the 2010 Census. The ARTS 2035 LRTP will include the areas shown on the map that was presented at the meeting. The goals and objectives were presented and there were no comments and or revisions from the attendees.
- Written comments from the comment form that noted "If you had \$100, how would you spend it?"
 - Comment: Many families I know are working to downsizing to one car. Rising insurance and car prices are driving these issues. If biking, walking and bus was made a more viable/reliable/safe option, we could redevelop the city.



- Comment: Unless the highway budget is used to place certain roads on “diets”, rather than expansions, then I hesitate to allocate any taxes toward the highway mode.

2035 LRTP Survey

A nine page 23 question survey was provided to all public meeting participants. Three participants completed the survey at the meeting. It was noted during the meeting that the same survey would be on-line on December 9th and each participant was encouraged to provide their email address on the public meeting sign in sheet. On December 9th the survey was posted on-line and announcements were emailed to the ARTS contact lists, as well as to the public meeting participants. The following provides examples of the distribution and announcement.



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARTS Online Survey
 The Augusta-Richmond Planning Commission is in the process of developing the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan and would like to receive your feedback. For additional information [\[click here...\]](#)

Online Auctions
 The Augusta Commission has approved the use of GovDeals.com to sell surplus government items. This application will give you access to items that are being offered for internet auction. To view the site [\[click here...\]](#)

Family Fun Day
 On November 14th, 2009, the Human Resources Department hosted its 1st Annual Employee Family Fun Day. To see additional information about this event and view photos [\[click here...\]](#)

Holiday Safety
 Holiday Electrical Safety Information from the Risk Management Division wishing you and your family a happy and safe holiday. For more information [\[click here...\]](#)

Inmate Inquiry
 The Richmond County Sheriff's Office is offering an Online Inmate Inquiry feature via the Augusta web site. This new site offers a way for citizens to view recent arrests or to search for specific persons by name. [\[Read on...\]](#)

St. Sebastian Extension
 St. Sebastian Way is \$30.37 million roadway construction project that will improve mobility between the City's Medical District and

AUGUSTA CALENDAR [VIEW ALL EVENTS](#)

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Dec. 12 [HomeFirst Augusta Homebuyer Workshop](#)

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Embedded Email Announcement

Tomorrow's Transportation Improvements Begin Here!



your comments matter

The Augusta-Richmond Planning Commission, which serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Augusta-Aiken urbanized area, is in the process of developing the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Please take a few minutes to complete an on-line survey. Click the link below to access the survey.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YGJNBC9>

For more information please contact Marya Moultrie at Augusta-Richmond Planning Commission 706. 821.1796 (mmoultrie@augustaga.gov) or Wilbur Smith Associates project manager, Jeff Carroll at 803.251.2189 (jcarroll@wilbursmith.com).

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On-line Survey Screen Shot

ARTS 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan
Exit this survey

1. 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan

The Augusta-Richmond Planning Commission, which serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Augusta-Aiken urbanized area, is in the process of developing the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan for the region. To create a plan that accurately reflects the needs of our region; we need to know what you think. Your response to this survey will help us determine what transportation goals and objectives are important to residents of our community, and how they should be reflected in the region's plan. Please take a few minutes to take this survey, and remember, your opinion counts!

1. Overall satisfaction with the quality and safety of the ARTS Transportation System? Please rank on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being "Very Satisfied" and 5 being "Dissatisfied"

	1 Very Satisfied	2	3	4	5 Dissatisfied
Roadways connections	<input type="radio"/>				
Roadway safety	<input type="radio"/>				
Sidewalk connections	<input type="radio"/>				
Pedestrian safety	<input type="radio"/>				
Bicycle lane connections	<input type="radio"/>				
Bicycle safety	<input type="radio"/>				
Transit connections	<input type="radio"/>				
Transit safety	<input type="radio"/>				

2. Do you have access to sidewalks, bike paths, transit where you live?

	Yes	No
Sidewalks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bike paths	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. What is your primary mode of transportation? (Select one)

Auto

Bicycle

Public Transportation

Walking

Other:



Public Meeting#1 Handout – Dollar Distribution by Mode



If you had \$100, how would you spend it?



Mode	Amount
Highway	\$_____



Transit	\$_____
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Bike	\$_____
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Ped	\$_____
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Comments:



ARTS 2035 LRTP Survey

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Existing System

- Overall satisfaction with the quality and safety of the Transportation system in the August-Aiken area? Please rank on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being “Very Satisfied” and 5 being “Dissatisfied” (Please circle the appropriate response number)

Roadways connections	1	2	3	4	5
Roadway safety	1	2	3	4	5
Sidewalk connections	1	2	3	4	5
Pedestrian safety	1	2	3	4	5
Bicycle lane connections	1	2	3	4	5
Bicycle safety	1	2	3	4	5
Transit connections	1	2	3	4	5
Transit safety	1	2	3	4	5

- Do you have access to sidewalks, bike paths, transit where you live? (Please circle response)

Sidewalks	Yes	No
Bike paths	Yes	No
Transit	Yes	No

- What is your primary mode of transportation? (Check one)

Auto	
Bicycle	
Public Transportation	
Walking	
Other:	



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4. What best determines the mode of transportation that you use to get around? (Check one)

Cost	
Reliability	
Location	
Availability	
Accessibility	
Other:	

5. What is the most critical transportation issue in your neighborhood today? (Check two)

Lack of highway or road networks	
Lack of sidewalks/crosswalks	
Lack of transit services	
Land use and transportation coordination	
Safety issues (i.e. speeding, red light running, sight distance, lack of turn lanes, etc.)	
Traffic congestion	
Other:	

6. **Transportation System:** How would you rank the following aspects of the ARTS transportation system? Please rank (circle) on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being “Acceptable/Very Good” and 5 being “Unacceptable/Very Poor?”

Congestion levels on major street during peak time	1	2	3	4	5
Condition of major streets and highways	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of bike lanes and paths	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of public transit services	1	2	3	4	5
Sidewalks and crosswalk areas	1	2	3	4	5
Safety/controls on major streets & railroad crossings	1	2	3	4	5
Neighborhood traffic safety	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to use another mode of transportation (other than auto) from your home to work	1	2	3	4	5



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7. **Roadways:** Please rank the relative level of importance you would give each of the following on scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being “Very Important” and 5 being “Not Important.” *(Please circle the appropriate response number)*

The condition and smoothness of roadway pavements	1	2	3	4	5
The level of traffic flow and congestion	1	2	3	4	5
The presence of pavement markings, intersection lighting, readable signs, and street aesthetics	1	2	3	4	5
Adequate lane and shoulder widths with turn lanes	1	2	3	4	5
Adequate turn lanes at major intersections	1	2	3	4	5

8. **Bicycle/Pedestrian Features:** Please rank the relative level of importance you would give each of the following on scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being “Very Important” and 5 being “Not Important.” *(Please circle the appropriate response number)*

Enhancing the safety of crosswalks across major streets	1	2	3	4	5
Building dedicated “off-road” paths for walking and biking to schools and employment centers	1	2	3	4	5
More recreational biking trails linking existing paths, communities, parks and open spaces	1	2	3	4	5
Widening shoulders or adding bike lanes on roadways to provide better “on road” bicycling accommodations	1	2	3	4	5
Completing “gaps” in the sidewalk system	1	2	3	4	5

9. **Long Range Transportation Plan:** Please rank each of the following using a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means “Very Important” and 7 means “Little Importance.”

Planning for widening of congested roadways	
Planning for safety and traffic flow improvements at intersections	
Planning for the ongoing roadway maintenance and preservation	
Planning for new interchanges and roads to respond to future growth	
Planning for more bicycle paths and multi-use paths	
Improving bicyclist and pedestrian safety	
Coordinating transit services within and between Richmond, Columbia and Aiken Counties	



Future Goals and Improvements

10. What do you believe are the most important issues facing the Augusta-Aiken metropolitan region?
 (Check two)

Building and maintaining a competitive regional economy	
Cleaning up the environment and improving air quality	
Reducing urban sprawl	
Dealing with global warming and greenhouse gas emissions	
Improving transportation infrastructure and reducing congestion	
Improving mobility options (bicycle, pedestrian and transit systems)	
Increasing housing variety and affordability	
Other:	

11. What do you think is the most effective way to reduce transportation congestion in our region in the future? (Check two)

Adequate and dedicated transportation funding	
Expanding the highway system	
Expanding and coordinating the transit systems in the region	
Improving coordination of land use and transportation planning	
Improving highway operations (i.e. coordinate traffic signals, adding turn lanes, access controls, etc.)	
Improving transit operations	
Maintaining existing transportation system (i.e. repair roads, bridges, transit services, etc.)	
Expanding biking and walking facilities	
Other:	

12. Which of the following would you prefer to see more of in our region in the future? (Check two)

Bicycle lanes and multi-use trails	
Transit services	
Highways	
Improved traffic flow	
Sidewalks/crosswalks	



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13. Transportation improvements: Please divide 100 points among the following transportation improvements, so that division reflects the relative importance of each improvement to you. You can allocate all the points on one item or spread it around.

Sidewalk construction	
Bike lane construction on roads	
Multi-use path construction	
Widening and building of major streets and highways	
Improving roadway safety (turn lanes, shoulders, travel lane width, sight distance, traffic controls, etc.)	
Improving roadways conditions (fix pot holes, resurface, signage, other)	
Improving street aesthetics (street trees, street lighting, planted medians, clean shoulders, other)	
Improving traffic flow (control number of driveways, medians, coordinated signals, other)	
Develop and Maintaining adequate public transportation (buses, bus stops, routing, other)	
Total (adds up to 100)	100

14. If more pedestrian walkways were provided or improved would you use them for the following:
 (Please circle response)

Health care	Yes	No	
Recreation	Yes	No	
Shopping	Yes	No	
Work	Yes	No	
School	Yes	No	NA
Other: (list)	Yes	No	

15. If more dedicated bicycle lanes were provided or improved would you use them for the following:
 (Please circle response)

Health care	Yes	No	
Recreation	Yes	No	
Shopping	Yes	No	
Work	Yes	No	
School	Yes	No	NA
Other: (list)	Yes	No	



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16. If transit services were enhanced would you use it for the following? (Please circle response)

Health care	Yes	No	
Recreation	Yes	No	
Shopping	Yes	No	
Work	Yes	No	
School	Yes	No	NA
Other: (list)	Yes	No	

17. If park and ride lots were provided in your area would you use them for the following: (Please circle response)

Car/van pooling to work	Yes	No
Public transit	Yes	No

18. Number of cars in your family? (check one)

0	
1	
2	
3	
More than 3	

19. Average number of miles driven by you per week? (check one)

0	
1 to 100 miles	
101 to 200 miles	
201 to 300 miles	
More than 300 miles	

20. Average number of transit (bus) trips by you per week? (check one)

0 trips	
1 to 5 trips	
6 to 10 trips	
11 to 15 trips	
16 to 20 trips	
More than 20 trips	



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21. Average number of miles you walk per week? (check one)

0 miles	
1 to 5 miles	
6 to 10 miles	
11 to 15 miles	
16 to 20 miles	
More than 20 miles	

22. Average number of miles you bike per week? (check one)

0 miles	
1 to 5 miles	
6 to 10 miles	
11 to 15 miles	
16 to 20 miles	
More than 20 miles	

23. General Information

Gender	Male	Female
State (circle)	Georgia	South Carolina
Your Zip Code		
Your Age		
Your Neighborhood/Subdivision (optional)		

Please place form in the box provided. If you prefer, you can mail your comments to Jeff Carroll, Wilbur Smith Associates P.O. Box 92 Columbia, SC 29201-0092 or email to jcarroll@wilbursmith.com

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Draft Goals and Objectives Presented at Public Meeting #1

GOAL 1: Develop a Transportation System Integrated with Planned Land Use

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Promote orderly development of the region by providing transportation services to those areas where growth is planned.
- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Discourage development in conservation or preservation areas by limiting access to those areas.
- **OBJECTIVE 3:** Promote revitalization of the urban core through improved accessibility.
- **OBJECTIVE 4:** Promote redevelopment of the urban fringe through improved accessibility.

GOAL 2: Develop a Transportation System that is Financially and Politically Feasible and has Broad Support

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Provide a financially balanced plan based on realistic funding availability and opportunities.
- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Provide a plan that works to preserve existing facilities and operate them more efficiently.
- **OBJECTIVE 3:** Prepare a plan where total benefits exceed costs.
- **OBJECTIVE 4:** Provide a plan that includes public participation from all groups, with special emphasis in reaching environmental justice populations.



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GOAL 3: Develop a Transportation System that will allow Effective Mobility Throughout the Region and Provide Efficient Movement of Persons and Goods

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Provide a plan that works to relieve congestion and prevent it in the future.
- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Provide a transportation plan that realizes the importance of public transportation as a viable option in meeting daily travel needs.
- **OBJECTIVE 3:** Provide a plan which positions public transportation as a viable alternative to single occupant vehicles, through routing and scheduling changes and other system improvements.
- **OBJECTIVE 4:** Provide a plan which addresses consideration of non-motorized modes such as bicycles and pedestrians.
- **OBJECTIVE 5:** Provide a plan which addresses the needs of intermodal movement of goods via rail and truck.

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GOAL 4: Develop a Transportation System that will Enhance the Economic, Social, and Environmental Fabric of the Area, Using Resources Wisely While Minimizing Adverse Impacts

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Provide a plan that increases job accessibility through improved transportation systems.
- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Provide a plan that ensures that new transportation facilities result in disruption or displacement of residential or commercial areas only when the benefits to the community at large outweigh the costs and where no viable alternative exists.
- **OBJECTIVE 3:** Provide a plan that works to ensure that transportation facilities avoid historic areas and structures, and other environmentally sensitive areas, while providing access when desired.
- **OBJECTIVE 4:** Provide a plan to enhance the appearance of transportation facilities whenever possible.
- **OBJECTIVE 5:** Provide a plan that reduces mobile emissions and meets air quality standards.



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GOAL 5: Promote efficient land use and development patterns to improve safety and economic vitality to meet existing and future multimodal transportation needs.

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Promote the concentration of future employment and other activity centers along existing and planned major travel corridors.
- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Protect adequate rights-of-way in newly developing and redeveloping areas for pedestrian, bicycle, transit and roadway facilities.
- **OBJECTIVE 3:** Promote new developments that provide efficient, balanced movement of pedestrians, bicyclists, buses and motor vehicles within, to and through the area.

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GOAL 6: Increase the safety and security of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users.

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Identify policies, plans, and transportation improvements that address unsafe designs and conditions to increase safety for users.
- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Develop and maintain a transportation system that provides increased security for all of its users.



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GOAL 7: Continue to develop a multimodal transportation network that utilizes strategies for addressing congestion management and air quality issues in the ARTS region.

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Promote street networks that reduce travel delays in accordance with the guidelines in the ARTS Congestion Management Plan.
- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Encourage strategies that reduce mobile source emissions in an effort to improve air quality.
- **OBJECTIVE 3:** Continue to implement and promote strategies and policies such as system preservation, access management, managed lanes, travel demand management, mass transit, complete streets, and alternative transportation to improve congestion conditions.
- **OBJECTIVE 4:** Make the best use of existing transportation facilities by implementing measures that actively manage and integrate systems, improve traffic operations and safety, provide accurate real-time information and reduce the demand for single-occupant motor vehicle travel.



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Public Meeting#1 Sign-in-Sheet



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 December 8, 2009

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Public Meeting # 2

Date: February 16, 2010
Location: Augusta-Richmond County Municipal Building
Court Room 2
530 Greene Street,
Augusta, GA 30901
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 PM

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You are invited to attend the public participation meeting to be held on:

Tuesday, February 16, 2010
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Court Room 2
530 Greene Street,
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More information:

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Public Meeting #2 – Press Release



Press Release
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 3, 2010

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Sincerely,

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Public Meeting #2 – General Announcement Letter

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Please forward this information to your stakeholders to ensure ARTS receives local input as they update our LRTP.

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Public Meeting #2 Summary

The Augusta-Aiken Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted the second public meeting for the 2035 Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on February 16th, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Augusta-Richmond County Municipal building in Augusta, Georgia. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the public an overview of the LRTP planning process, update on the multimodal needs in the study area and receive input on potential multimodal transportation improvements in the region. There were 14 attendees to the meeting consisting of citizens and local officials.

Paul DeCamp, AICP, Planning Director for the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Mr. DeCamp provided an overview of the work that has been completed thus far on the ARTS 2035 LRTP and the purpose of this meeting. The two hour meeting was designed as an open house format, with boards and maps placed around the court room. The boards included a study area map, base year (2006) level of service map, and the 2035 (no-build) level of service map, which are all provided at the end of the Summary Report. At 5:15 and 6:15 pm a formal presentation was deliverable by Jeff Carroll the Wilbur Smith Associates Project Manager. The presentation covered the following topics:

- LRTP Update
- LRTP Survey
- Growth
- Highway Conditions and Needs
 - 2006 – Base Year
 - 2035 – Future No-Build
- Public Transportation Needs and Vision
- Bike and Pedestrian Needs
- Comments and Questions

The public meeting presentation was posted to the MPO website for the public to review.



Questions, Comments and Discussion Items

- Comment: Need more bike trails and supporting roadway connections.
- Comment: Need better wayfinding and signage around the region.
- Comment: Need more crosswalk connections to improve pedestrian safety, this will help everyone but will improve safety for our senior population.
- Comment: Need to improve intersections to be ADA compliant.
- Comment: Need improved transit connections across the region.
- Question: How will the Streetcar Study be incorporated in the ARTS 2035 LRTP?
 - Answer: The recommendations from the study will be evaluated during the LRTP planning process and if feasible, the improvements will be incorporated into the ARTS 2035 LRTP program of projects.
- Question: How long will the public have to provide comments on the survey?
 - Answer: End of March.
- Question: What is the process to improve bicycle and pedestrian improvements along roadways that do not have congestion in 2006 or 2035?
 - Answer: The ARTS 2035 LRTP will identify bike lanes, bike routes, multi-use trail, and sidewalks throughout the region and some of these will be stand alone project adjacent to roadways that will operate at acceptable levels of service. The 2003 ARTS Bike and Pedestrian Plan identified numerous stand alone bicycle and pedestrian projects and these improvements will be reviewed and incorporated into the LRTP.
- Comment: We need a dedicated bicycle lane connecting North Augusta, SC and Augusta, GA over the Savannah River. The 13th Street Bridge provides sidewalks, but it is not a safe route for bicycle use.
- Question: Will the presentation be provided on the internet?
 - Answer: Yes, the presentation will be provided on the MPO website after the meeting.
- Question: During this study will you benchmark the ARTS region against other cities, such as Portland, Oregon?
 - Answer: We are not planning on benchmarking the ARTS region against other regions on the country. However, we understand how Portland and Boulder, Colorado have improved their bicycle and pedestrian systems and we will incorporate similar recommendations in the ARTS area. Some of the recommendations will include policies, such as Complete Streets and accommodating bicycle lanes during repaving and pavement restriping projects.



- Question: While there are no rail lines currently planned for abandonment, can the ARTS 2035 encourage if there is abandonment that the easements are not transferred to property owners?
 - Answer: We can certainly include a policy in the 2035 LRTP that any abandoned rail line easements be preserved for future multi-use trails.
- Question: What is the breakdown on funding improvements listed in the LRTP?
 - Answer: Typically projects receive 80 percent federal funding and 20 percent local funding. The local funding could be provided by the state or the local municipality, such as the county or city. Typically, the local funding is 10 percent state and 10 percent local.
- Question: What is the total funding available for the ARTS 2035 LRTP?
 - Answer: The annual federal funding for the South Carolina portion of the ARTS area (portions of Aiken and Edgefield Counties) totals \$3.2 million per year. The funding projections are provided by the state Department of Transportation and at this time Georgia Department of Transportation has not provided the total projected funding for the Georgia portion of the ARTS area, which include Augusta-Richmond County and portions of Columbia County. We should have the total available funding over the next month.
- Question: What is the process to approve and adopt the ARTS 2035 LRTP?
 - Answer: The draft ARTS 2035 LRTP will be completed in May 2010. The MPO will conduct another public meeting to receive input from local residents on the draft LRTP. Also, the draft 2035 LRTP will be presented to the Citizens Advisory Committee, Technical Coordinating Committee and on September 2, 2010 the Policy Committee will approve and adopt the ARTS 2035 LRTP. The Policy Committee includes representation from elected county and city officials, as well as FHWA, GDOT, and SCDOT.



2035 LRTP Survey

A nine page 23 question survey was provided to all public meeting participants. It was noted during the meeting that the same survey is on-line and each participant was encouraged to provide their comments.

Embedded Email Announcement

The graphic is a vertical banner with a dark blue background on the left and a white background on the right. At the top, a blue box contains the text 'Tomorrow's Transportation Improvements Begin Here!' in white. Below this is a circular logo for the Augusta Regional Transportation Study, featuring a map of the area and the text 'AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY'. Underneath the logo, a red horizontal line is followed by the text 'your comments matter' in blue. Below this, a paragraph of text explains the planning commission's role and provides a link to the survey. At the bottom, the WilburSmith Associates logo is displayed in white on a red background.

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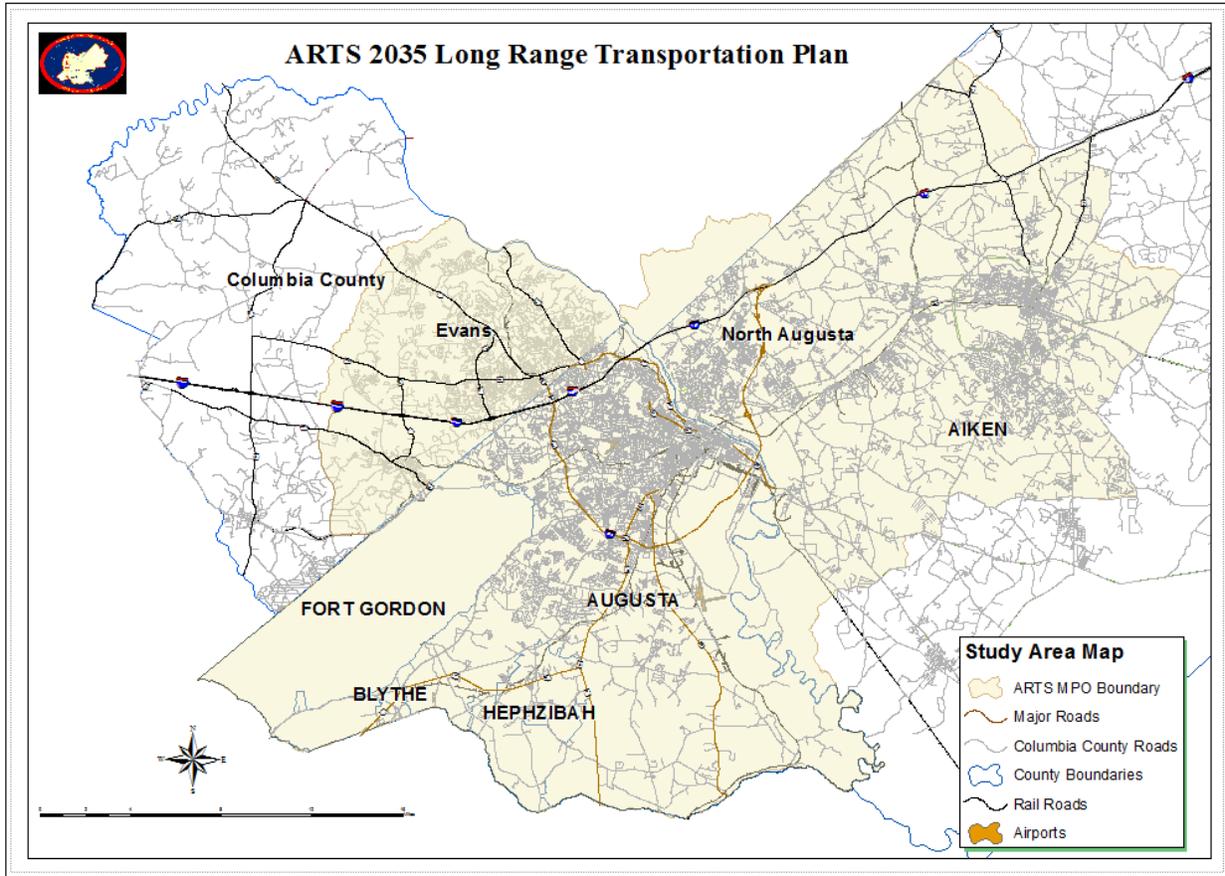
Jeff Carroll, WSA Project Manager, discussing the ARTS 2035 LRTP with local citizens at the February 16, 2010 Public Participation Meeting in Augusta, Georgia.



Marya Moultrie, Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission Transportation Planner, talking with a local citizen at the February 16, 2010 Public Participation Meeting in Augusta, Georgia.

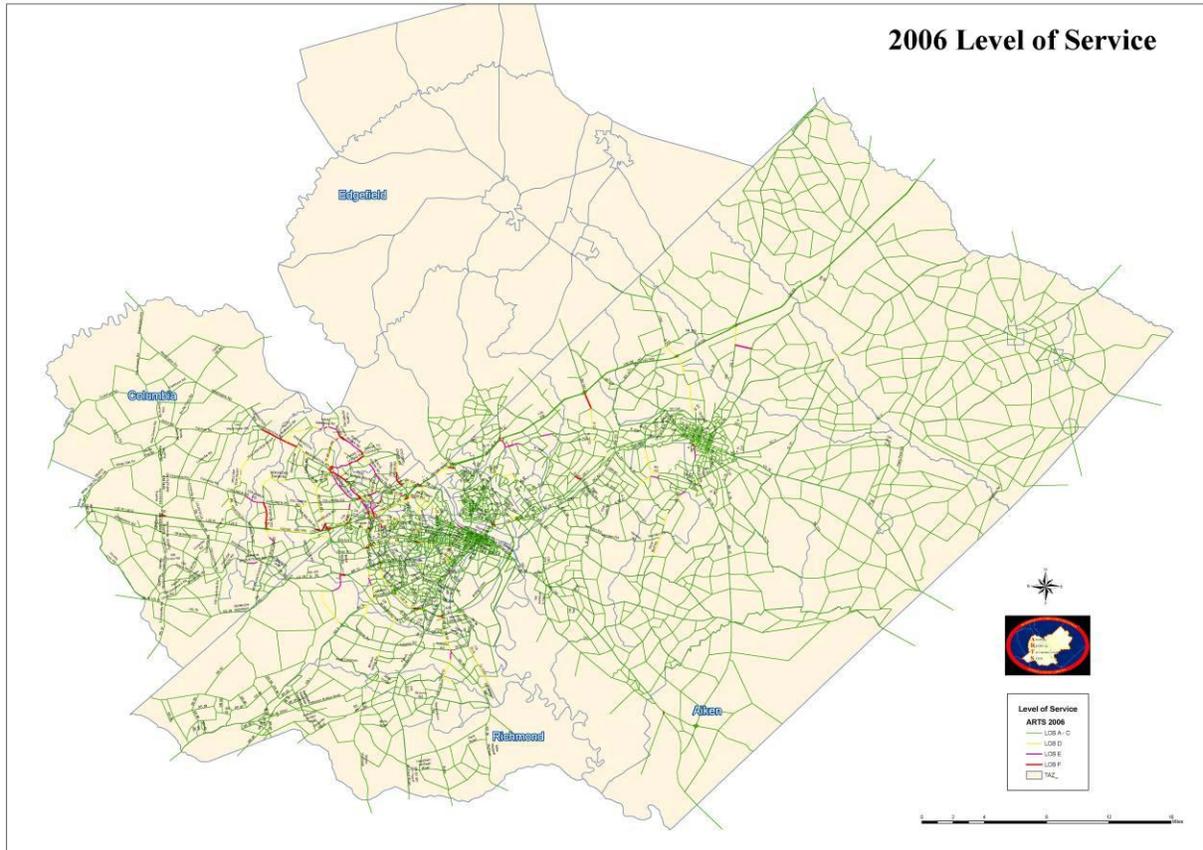


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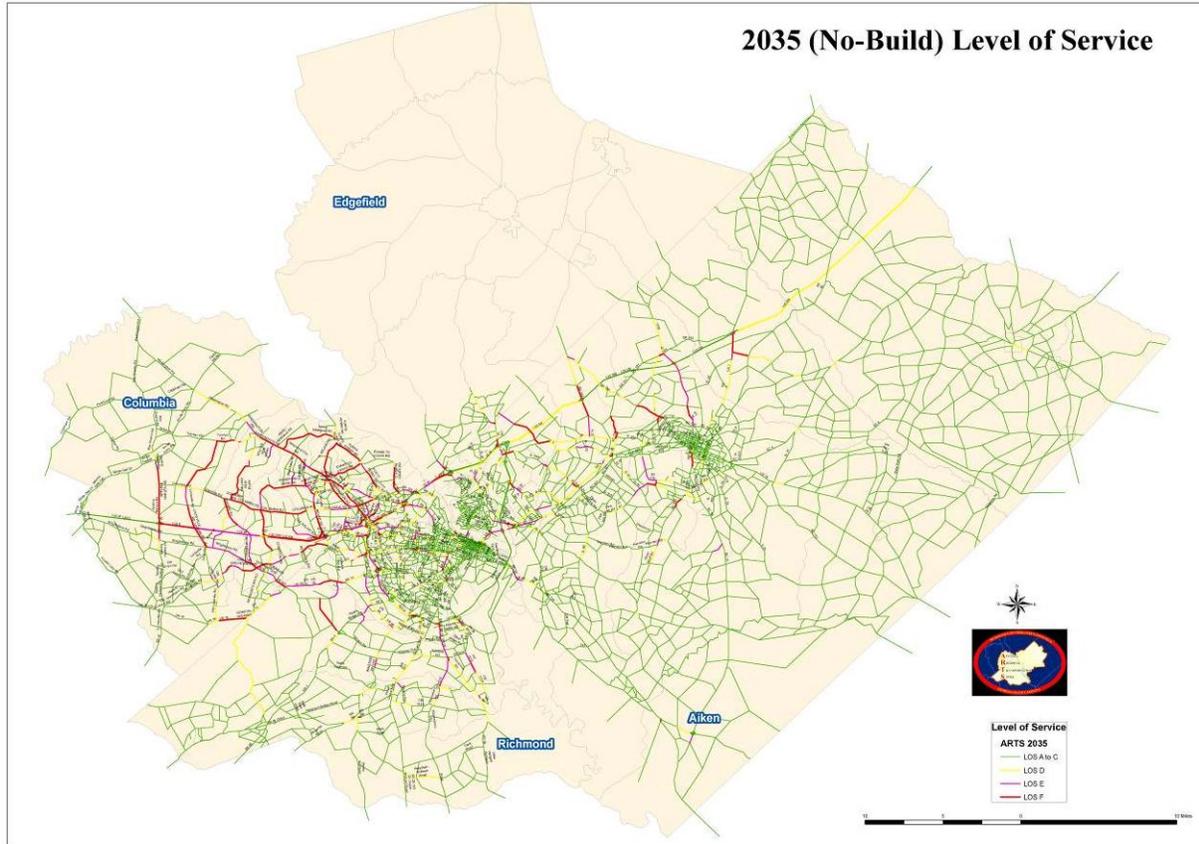


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Augusta Regional Transportation Study
2035 Long Range Transportation Plan
Public Participation Meeting
February 16, 2010

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Public Participation Meeting Summaries

Augusta Regional Transportation Study
2035 Long Range Transportation Plan



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Public Meeting # 3

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Questions, Comments and Discussion Items

- Question: Did the 2035 socioeconomic projections account for the down turn in the economy?
 - Answer: Yes. In the fall of 2009, the Augusta-Richmond Planning Commission developed the projections for Richmond County; Columbia County completed their projections and Aiken County and City of Aiken staff developed the Aiken County and Edgefield County projections.
- Question: Can developers help pay for improvements associated with their developments?
 - Answer: Counties have the ability to impose impact fees, but as of today no impact fees are collected in any of the counties in the ARTS study area.
- Comment: I live in the Westlake subdivision and I could walk to Publix but there are no access points and I must drive two miles to access it.
- Comment: The new developments along the Savannah River in North Augusta provide sidewalks, access to the Greenway Trail. We need to see more development like this in Columbia County.
- Comment: Fury Ferry Road provides a great example of how roadways should be widened in Columbia County. More four-lane landscaped median roadways are needed.



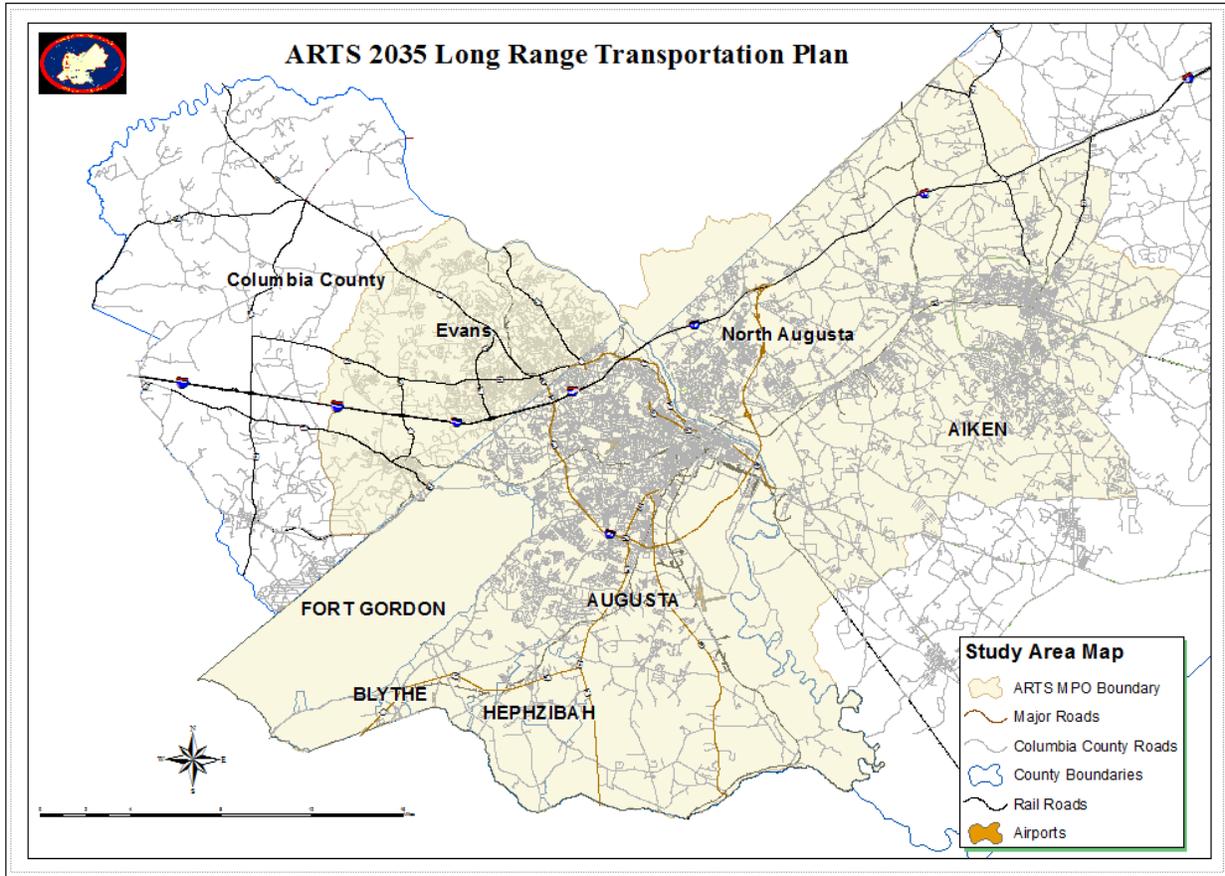
2035 LRTP Survey

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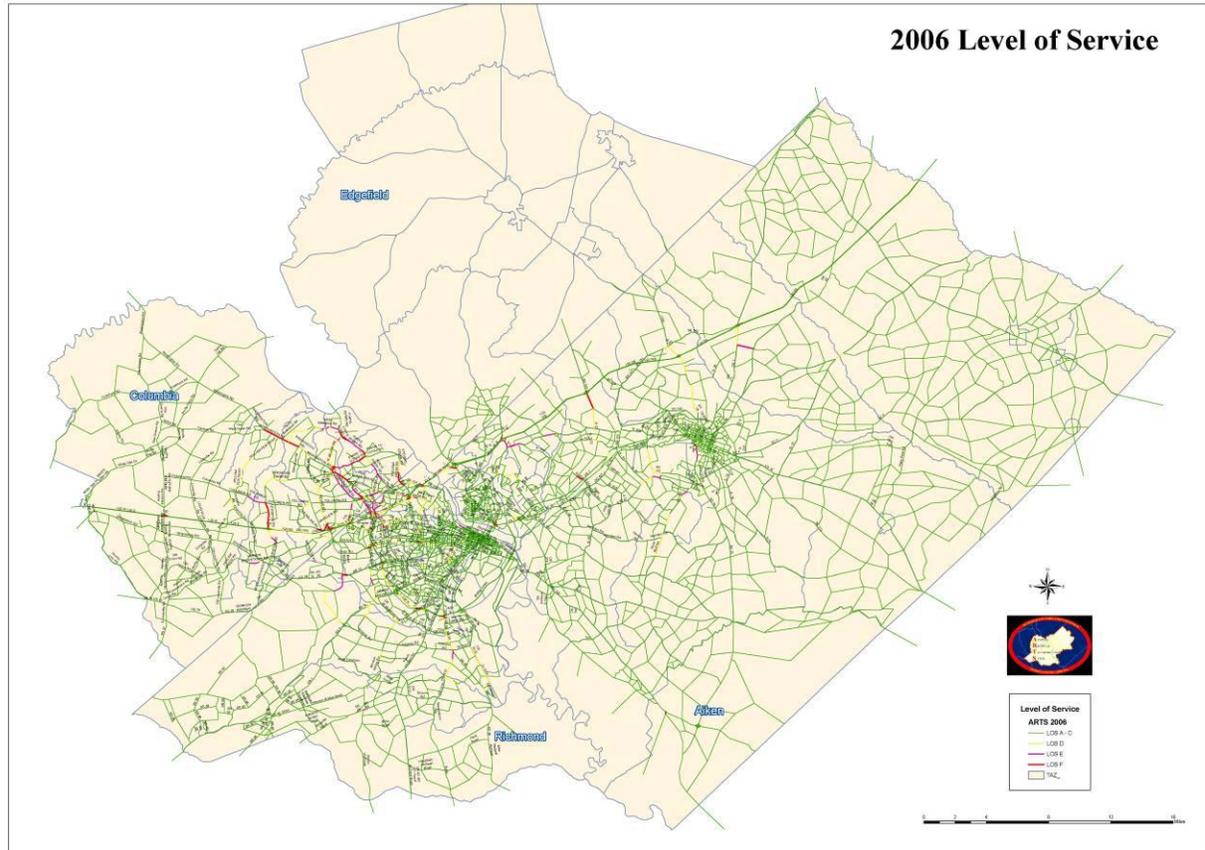


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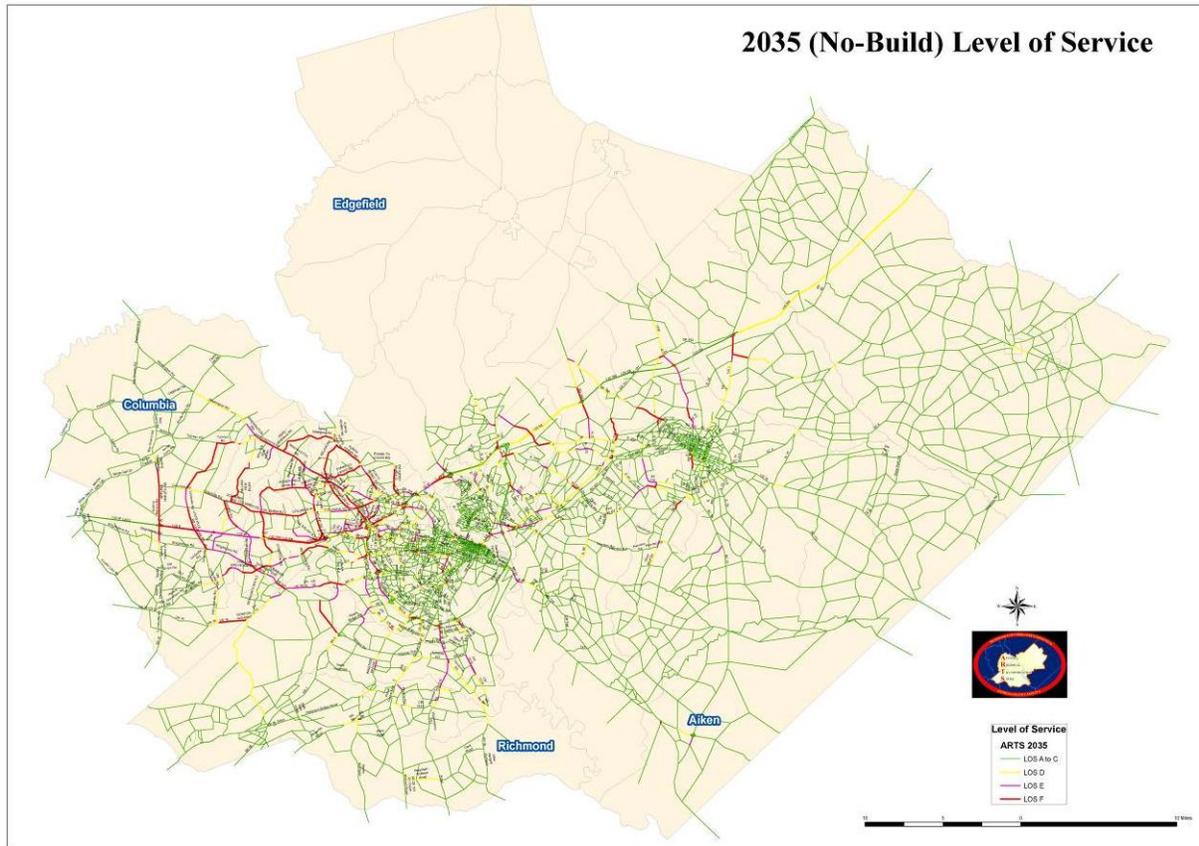


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Public Meeting Maps – Future Year 2035 No-Build Level of Service





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Augusta Regional Transportation Study
2035 Long Range Transportation Plan
Public Participation Meeting
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Public Meeting # 4

Date: July 7, 2010
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Commission Chambers
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Notice of Public Meetings Augusta Regional Transportation Study

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Commission Chambers
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5:00 to 7:00 PM

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530 Greene Street, Augusta, GA 30901
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Public Meeting #4 Email Announcement

The following public meeting announcement was emailed by the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to the ARTS contact list two weeks prior to the meeting.



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More information:

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Augusta-Richmond Planning Commission
(706)-821-1796



Public Meeting #4 Summary

The Augusta-Aiken Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted the fourth public meeting for the 2035 Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on July 7th, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the County Commission Chambers in Evans, Georgia. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the public an overview of the LRTP planning process, update on the multimodal needs in the study area and receive input on potential multimodal transportation improvements in the region. No persons other than staff and consultants attended the meeting.

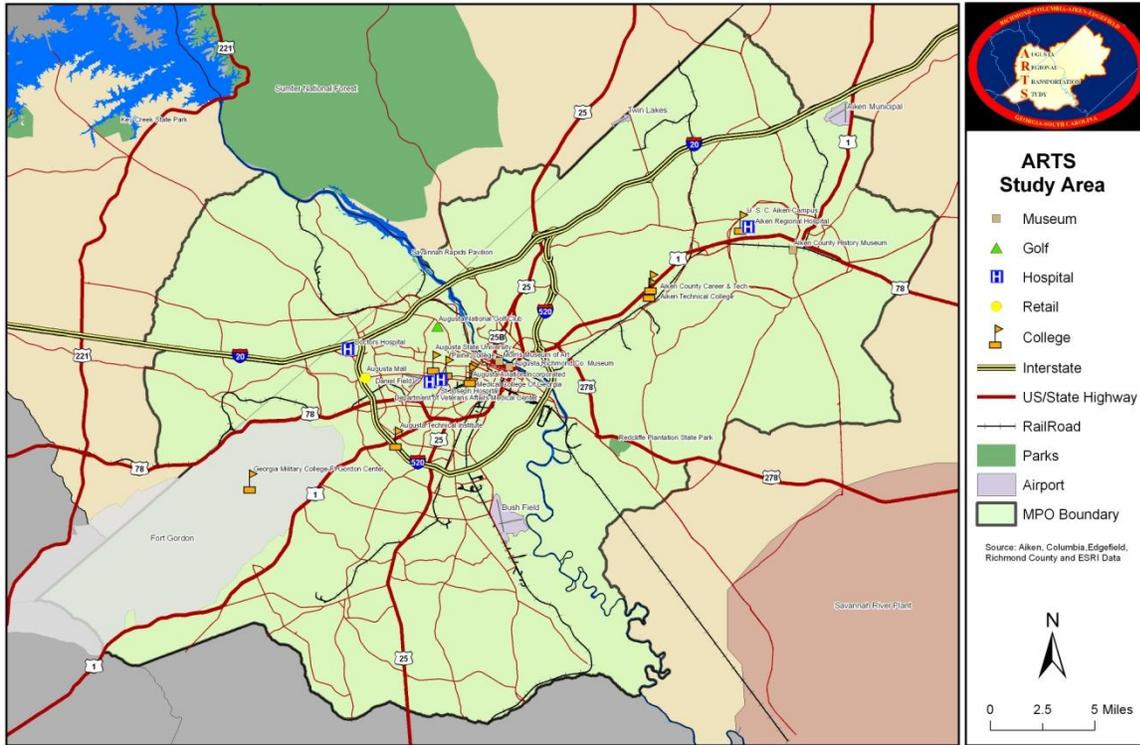
The two hour meeting was designed as an open house format, with boards and maps placed around the meeting room. The boards included the project goals and objectives, a study area map, base year (2006) level of service map, future year (2035) level of service maps, capacity projects map, which are provided at the end of the Summary Report. The public meeting presentation was posted to the MPO website for the public to review.

Questions, Comments and Discussion Items

None

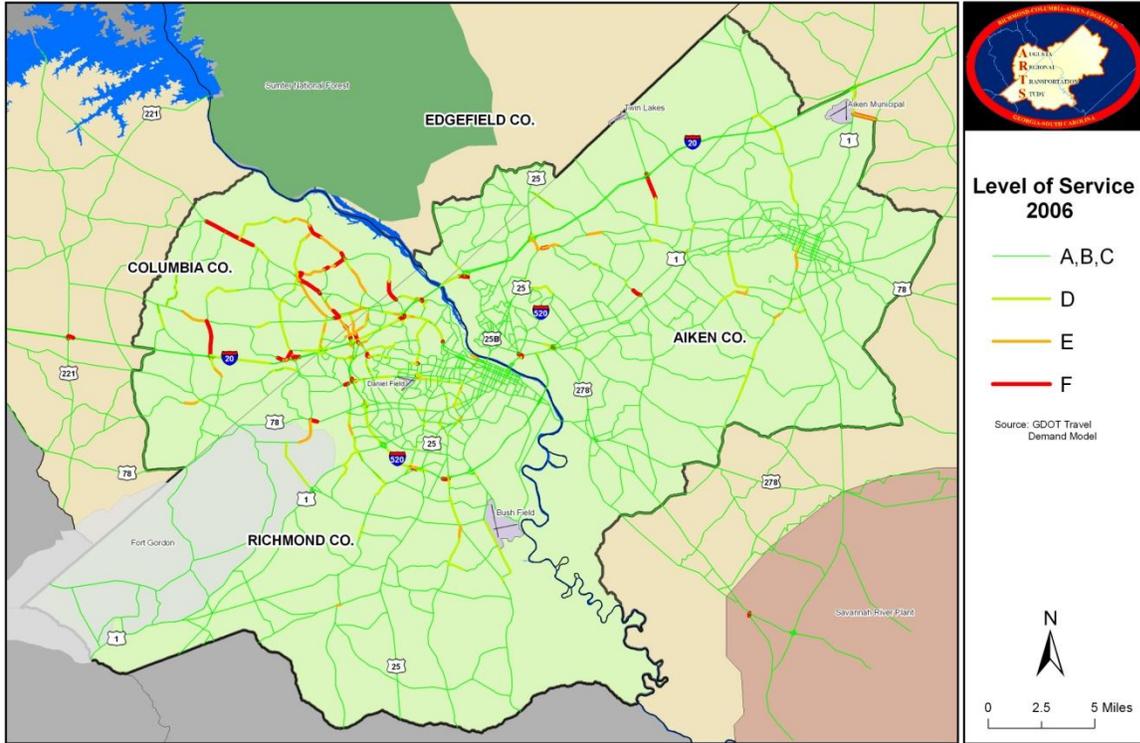


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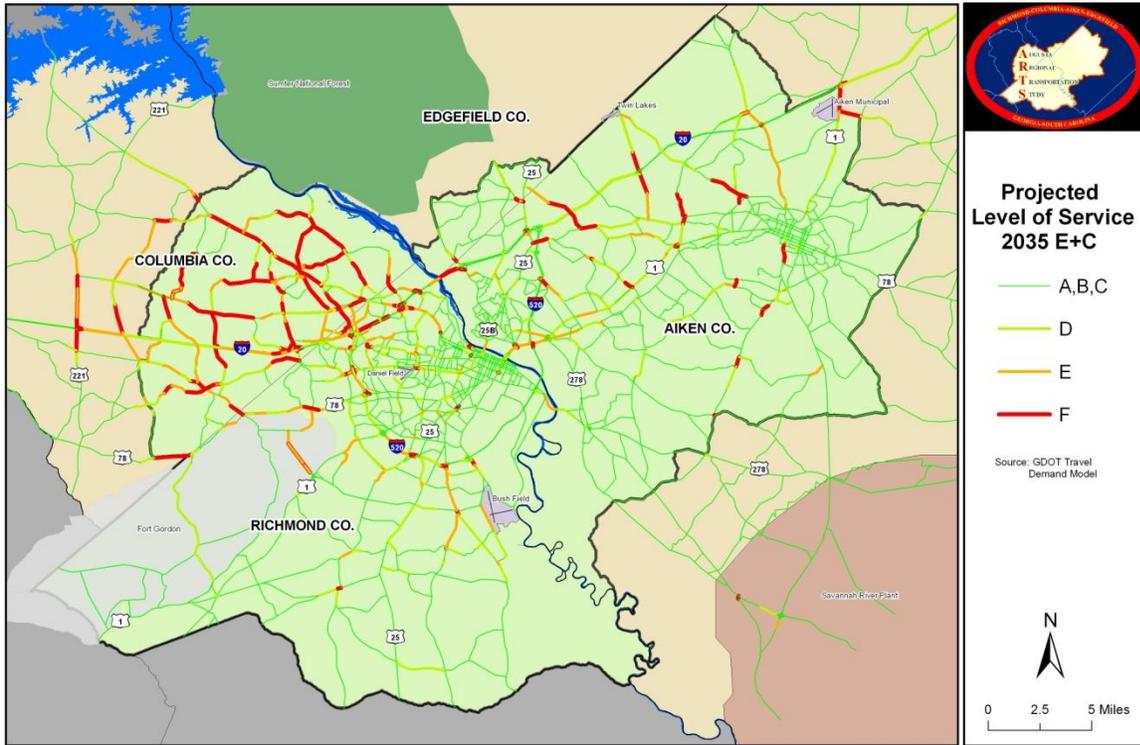


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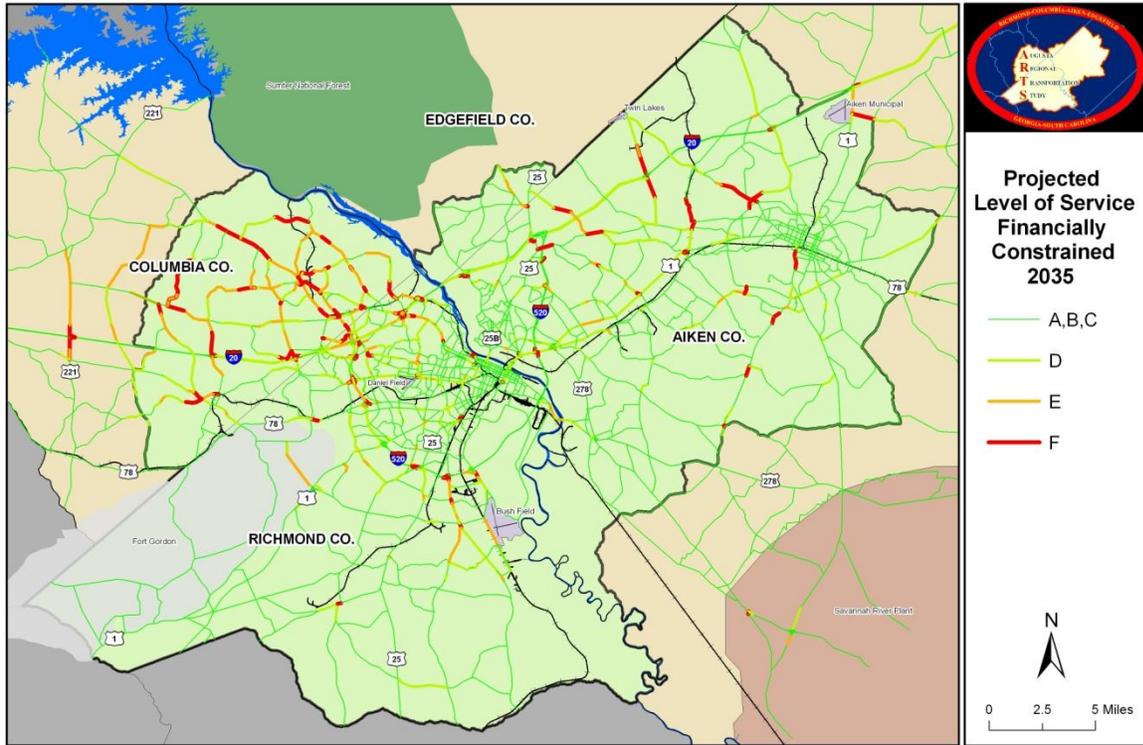


Public Meeting Maps – Future Year 2035 E+C Level of Service



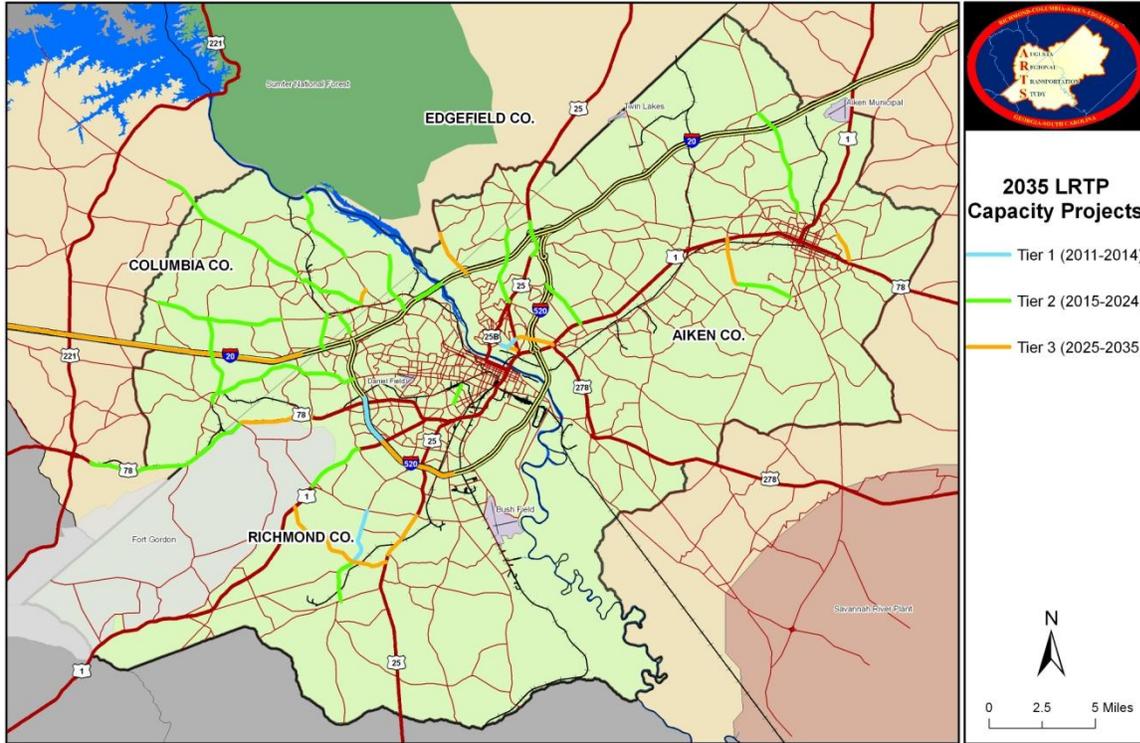


Public Meeting Maps – Future Year 2035 Financially Constrained Level of Service





Public Meeting Maps – Capacity Projects





Sign in Sheet Meeting #4



Augusta Regional Transportation Study
2035 Long Range Transportation Plan
Public Participation Meeting – Columbia County
July 7, 2010

Name	Address	Phone	Email
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Public Meeting # 5

Date: July 14, 2010
Location: Court Room #1
Municipal Government Center
530 Greene Street
Augusta, GA 30901
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Media Advertisements and Announcements

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Public Meeting #5 Email Announcement

The following public meeting announcement was emailed by the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to the ARTS contact list two weeks prior to the meeting.



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Public Meeting #5 Summary

The Augusta-Aiken Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted the fifth public meeting for the 2035 Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on July 14th, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Municipal Government Center in Augusta, Georgia. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the public an overview of the LRTP planning process, update on the multimodal needs in the study area and receive input on potential multimodal transportation improvements in the region. Six persons other than staff and consultants attended the meeting.

Paul DeCamp, AICP, Planning Director for the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Mr. DeCamp provided an overview of the work that has been completed thus far on the ARTS 2035 LRTP and the purpose of this meeting. The two hour meeting was designed as an open house format, with boards and maps placed around the meeting room. The boards included the project goals and objectives, a study area map, base year (2006) level of service map, future year (2035) level of service maps, capacity projects map, which are all provided at the end of the Summary Report. At 5:15 pm a formal presentation was delivered by Steve Brown from Wilbur Smith Associates. The presentation covered the following topics:

- LRTP Update
- Why Do We Plan?
- Population and Employment
- Highway Conditions
- Revenue and Expenditures
- Multimodal Projects
- Questions

The public meeting presentation was posted to the MPO website for the public to review.

Questions, Comments and Discussion Items

- Question: What progress has been made since last LRTP?
 - Answer: Enhanced coordination with Best Friends-transit connection to South Carolina is more seamless. Significant projects-Greenway, I-20/I-520 interchange, I-20 widening, Palmetto Parkway (I-520 in Aiken County)



St. Sebastian Greene Street Extension, Alexander Drive improvements, and Wrightsboro Road right-of-way acquisition.

- Comment: My overall concerns are related to multimodal connectivity:
 - It is difficult to access Daniel Village and Augusta Mall on bicycle.
 - “Bicycle lane to nowhere” on Wheeler Road
- Comment: Access to schools is important. Too many parents driving children to schools.
- Question: What is status of CSX promise to prevent trains from traveling through downtown during peak hour?
 - Answer: There is no clear answer but trains have been witnessed paused until 8:30 am.
- Question: What is the progress on the Butler Creek Multiuse Trail?
 - Answer: ROW acquisition is underway
- Question: What is status of the St. Sebastian Way/Greene Street Extension project to overpass the CSX railway line?
 - Answer: An explanation was provided.
- Comment: We’d like to see more sidewalk connectivity.
 - Answer: Safe Routes to School Program was described as a potential solution.
- Question: Will there be more bicycle lanes on major corridors in particular Wrightsboro Road?
 - Answer: We will continue to add bike lanes as new location and widening projects are conducted.
- Comment: We need to push for alternatives to personal vehicle usage. Maybe issue a plea for action.
- Question: What are the underlying assumptions for recommended projects, specifically air quality concerns? Maybe funding earmarked for capacity projects can be reallocated if non-conformity is determined.
 - Answer: Of course, we did not assume air quality non-conformance. Our assumptions were generated by our study of demographic growth, YOEs based on 4% inflation, GDOT-recommended revenue forecasts, and other appropriate assumptions. The LRTP is a “living document” built upon some flexibility to adapt to changing conditions.



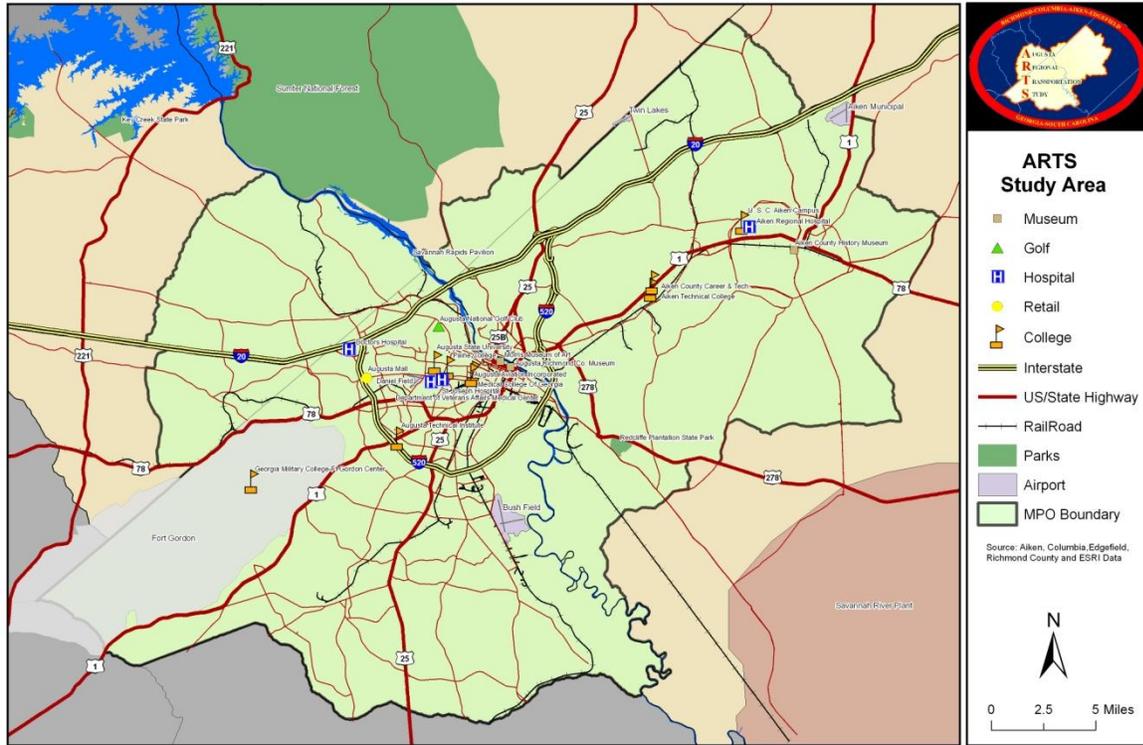
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Paul DeCamp, Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission transportation Director, and Marya Moultrie, Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission Transportation Planner and Project Manager introducing the presentation with local citizens at the August 14, 2010 Public Participation Meeting at Court Room #1 in the Municipal Government Center, Augusta, Georgia.

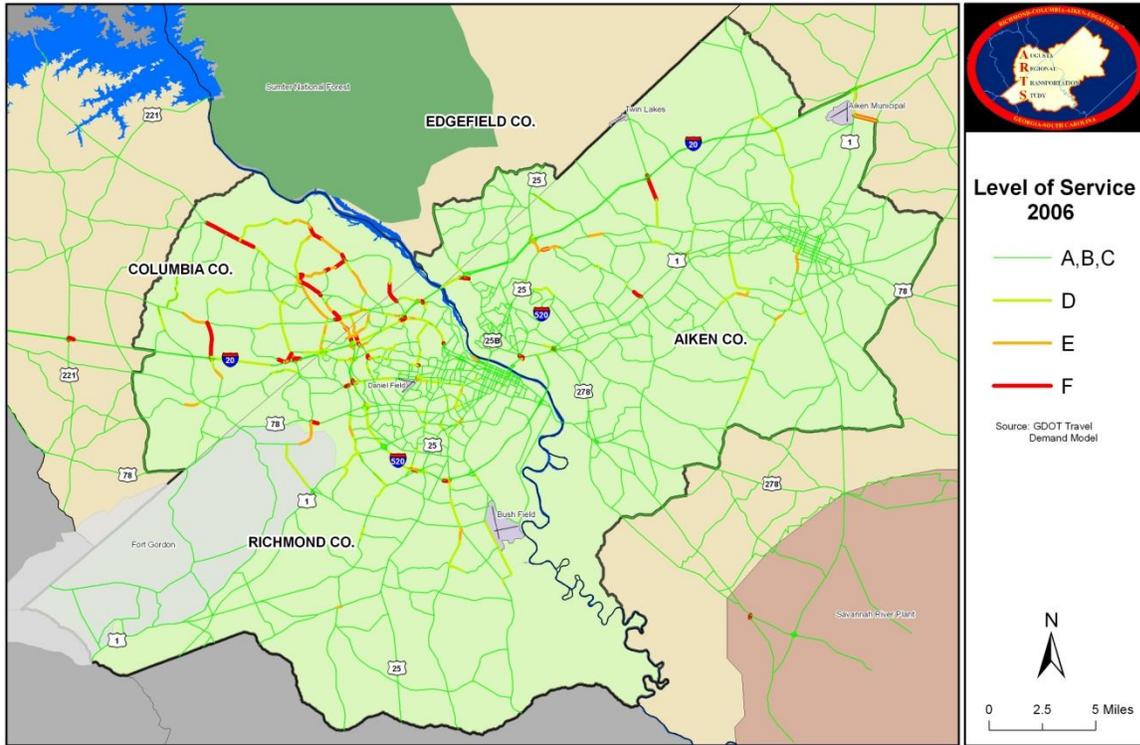


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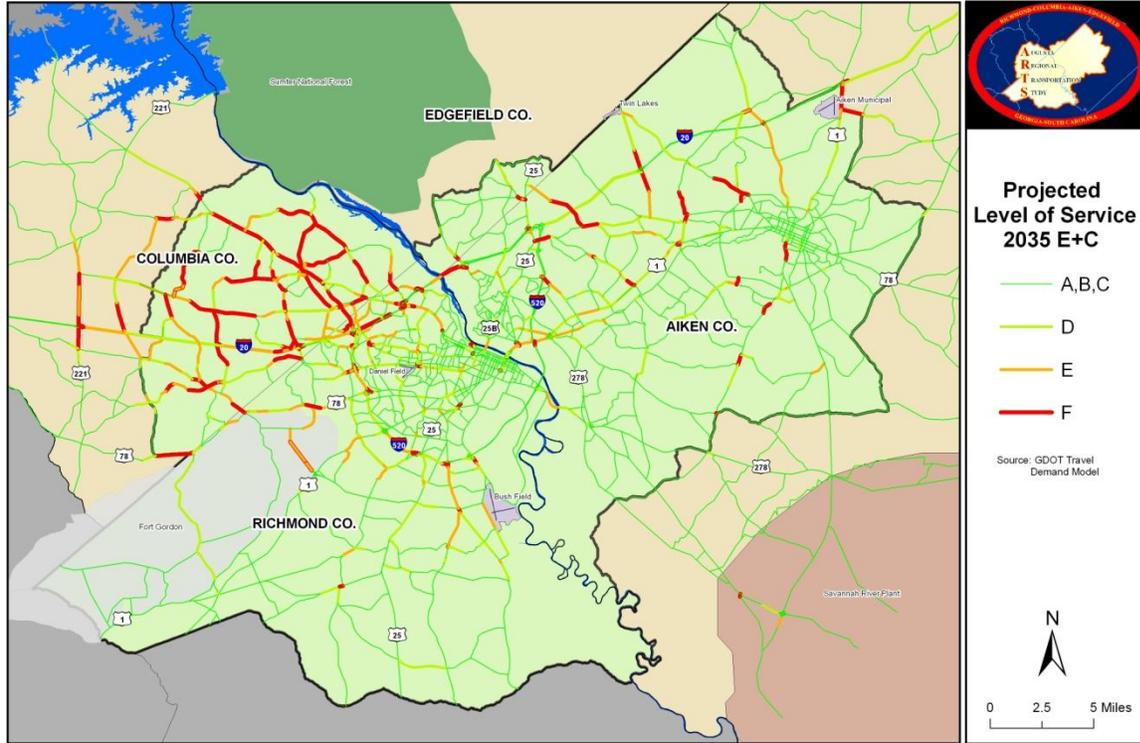


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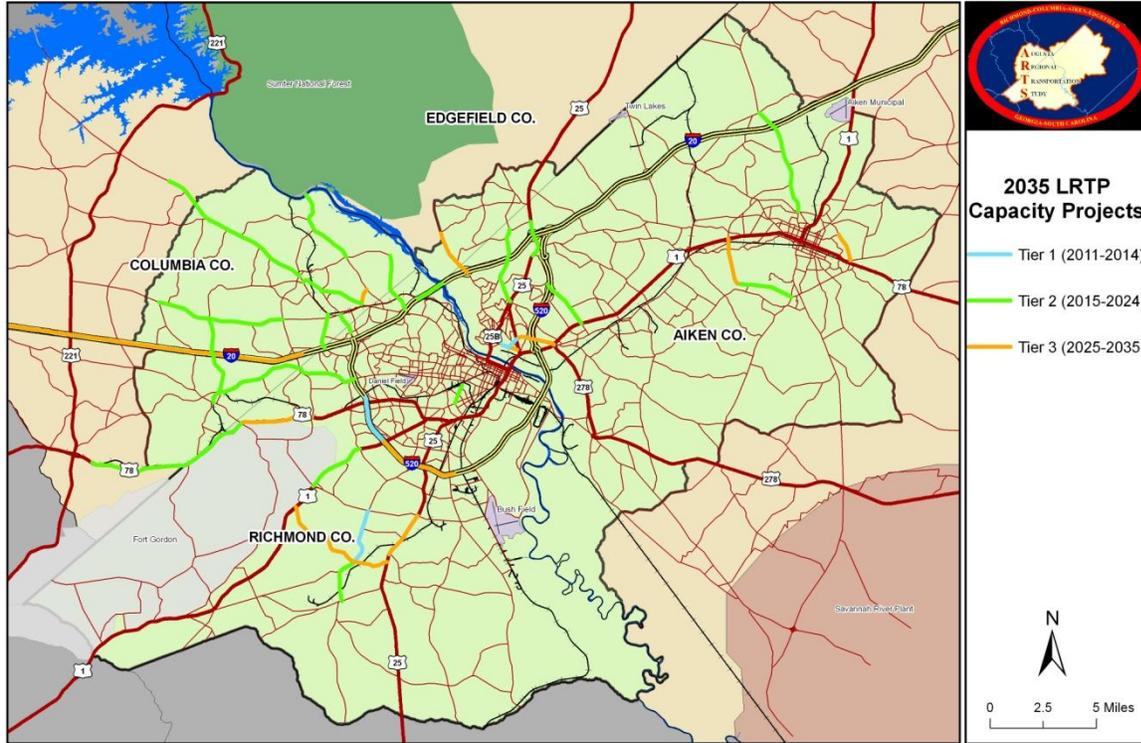


Public Meeting Maps – Future Year 2035 Financially Constrained Level of Service





Public Meeting Maps – Capacity Projects





Public Meeting#5 Sign-in-Sheet



Augusta Regional Transportation Study
2035 Long Range Transportation Plan
Public Participation Meeting – Augusta-Richmond County
July 14, 2010

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Sean Frantom			seanfrantom@gmail.com
Gerald K. Jefferson	Aiken County Govt.	803-642-1520 803-642-1520	



Public Meeting # 6

Date: July 15, 2010
Location: City of Aiken Municipal Building
Conference Center
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Public Meeting #6 Email Announcement

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Public Meeting #6 Summary

The Augusta-Aiken Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted the sixth public meeting for the 2035 Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on July 15th, from 5:00 to 7:00 at the Aiken County Municipal Building Conference Center in Aiken, SC. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the public an overview of the LRTP planning process, update on the multimodal needs in the study area and receive input on potential multimodal transportation improvements in the region. No local citizens attended the meeting, but representatives from Best Friends Express (Aiken County transit provider), Aiken County, and the MPO attended the meeting.

The two hour meeting was designed as an open house format, with boards and maps placed around the meeting room. A total of five people attended the meeting. The boards included the project goals and objectives, a study area map, base year (2006) level of service map, future year (2035) level of service maps, capacity projects map, which are all provided at the end of the Summary Report. The agenda covered the following topics:

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- Multimodal Projects
- Questions

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Questions, Comments and Discussion Items

- None



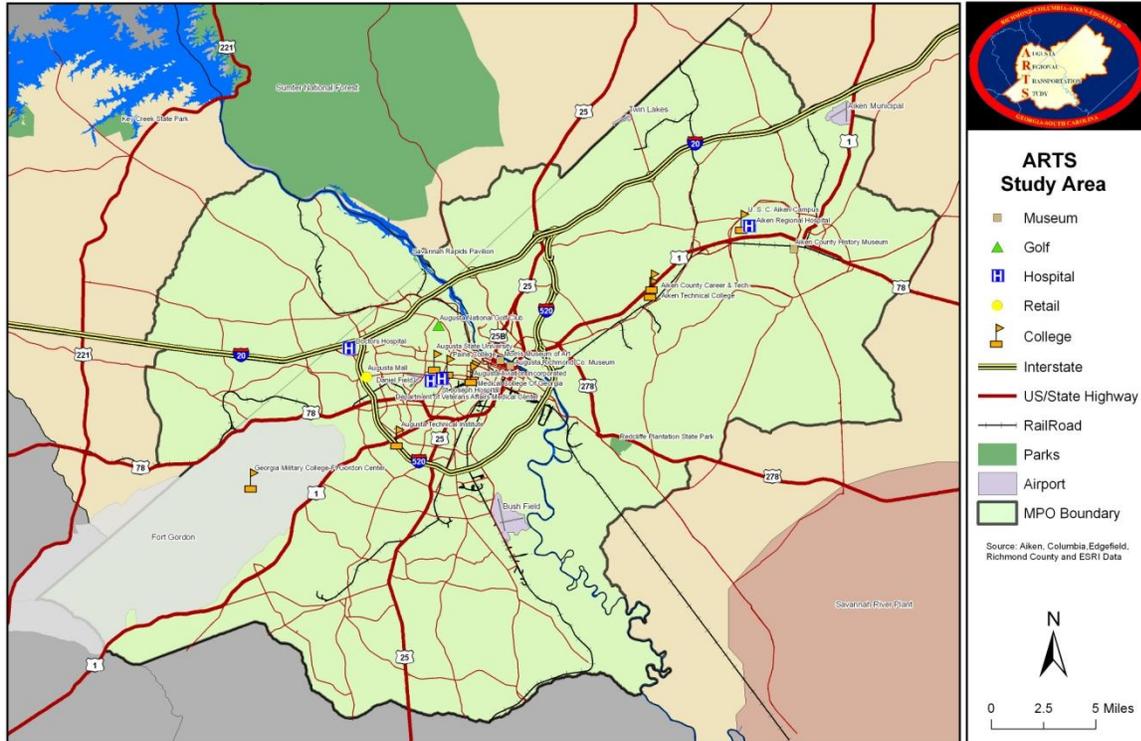
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Gerald Jefferson, Aiken County Transportation Planner, reviewing the ARTS 2035 LRTP goals and objectives during the August 15, 2010 Public Participation Meeting in Aiken County.

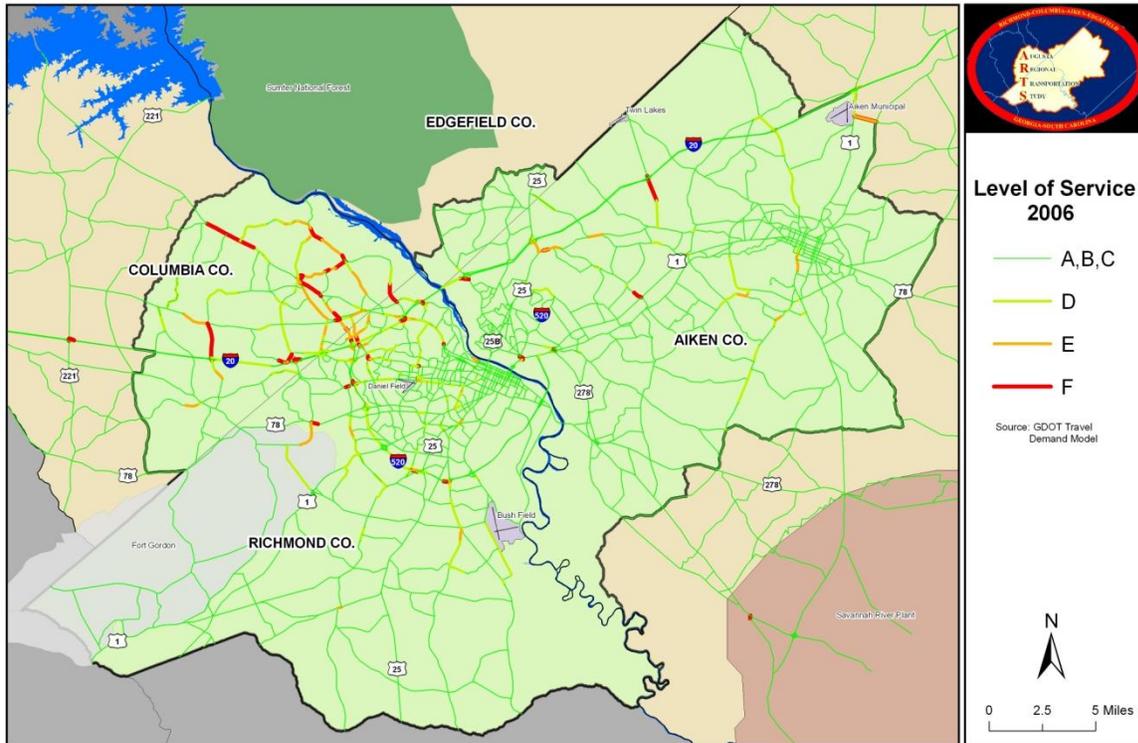


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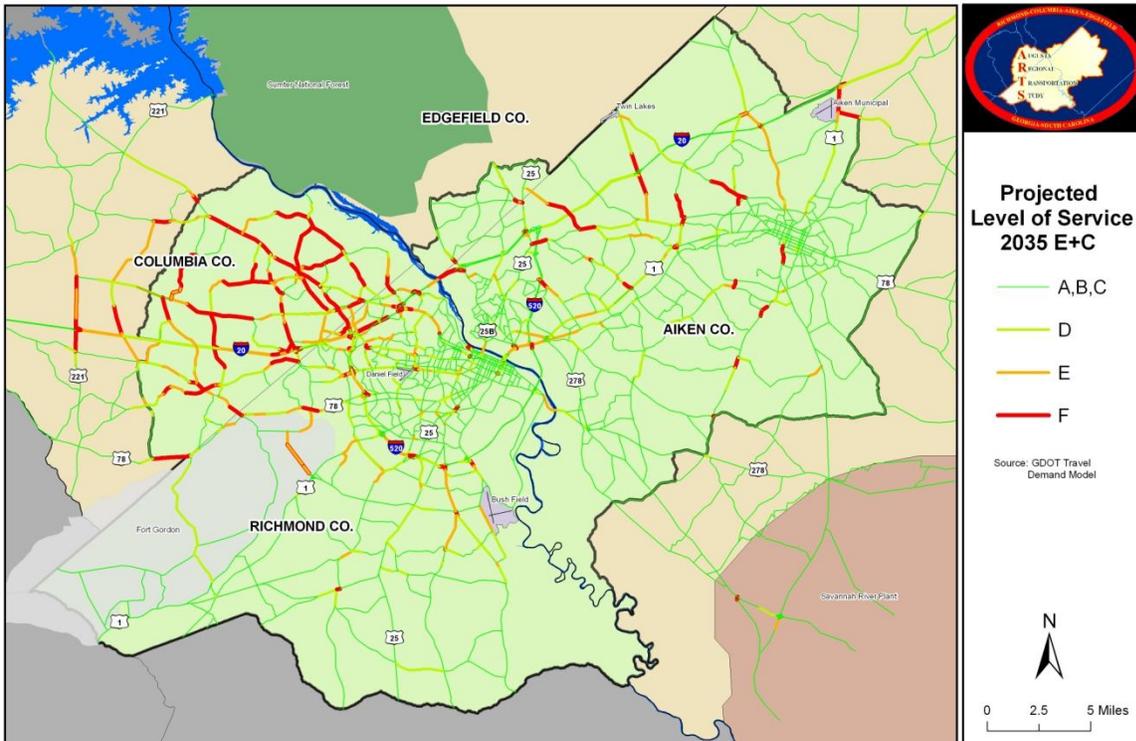


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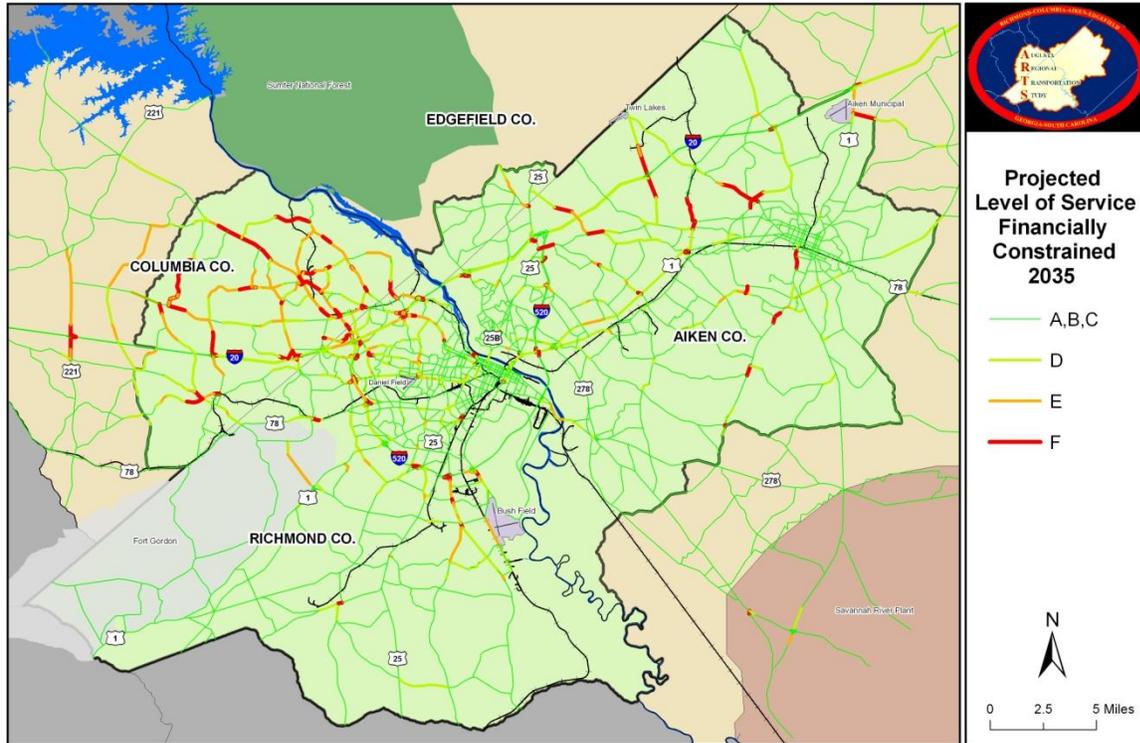


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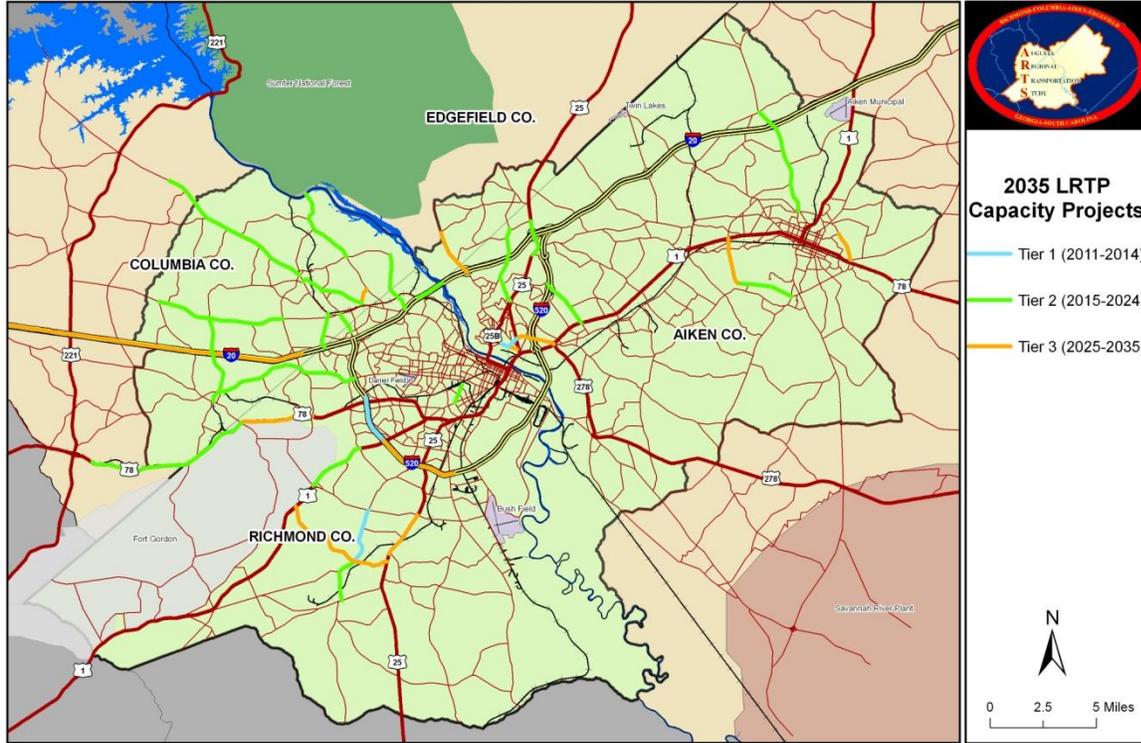


Public Meeting Maps – Future Year 2035 Financially Constrained Level of Service





Public Meeting Maps – Capacity Projects





Public Meeting#6 Sign-in-Sheet



Augusta Regional Transportation Study
2035 Long Range Transportation Plan
Public Participation Meeting – Aiken County
July 15, 2010

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Environmental Justice Meeting # 1

Date: December 15, 2009
Location: Smith Hazel Community Center (Meeting Room #1)
Council Chambers
400 Kershaw Street NE
Aiken, South Carolina 29801
Time: 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Environmental Justice Meeting #1 Email Announcement

The Environmental Justice meeting announcement (shown on next two pages) was emailed to the following individuals on December 3rd and December 14th:

1. Sammie Sias, Richmond County Neighborhood Alliance
2. Earnest "Ernie" Smith
3. Richard C. Church, Executive Director, Aiken County Habitat for Humanity
4. Reginal B. Barner, CEO, Community Development & Improvement Corporation
5. Orrin Saulsby, Director of Housing and Section 8 Operations
6. Ivory N. Mathews, Acting CEO, Aiken Housing Authority
7. Scott Murphy, Executive Director, Council on Aging
8. Betty Giles, Smith Hazel Center
9. Betty Myers, President, Toole Hill Neighborhood Association
10. Lilly Nance, Crosland Park Resident



Carroll, Jeffrey A.

Subject: ARTS 2035 LRTP - Aiken Meeting
Location: Smith Hazel Community Center (Meeting Room #1) Aiken, SC

Start: Tue 12/15/2009 1:30 PM
End: Tue 12/15/2009 3:00 PM
Show Time As: Out of Office

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Required Attendees: Carroll, Jeffrey A.; 'sgmsias98@comcast.net'; 'habitataiken@bellsouth.net'; 'rbarner@aikenhousing.org'; 'osaulsby@aikenhousing.org'; 'imathews@aikenhousing.org'; 'skmurphy@gforcecable.com'; 'bettymyers12@yahoo.com'; 'anilide@msn.com'; Marya R. Moultrie; Paul DeCamp; Lynn Russell; Sandra Korbelik

Optional Attendees: Ivory Mathews; Orrin Saulsby

***** **Meeting Announcement*******

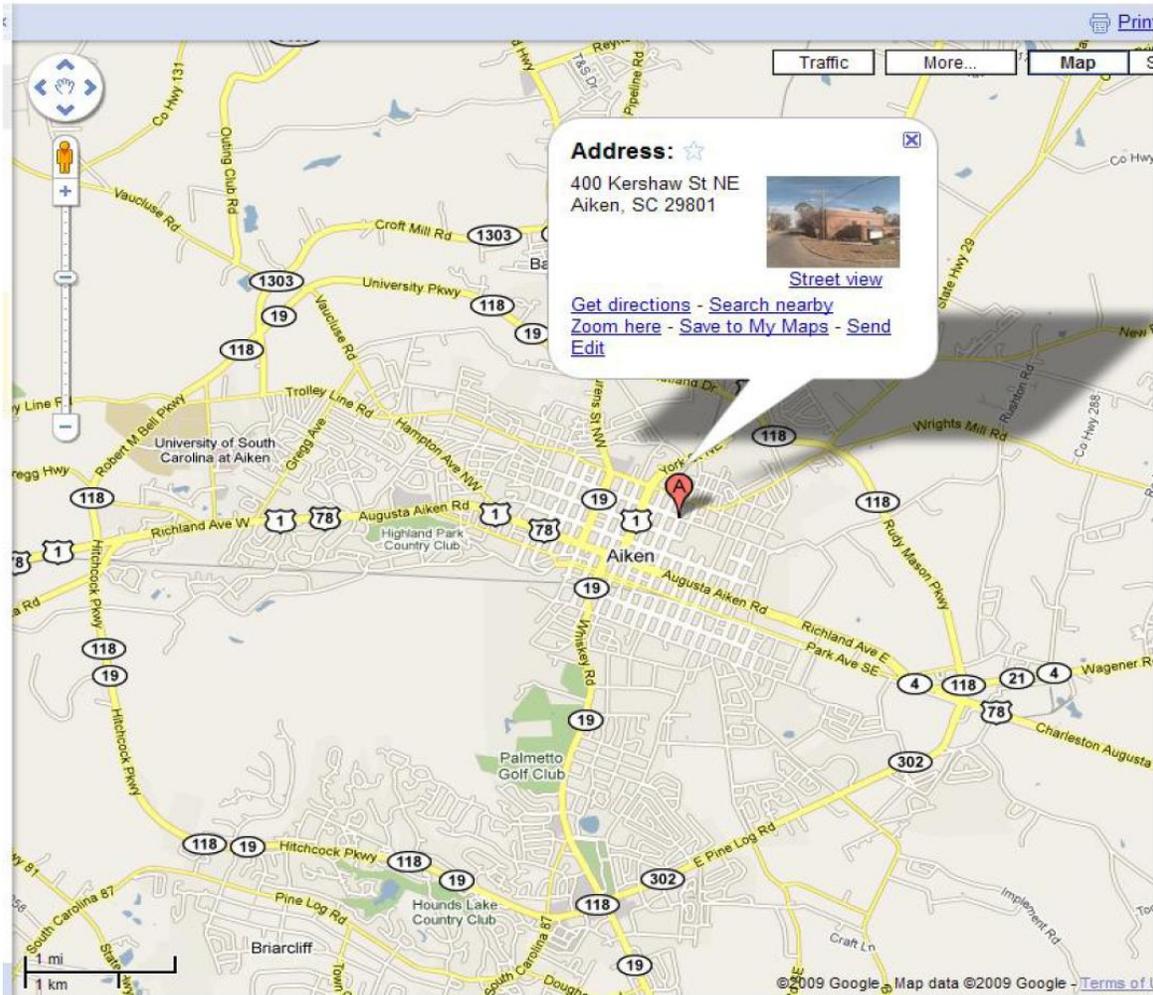
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We are planning to meet as a group on December 15th, so we can talk about multimodal transportation goals, issues, and needs in the region. If you are unable to attend, please forward this email to others (copy me) to ensure we have a good turn out.

Please select “Accept”, “Decline” or “Tentative” to RSVP to this meeting.

Meeting Information

Tuesday, December 15, 2009
1:30-3:30 p.m.
Smith Hazel Community Center (Meeting Room #1)
400 Kershaw Street NE in Aiken, South Carolina, 29801
Phone number is (803)642-7635.



If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,
Jeff

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Environmental Justice Meeting #1 Summary

The Augusta-Aiken Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted the first EJ meeting for the 2035 Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on December 15, 2009, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Smith Hazel Community Center in Aiken, South Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for low-income and minority populations an overview of the planning process and receive feedback from the low-income and minority residents about the draft 2035 LRTP Goals and Objectives and multimodal transportation needs in the region. There were three attendees to the meeting.

The ARTS staff and members of the Wilbur Smith Associates consultant team facilitated the meeting. The two hour meeting was designed to provide information about the 2035 LRTP process and to receive input on multimodal transportation needs in the ARTS area. Jeff Carroll, the Wilbur Smith Associates Project Manager, provided and discussed the following handout that was provided to the attendees:





Agenda

- LRTP Process
- Goals and Objectives
- Discuss Needs
- Comments and Questions

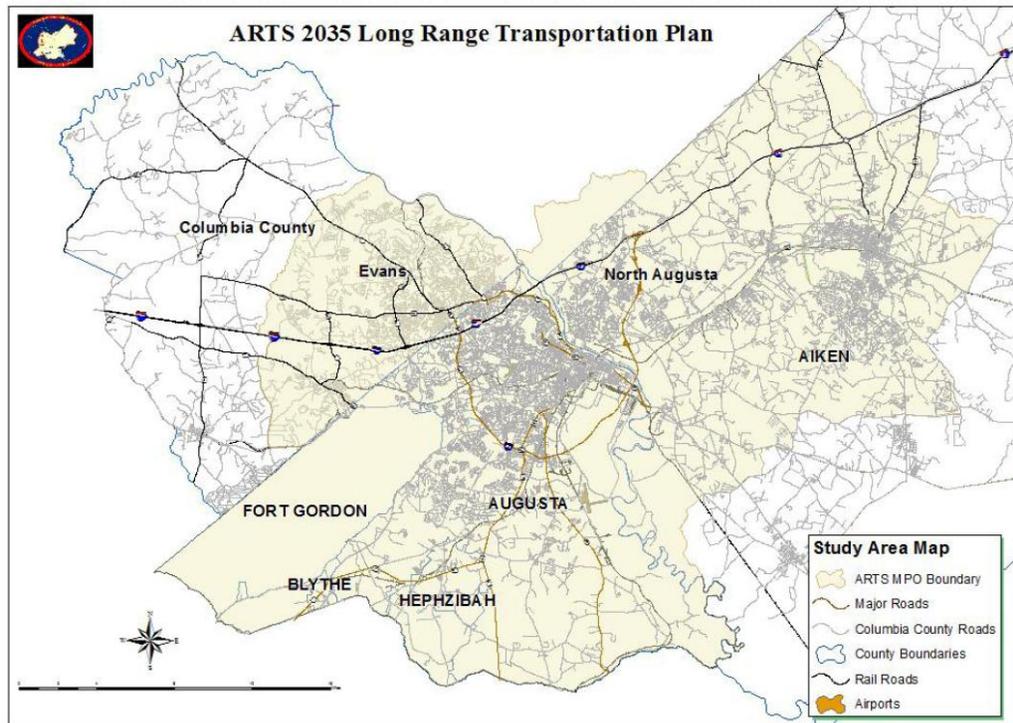


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LRTP Process



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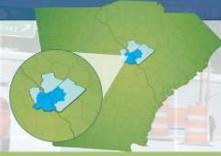
ARTS 2035 LRTP Goals and Objectives

GOAL 1: Develop a Transportation System Integrated with Planned Land Use

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Promote orderly development of the region by providing transportation services to those areas where growth is planned.
- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Discourage development in conservation or preservation areas by limiting access to those areas.
- **OBJECTIVE 3:** Promote revitalization of the urban core through improved accessibility.
- **OBJECTIVE 4:** Promote redevelopment of the urban fringe through improved accessibility.



ARTS 2035 LRTP Goals and Objectives



GOAL 2: Develop a Transportation System that is Financially and Politically Feasible and has Broad Support

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Provide a financially balanced plan based on realistic funding availability and opportunities.
- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Provide a plan that works to preserve existing facilities and operate them more efficiently.
- **OBJECTIVE 3:** Prepare a plan where total benefits exceed costs.
- **OBJECTIVE 4:** Provide a plan that includes public participation from all groups, with special emphasis in reaching environmental justice populations.

ARTS 2035 LRTP Goals and Objectives



GOAL 3: Develop a Transportation System that will allow Effective Mobility Throughout the Region and Provide Efficient Movement of Persons and Goods

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Provide a plan that works to relieve congestion and prevent it in the future.
- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Provide a transportation plan that realizes the importance of public transportation as a viable option in meeting daily travel needs.
- **OBJECTIVE 3:** Provide a plan which positions public transportation as a viable alternative to single occupant vehicles, through routing and scheduling changes and other system improvements.
- **OBJECTIVE 4:** Provide a plan which addresses consideration of non-motorized modes such as bicycles and pedestrians.
- **OBJECTIVE 5:** Provide a plan which addresses the needs of intermodal movement of goods via rail and truck.



ARTS 2035 LRTP Goals and Objectives

GOAL 4: Develop a Transportation System that will Enhance the Economic, Social, and Environmental Fabric of the Area, Using Resources Wisely While Minimizing Adverse Impacts

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Provide a plan that increases job accessibility through improved transportation systems.
- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Provide a plan that ensures that new transportation facilities result in disruption or displacement of residential or commercial areas only when the benefits to the community at large outweigh the costs and where no viable alternative exists.
- **OBJECTIVE 3:** Provide a plan that works to ensure that transportation facilities avoid historic areas and structures, and other environmentally sensitive areas, while providing access when desired.
- **OBJECTIVE 4:** Provide a plan to enhance the appearance of transportation facilities whenever possible.
- **OBJECTIVE 5:** Provide a plan that reduces mobile emissions and meets air quality standards.

ARTS 2035 LRTP Goals and Objectives

GOAL 5: Promote efficient land use and development patterns to improve safety and economic vitality to meet existing and future multimodal transportation needs.

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Promote the concentration of future employment and other activity centers along existing and planned major travel corridors.
- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Protect adequate rights-of-way in newly developing and redeveloping areas for pedestrian, bicycle, transit and roadway facilities.
- **OBJECTIVE 3:** Promote new developments that provide efficient, balanced movement of pedestrians, bicyclists, buses and motor vehicles within, to and through the area.



ARTS 2035 LRTP Goals and Objectives



GOAL 6: Increase the safety and security of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users.

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Identify policies, plans, and transportation improvements that address unsafe designs and conditions to increase safety for users.
- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Develop and maintain a transportation system that provides increased security for all of its users.



GOAL 7: Continue to develop a multimodal transportation network that utilizes strategies for addressing congestion management and air quality issues in the ARTS region.

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Promote street networks that reduce travel delays in accordance with the guidelines in the ARTS Congestion Management Plan.
- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Encourage strategies that reduce mobile source emissions in an effort to improve air quality.
- **OBJECTIVE 3:** Continue to implement and promote strategies and policies such as system preservation, access management, managed lanes, travel demand management, mass transit, complete streets, and alternative transportation to improve congestion conditions.
- **OBJECTIVE 4:** Make the best use of existing transportation facilities by implementing measures that actively manage and integrate systems, improve traffic operations and safety, provide accurate real-time information and reduce the demand for single-occupant motor vehicle travel.



Questions, Comments and Discussion Items

- Ms. Betty Myers noted that she would provide the meeting handout information to Ms. Cynthia Mitchell, City of Aiken Planning Department, 803-642-7780.
- Ms. Myers also noted that we need to provide Weldon Wyatt, a local developer, information about the 2035 LRTP.
- Ms. Myers noted that public transportation is not convenient in the City of Aiken.
- Ms. Myers noted public transportation improvements need to include extending service to the northside area of the City of Aiken to provide service throughout the ARTS area and specifically service to the Medical College of Georgia and the Veterans Hospital, both of which are in Augusta-Richmond County and served by Augusta Public Transit (APT).
- Ms. Myers noted that bus shelter need to be provided at current and future bus stops.
- Mr. Sammie Sias noted that a process needs to be developed that connects local connector and neighborhood streets to main streets and he provided these examples:
 - We need to find a way to connect Tobacco Road to Deans Bridge Road in Augusta-Richmond County.
 - Potential solution would include providing neighborhood public transportation circulation service to the neighborhoods along and within local neighborhood roads that would connect to main roads where existing public transit service has fixed routes bus stops. This service could be provided during AM and PM peak periods.
 - The young and old in these neighborhoods need public transportation service from their neighborhoods to gain access to the public transportation system.
- Mr. Sias also noted that the transportation system used by the Richmond County Board of Education could serve as a model for APT to use in providing connections between neighborhoods and the APT fixed routes.
- Ms. Myers noted that we should reach out to 2nd Baptist Church and Friendship Baptist Church.
- Ms. Myers noted that trees need to be trimmed along many roadways in the City of Aiken, especially at Richland Street and Morgan Street.
- The participants all agreed that the following intersections needed improvements:
 - Hampton Street and Laurens Street



- York Street and the minimal room available for left turning movements
 - Beaufort Street and Richland Avenue
- Mr. Sias noted that bike trails should be constructed around existing and planned water treatment plants.



Environmental Justice Meeting #1 Handout – Dollar Distribution by Mode

Each participant was given the following handout and asked to provide their input:



If you had \$100, how would you spend it?

	Mode	Amount
	Highway	\$_____
	Transit	\$_____
	Bike	\$_____
	Ped	\$_____

Comments:



- Ms. Myers noted the following:
 - 0% Highways Improvements
 - 100% Public Transportation Improvements
 - 0% Bicycle Improvements
 - 0% Pedestrian Improvements
- Mr. Sias noted the following:
 - 55% Highways Improvements
 - 30% Public Transportation Improvements
 - 0% Bicycle Improvements
 - 15% Pedestrian Improvements
- Ms. Mattie Bush noted the following:
 - 20% Highways Improvements
 - 80% Public Transportation Improvements
 - 0% Bicycle Improvements
 - 15% Pedestrian Improvements

2035 LRTP Survey

A nine-page 23 question survey was provided to all public meeting participants. The participants were also given additional copies of the survey to handout to other local citizens in the area. Ms. Myers noted that she would coordinate with the other neighborhood association presidents in the City of Aiken to distribute the survey. Mr. Sias requested 50 hard copies of the survey and MPO staff provided him these copies. Arrangements will be made to collect the completed surveys. Once the hard copy surveys are collected, the consultant team will enter the responses into the on-line survey. Each participant was provided a hard copy of the following survey announcement and on December 16, 2009 they received the announcement via email.



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Environmental Justice Meeting #1 Sign-in-Sheet



Augusta Regional Transportation Study
2035 Long Range Transportation Plan
Environmental Justice Meeting
December 15, 2009

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Environmental Justice Meeting # 2

Date: March 16, 2010
Location: Carrie J. Mays Family Life Center
1014 11th Avenue,
Augusta, GA 30901
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Media Advertisements and Announcements

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You are invited to attend the next meeting to be held on:

Tuesday March 16, 2010
Carrie J. Mays Family Life Center
1014 11th Avenue
Augusta, Georgia 30901
5:00 to 7:00 pm

A formal presentation will be given at 6:00 to update the public on the planning process and to solicit needs that must be addressed.

Please come and share your ideas or concerns about transportation and help to shape our region's highway, transit, bicycle and pedestrian transportation systems. For more information, contact: Marya Moultrie at the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission, at (706) 821-1796 or mmoultrie@augustaga.gov



EJ Meeting #2 Email Announcement

The following EJ meeting announcement was emailed to the ARTS contact list two weeks prior to the meeting.

Public Meeting Notice



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EJ Meeting #2 Summary

The Augusta-Aiken Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted the second Environmental Justice meeting for the 2035 Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on March 16th, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Carrie J. Mays Family Life Center in Augusta, Georgia. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the public an overview of the LRTP planning process, update on the multimodal needs in the study area and receive input on potential multimodal transportation improvements in the region. There were 10 attendees to the meeting consisting of citizens and local officials.

Paul DeCamp, AICP, Planning Director for the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Mr. DeCamp provided an overview of the work that has been completed thus far on the ARTS 2035 LRTP and the purpose of this meeting. The two hour meeting was designed as an open house format, with boards and maps placed around the meeting room. The boards included a study area map, base year (2006) level of service map, and the 2035 (no-build) level of service map, which are all provided at the end of the Summary Report. At 5:15 pm a formal presentation was delivered by Steve Brown from Wilbur Smith Associates. The presentation covered the following topics:

- LRTP Update
- LRTP Survey
- Growth
- Highway Conditions and Needs
 - 2006 – Base Year
 - 2035 – Future No-Build
- Public Transportation Needs and Vision
- Bike and Pedestrian Needs
- Comments and Questions



Questions, Comments and Discussion Items

- Comment: Need a Fort Gordon transit route.
- Question: Are the forecasts politically influenced?
 - Answer: Forecasts are scientifically prepared based on adopted land use and comprehensive plans as well as historical research.
- Question: Does Augusta have any designated complete streets?
 - There is no designation of complete streets-it is just a policy framework to ensure the right of way's use among as many modes as possible.
- Comment: Pedestrian area behind Reynolds Street near the Riverwalk would be a good location for a complete street. It would provide an excellent community area for all Augusta citizens.
- Question: How do we get more sidewalks to fill the gaps?
 - Answer: It is an item for the capital improvements budget plus Augusta has development regulations that ensure sidewalk along the street frontage of new developments. Can't retrofit if lots are already developed unless there is an application for rezoning.
- Comment: A good revenue source is sales tax.
- Question: What is the process for adoption of the LRTP? Does the City have to approve?
 - Answer: The ARTS 2035 LRTP will be adopted through the MPO committees and ultimately the Policy Committee made up of local elected officials in the study area.
- Question: What about Burke County, it's growing?
 - Answer: Yes, but it is not part of the ARTS urbanized study area. However, most of the major roadways entering Burke County have been improved and can accommodate future growth. (US 25 and SR 56 for example).
- Comment: We'd like to see more retail along Old Savannah Road
- Question: Will there be more grade separated rail crossings?
 - Answer: Paul DeCamp pointed out 15th St and Walton Way as part of the rail relocation efforts. No promise regarding improvements because of the cost and the railroad was here first.
- Question: When can we expect weekend transit service and service to Carrie Mays Center?
 - Answer: Juriah Lewis gave a comprehensive answer with reasons why there is no Sunday service. He also pointed out the availability of



paratransit demand response service and suggested that the Parks Department would be the appropriate agency for van service to the park.

2035 LRTP Survey

A nine page 23 question survey was provided to all public meeting participants. It was noted during the meeting that the same survey is on-line, each participant was encouraged to provide comments and take extra surveys for family and friends. Five surveys were completed during the course of the evening.

Embedded Email Announcement

The graphic is a vertical banner with a blue background on the left and a white background on the right. At the top, a blue box contains the text 'Tomorrow's Transportation Improvements Begin Here!' in white. Below this is the Augusta Regional Transportation Study logo. A red horizontal line separates the logo from the text 'your comments matter' in blue. Another red horizontal line follows. Below that, the text 'The Augusta-Richmond Planning Commission, which serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Augusta-Aiken urbanized area, is in the process of developing the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.' is displayed. This is followed by 'Please take a few minutes to complete an on-line survey. Click the link below to access the survey.' and the URL 'http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YGJNBC9'. At the bottom, a red box contains the 'WilburSmith ASSOCIATES' logo in white.

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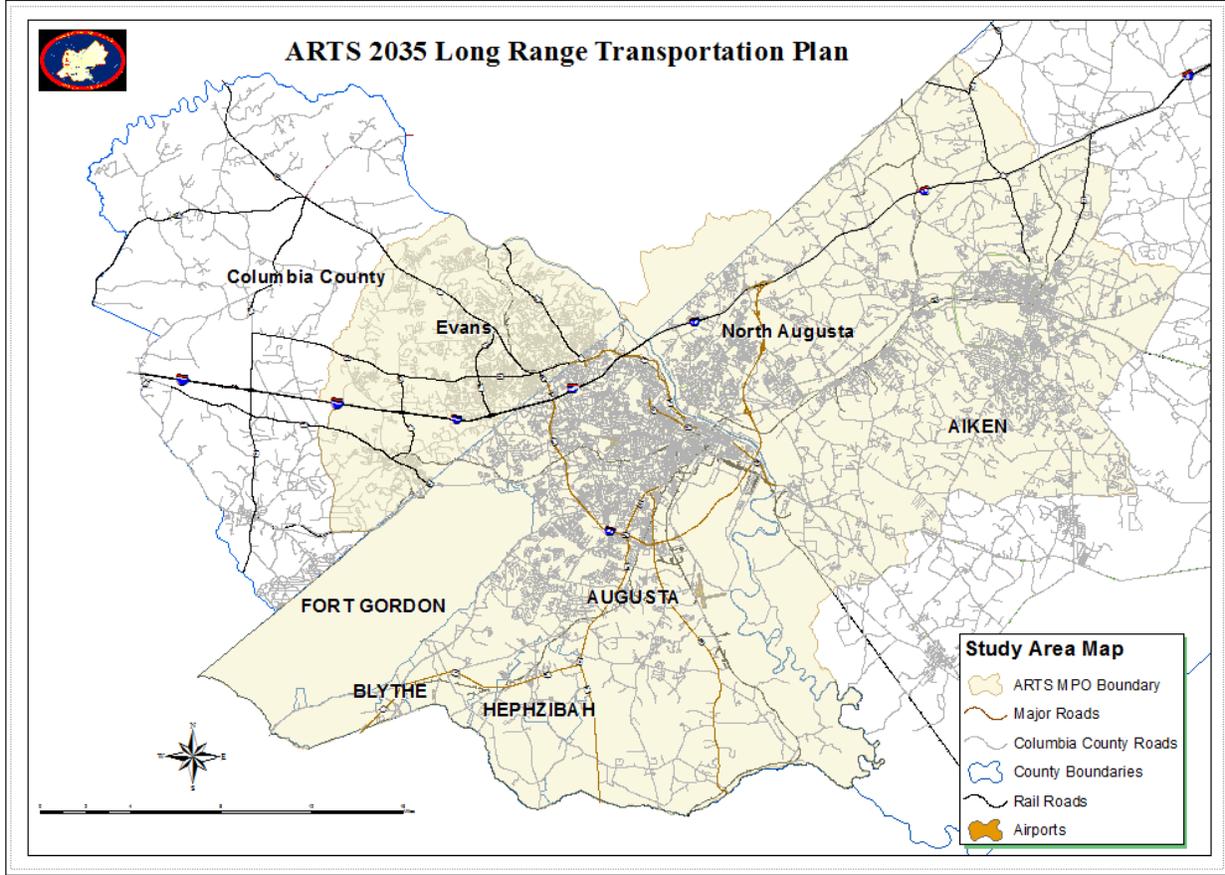
Paul DeCamp, Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission Planning Director, introducing the presentation with local citizens at the March 16, 2010 EJ Meeting in Augusta, Georgia.



Crowd gathering in anticipation of the March 16, 2010 Public Participation Meeting at the Carrie J. Mays Family Life Center in Augusta, Georgia.

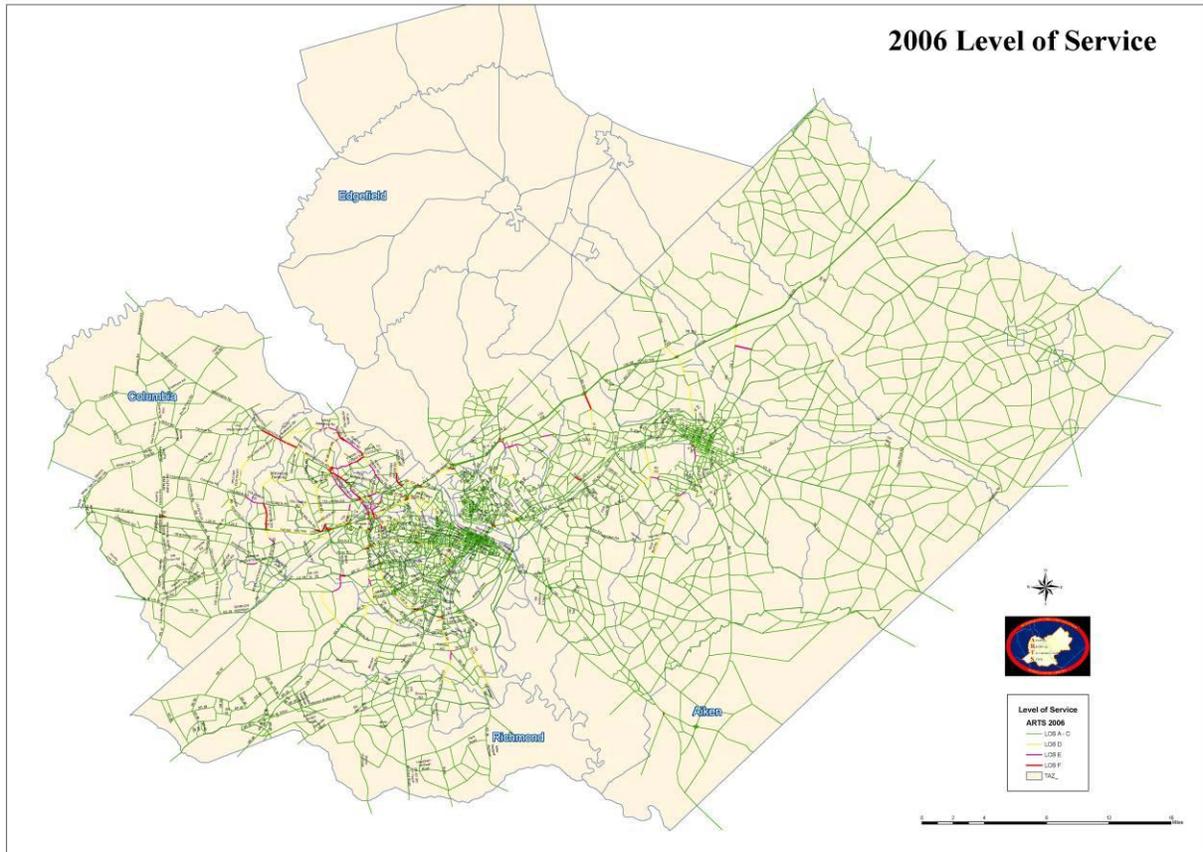


Environmental Justice Meeting Maps – Study Area



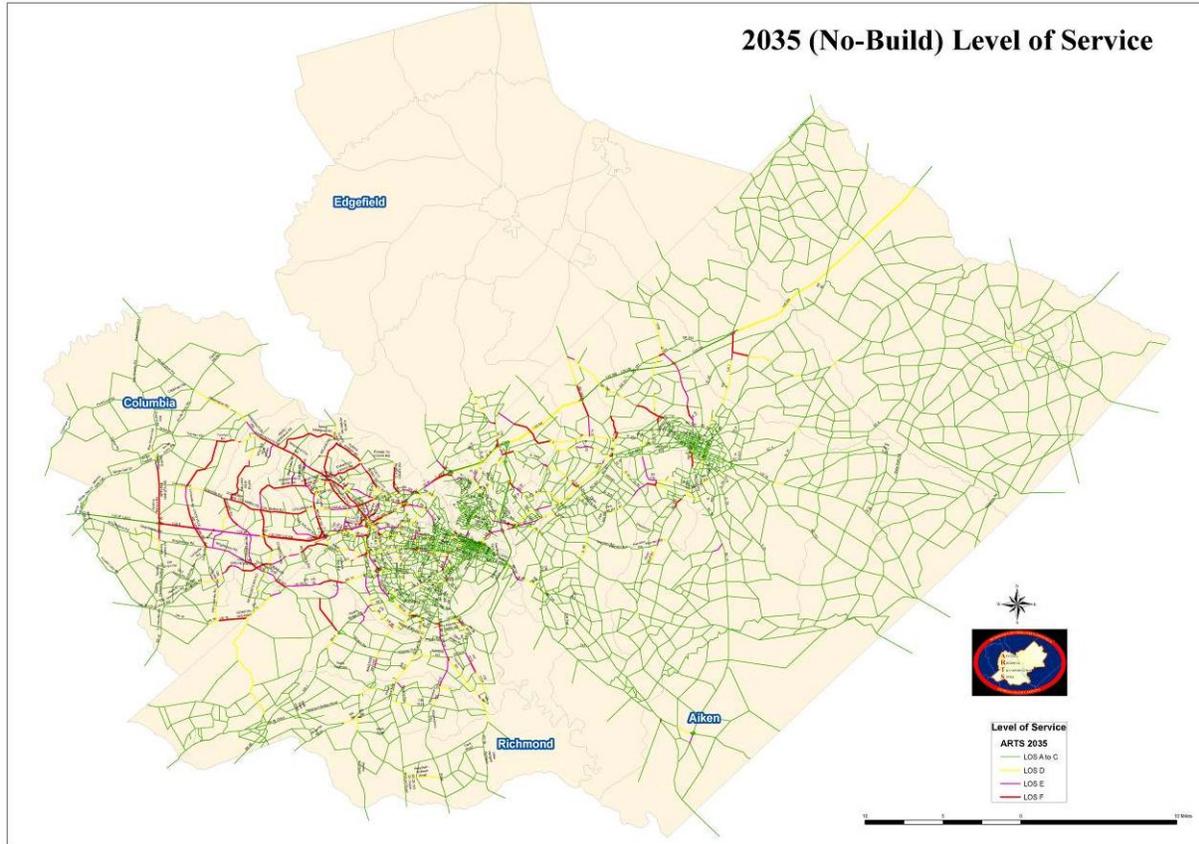


Environmental Justice Meeting – Base Year (2006) Level of Service





Environmental Justice Meeting – Future Year 2035 No-Build Level of Service





Environmental Justice Meeting #2 Sign-in-Sheets



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2035 Long Range Transportation Plan
Environmental Justice Meeting
March 16, 2010

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March 16, 2010

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Environmental Justice Meeting # 3

Date: July 14, 2010
Location: Henry Brigham Community Center
2463 Golden Camp Road
Augusta, GA 30906
Time: 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Media Advertisements and Announcements

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2035 Draft Long Range Transportation Plan**

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Wednesday July 14, 2010

Henry Brigham Community Center – Dining Room Senior Center
Building
2463 Golden Camp Road
Augusta, GA 30906
10:30 to 11:30 AM

A formal presentation will be given to update the public on the planning process and to solicit comments on the draft projects and programs.

More information:

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Environmental Justice Meeting #3 Summary

The Augusta-Aiken Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted the third Environmental Justice meeting for the 2035 Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on July 14th, from 10:30 to 11:30 am at the Henry Brigham Community Center in Augusta, Georgia. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the minority and low income residents an overview of the LRTP planning process, update on the multimodal needs in the study area and receive input on potential multimodal transportation improvements in the region. Thirty-two persons other than staff and consultants attended the meeting.

Paul DeCamp, AICP, Planning Director for the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Mr. DeCamp provided an overview of the work that has been completed thus far on the ARTS 2035 LRTP and the purpose of this meeting. The one hour meeting was designed as an open house format, with boards and maps placed around the meeting room. The boards included the project goals and objectives, a study area map, base year (2006) level of service map, future year (2035) level of service maps, capacity projects map, which are all provided at the end of the Summary Report. At 10:40 am a formal presentation was delivered by Steve Brown from Wilbur Smith Associates. The presentation covered the following topics:

- LRTP Update
- Why Do We Plan?
- Population and Employment
- Highway Conditions
- Revenue and Expenditures
- Multimodal Projects
- Questions

The public meeting presentation was posted to the MPO website for the public to review.



Questions, Comments and Discussion Items

- Question: How does a person understand the LRTP if he/she cannot read or write?
 - Answer: Contact information is provided on the last slide in handout. Please feel free to call Marya Moultrie or Jeff Carroll.
- Questions: Several questions were posed about availability of transit service. Will service be available to Ft. Gordon, Mike Padgett Road, Meadowbrook subdivision, Woodlake subdivision?
 - Answer: Juriah Lewis from Augusta Public Transit and the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission responded to each request for service. For the most part participants did not ride Augusta Public Transit but were very interested in the Rural Transit Service provided for areas south of I-520. Mr. Lewis provided his phone number to the group and his business card to any participant questioning service availability.
- Question: Are any improvements scheduled for Mike Padgett Road?
 - Answer: Roadway is to be widened and medians installed and there are several intersection improvements.
- Question: What is status of air quality determination?
 - Answer: Paul DeCamp provided the tentative schedule for EPA actions on air quality for the ARTS region. EPA will issue revised standards for ozone on August 31, 2010.



Photos



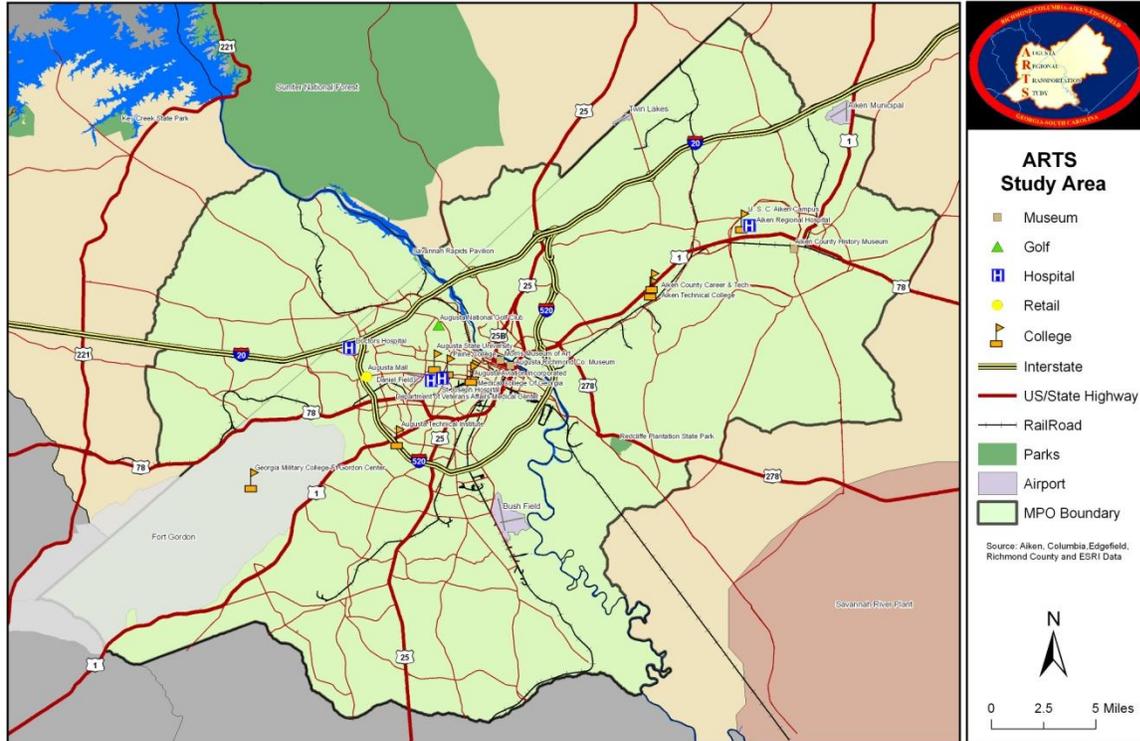
Paul DeCamp, Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission Transportation Director, and Marya Moultrie, Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission Transportation Planner and Project Manager introducing the presentation with local citizens at the August 14, 2010 Public Participation Meeting (EJ) in Augusta, Georgia.



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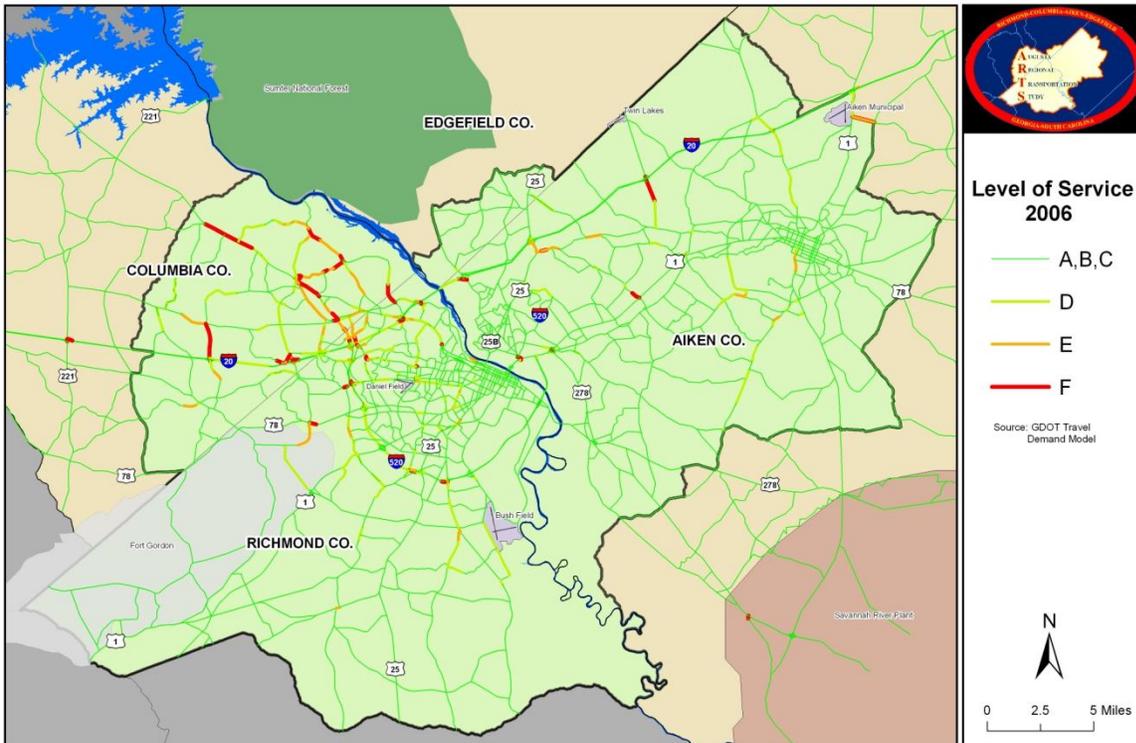


Maps – Study Area



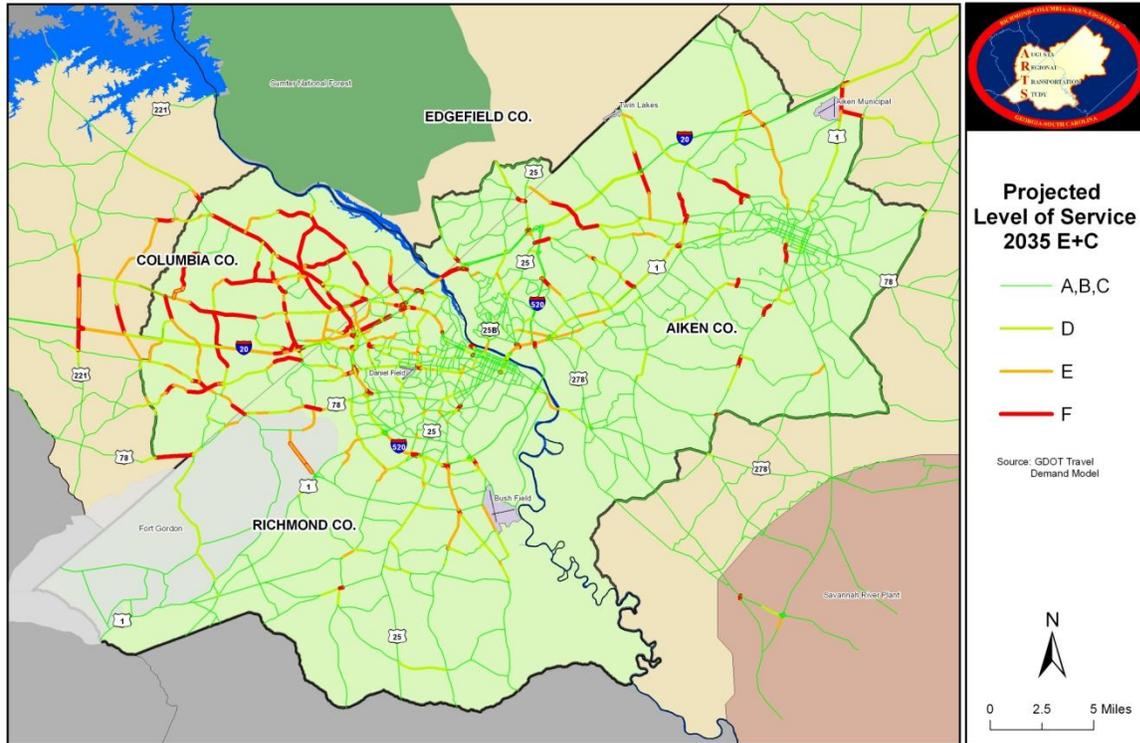


Environmental Justice Meeting Maps – Base Year (2006) Level of Service



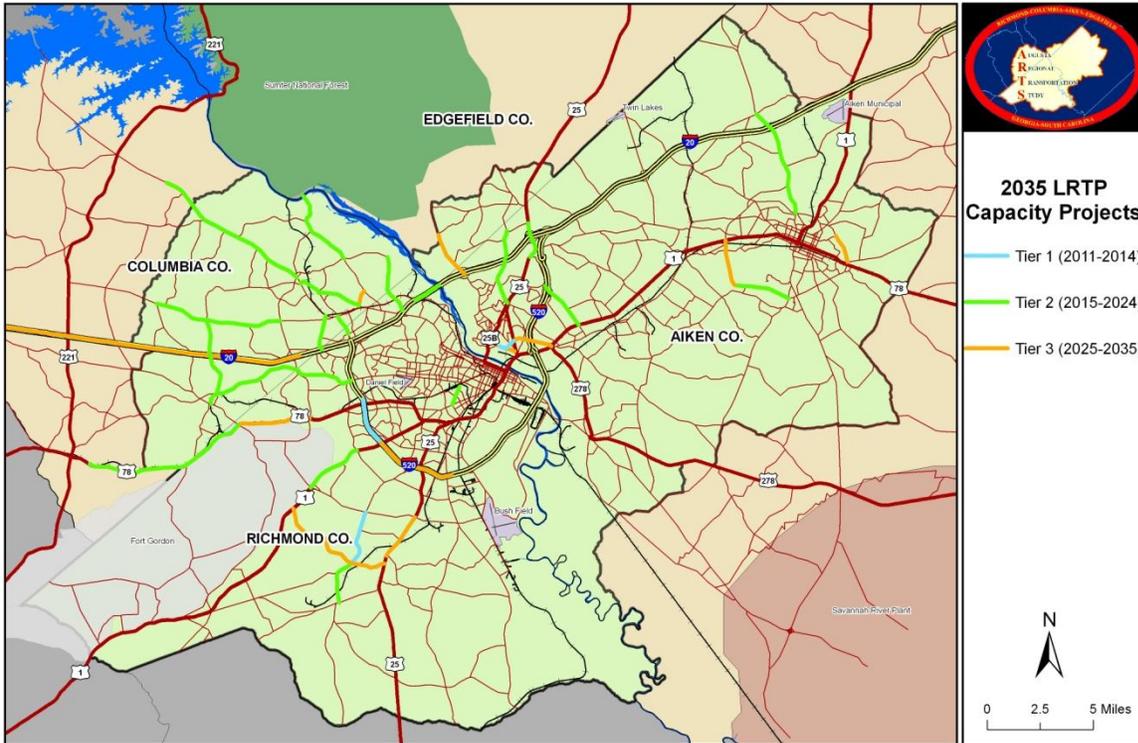


Environmental Justice Meeting Maps – Future Year 2035 E+C Level of Service





Environmental Justice Meeting Maps – Capacity Projects





Environmental Justice Meeting #3 Sign-in-Sheets



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July 14, 2010

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Environmental Justice Meeting # 4

Date: July 14, 2010
Location: Smith Hazel Community Center
Activity Room
400 Kershaw Street, NE
Aiken, SC 29801
Time: 10:00 to 11:00 AM

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Thursday July 15, 2010
Smith Hazel Community Center
Activity Room
400 Kershaw Street, NE
Aiken, SC 29801
10:00 to 11:00 AM

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More information:

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Environmental Justice Meeting #4 Summary

The Augusta-Aiken Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted the fourth Environmental Justice meeting for the 2035 Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on July 15th, from 10:00 to 11:00 am at the Smith Hazel Community Center in Aiken, South Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to provide minority and low income residents an overview of the LRTP planning process, update on the multimodal needs in the study area, and receive input on potential multimodal transportation improvements in the region. Ten persons other than staff and consultants attended the meeting.

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- Highway Conditions
- Revenue and Expenditures
- Multimodal Projects
- Questions

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Questions, Comments and Discussion Items

1. **South Carolina Highway 19** - One person said that improvements being made to the sidewalks are good, but that there are gaps in the sidewalk network along the road. Response was that a widening project is scheduled for Highway 19 under Tier 2 of the LRTP. Widening project would include sidewalks or multi-use path.
2. **Whiskey Road** – One person expressed concern about traffic congestion on Whiskey Road and asked what is going to be done to reduce congestion. Response was that projects have been identified to alleviate the congestion, but that there is not enough funding to include them in the financially constrained list of projects. That might change when the LRTP is updated in 4-5 years. Mention was also made that the city of Aiken is planning to improve traffic signal timing along Whiskey Road next year.
3. **Other Comments** – The following comments were made in reply to a question from Gerald Jefferson with the Aiken County Planning and Development Department regarding mobility –
 - a. One person remarked about the convenience of the Valley Coach that use to run between Aiken and Augusta in the days when downtown Augusta was the primary place to shop in the region
 - b. Another person said that seniors tend to provide transportation for one another as necessary. Those in attendance do not feel isolated in terms of mobility
 - c. One person remarked – and others agreed – that there is a need to improve the availability of the Best Friends Express. Mention was made about the recent service cuts to Best Friends Express.

Meeting Handouts – Included a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, including contact information, and a list of the proposed LRTP projects.

Meeting Displays – Included maps of the study area, level of service and LRTP and TIP projects, and boards with the LRTP goals and objectives

MPO representatives in Attendance – Marya Moultrie and Paul DeCamp with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission and Gerald Jefferson with the Aiken County Planning and Development Department.



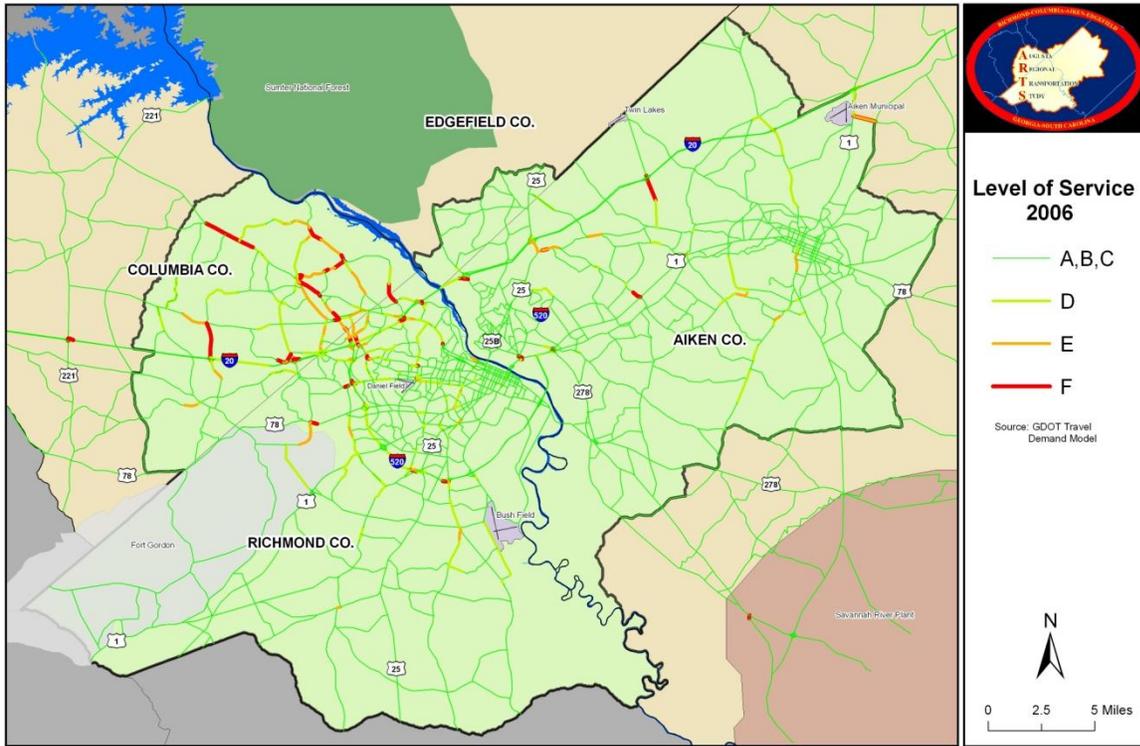
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Gerald Jefferson, Aiken County Transportation Planner, responds to a question during the third Environmental Justice meeting, which was conducted at the Smith Hazel Community Center in Aiken, South Carolina.

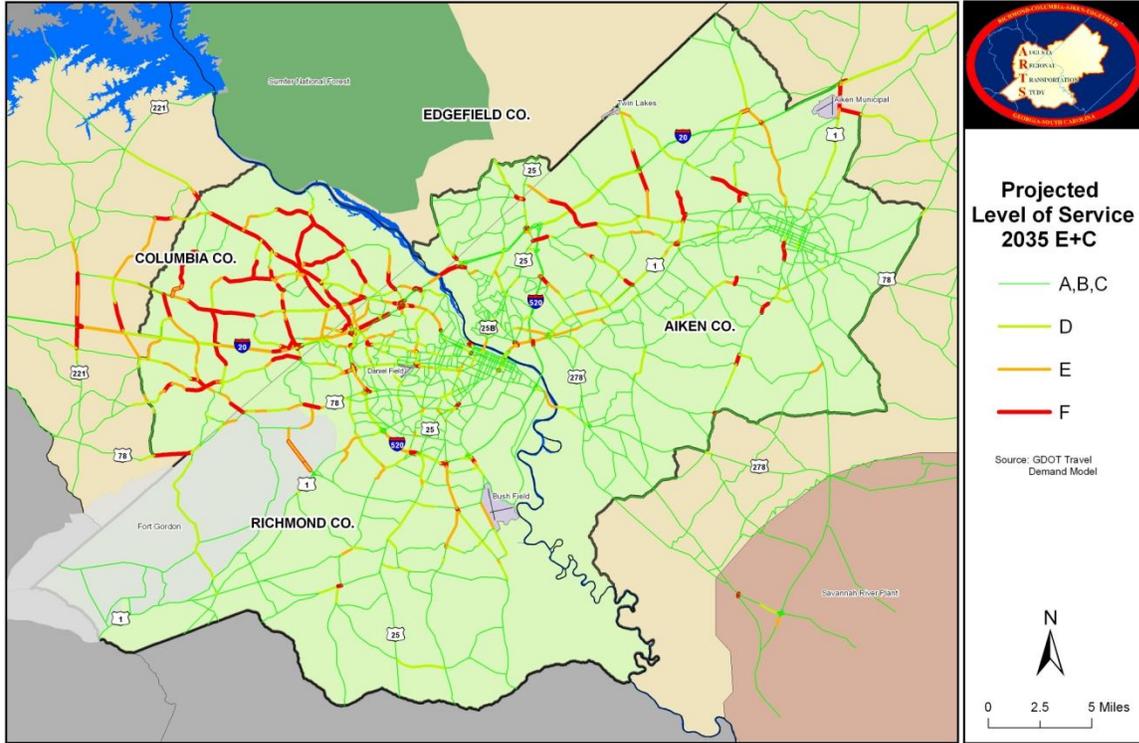


Environmental Justice Meeting Maps – Base Year (2006) Level of Service





Environmental Justice Meeting Maps – Future Year 2035 E+C Level of Service



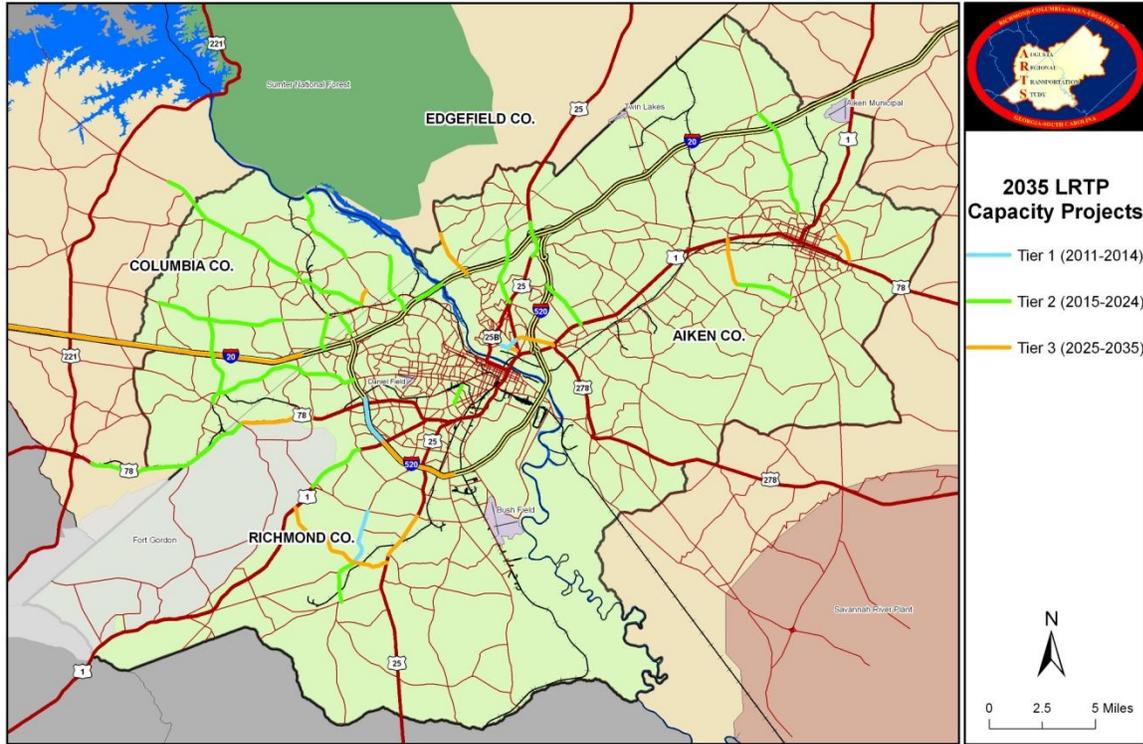


Environmental Justice Meeting Maps – Future Year 2035 Financially Constrained
Level of Service





Environmental Justice Meeting Maps – Capacity Projects





Environmental Justice Meeting #4 Sign-in-Sheets



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Environmental Justice Meeting – Aiken County
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Advisory Committee Meeting # 1

Date: October 15, 2009
Location: Julian Smith BBQ Pit
3 Milledge Road, Augusta, GA
Augusta, Georgia
Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Air Quality Update – Paul DeCamp delivered an update for the group on the latest air quality report.
3. Presentation – Steve Brown, Wilbur Smith Associates and Wade Walker, Fuss & O’Neill presented the following presentation slides to the Advisory Committee
 - a. Status of Existing System
 - b. Purpose and Overview of LRTP Process
 - c. Study Goal
 - d. Public Participation
 - e. Federal Requirements
 - f. Data Collection
 - g. Existing Conditions
 - h. Future Needs and Improvements
 - i. Financial Plan
 - j. Documentation
 - k. Schedule
4. Interactive Session-Upon completion of the presentation the group discussed the following topics
 - a. Goals and Objectives
 - i. Add access management tied to land use to Goal 1
 - ii. Add to Goal 2-Alternative intersection design
 - b. Identify Additional Stakeholders – EMS, Parks and Recreation Dept
 - c. Multimodal Needs – education/marketing of busing as a viable option so buses can transport children to schools and reduce congestion



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- d. Land use – identify transportation policies to discourage sprawl
- e. Coordinate ITS Projects/Signals with Glen Bollinger in Columbia County
- f. Add to performance metrics – CO2 Emissions/ VMT/ SOVs/ Livability
- g. Coordinate with Augusta State University Master Plan and City Development Agenda (Corridor Plan). Focus on institutional coordination

5. Adjournment at approximately noon.

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Advisory Committee Meeting # 2

Date: February 16, 2010
Location: Julian Smith BBQ Pit
3 Milledge Road
Augusta, GA 30906
Time: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Email Announcement

The following email announcement was distributed by the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to all of the Advisory Committee members on February 2, 2010.

Subject: ARTS 2035 LRTP Advisory Committee Meeting

ARTS 2035 LRTP Update Advisory Committee Member,

As you are aware, the Augusta Richmond County Planning Commission is updating the Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to meet the area's multimodal transportation needs over the next 25 years. The 2035 LRTP update is an effort by ARTS to develop a vision for satisfying existing and anticipated travel demands on the multimodal (highway, bridge, transit, bicycle and pedestrian) transportation system serving the ARTS area through the year 2035.

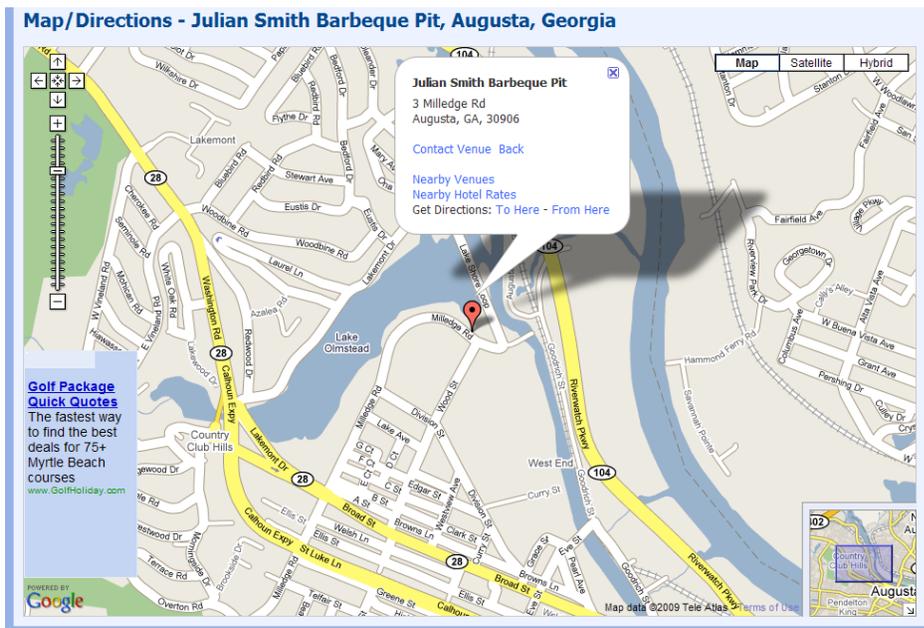
The LRTP is being developed by coordinating with local residents and agencies to ensure our transportation system provides safe and efficient mobility throughout our region. Your comments from our October meeting were very helpful and the second Advisory Committee is scheduled for February 16th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Julian Smith BBQ Pit in Augusta. The purpose of the second meeting will be to update members on goals and objectives, public participation activities and have a discussion on the existing and future system conditions, and multimodal needs and potential improvements. We are looking forward to continuing our conversation with you on how we can improve our multimodal transportation system.



The second Advisory Committee meeting is as follows:

February 16, 2010 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm:

Julian Smith BBQ Pit
3 Milledge Road
Augusta, GA 30906



Please rsvp by clicking "accept", "tentative" or "decline"

If you are unable to attend and can ask someone else from your agency to participate that would be helpful. If you have any questions concerning this meeting, please contact me (706-821-1807) or the WSA project manager, Jeff Carroll at 803-251-2189 (jcarroll@wilbursmith.com).



Advisory Committee Meeting #2 Summary

The Augusta-Aiken Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted the second Advisory Committee meeting for the 2035 Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on February 16th, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Julian Smith BBQ Pit in Augusta, Georgia. The purpose of the meeting was to update the Advisory Committee members on the ARTS 2035 LRTP planning process, multimodal needs in the study area, and receive input on potential multimodal transportation improvements in the region. Nineteen Advisory Committee members attended and participated in the meeting.

Paul DeCamp, AICP, Planning Director for the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Mr. DeCamp provided an overview of the ARTS 2035 LRTP work that has been completed over the last six months and the purpose of this meeting. The two hour meeting consisted of a 45 minute presentation from the WSA consultant team and after the presentation an interactive session was conducted to receive feedback from Advisory Committee members on the presentation, as well as multimodal needs and improvements that must be addressed during the planning process. The boards presented at the meeting included a study area map, base year (2006) level of service map, and the 2035 (no-build) level of service map, which are all provided at the end of the Summary Report. At 2:05 pm a formal presentation was deliverable by Jeff Carroll the Wilbur Smith Associates Project Manager, Steve Brown (WSA) and Wade Walker (Fuss & O'Neill). The presentation covered the following topics:

- LRTP Update
- LRTP Survey
- Growth
- Highway Conditions and Needs
 - 2006 – Base Year
 - 2035 – Future No-Build
- Public Transportation Needs and Vision
- Bike and Pedestrian Needs
- Interactive Session
 - Roadway improvements
 - Intersection improvements



- Public transportation improvements
- Bicycle improvements
- Pedestrian improvements
- Recreational trail improvements
- Coordination improvements

Questions, Comments and Discussion Items

- Question: What is the ARTS 2035 LRTP approval process?
 - Answer: The draft ARTS 2035 LRTP will be completed in May 2010. The MPO will conduct another Advisory Committee meeting to receive input from stakeholders on the draft LRTP. After the Advisory Committee meeting, the MPO will conduct a public meeting to receive input from local citizens on the draft 2035 LRTP. Once that is complete, the draft 2035 LRTP will be presented to the Citizens Advisory Committee, Technical Coordinating Committee and on September 2, 2010 the Policy Committee will approve and adopt the ARTS 2035 LRTP. The Policy Committee includes representation from elected county and city officials, as well as FHWA, GDOT, and SCDOT.
- Question: Can the Advisory Committee review the Existing plus Committed (E+C) model network before it is approved?
 - Answer: Yes. The MPO has a model task force subcommittee and members are welcomed to attend this meeting. The next meeting to review the E+C model results has not been scheduled yet. GDOT is currently waiting for the E+C projects and then they will complete the model run and share the results with the MPO. The MPO will provide GDOT the E+C projects on February 17th.
- Question: How does the ARTS 2035 LRTP address air quality?
 - Answer: Currently the ARTS area is not designated a nonattainment air under federal air quality regulations. EPA will make nonattainment designations in August 2011, which will be after the ARTS 2035 LRTP is adopted. It is anticipated that the ARTS area will be designated as a nonattainment area, based on the new EPA air quality regulations. Once the area is designated as nonattainment, the LRTP must undergo air quality modeling. The ARTS 2035 LRTP will be developed knowing that it will have to go through a rigorous analysis and if any changes are
 - Needed, they will be completed to ensure the LRTP meets air quality requirements.



- Question: How current is the ARTS Travel Demand Model?
 - Answer: The updates to the ARTS Travel Demand Model are the responsibility of Georgia Department of Transportation. The process to update the ARTS Travel Demand Model started with each of the counties and municipalities reviewing and updating the socioeconomic data (population, employment, households, and school enrollment) for the base year 2006 and the future year 2035. Once the control totals were approved by the governing jurisdiction they were provided to GDOT to incorporate into the model. GDOT recently completed the following updates to the ARTS Travel Demand Model:
 - Updated socio-economic data to reflect 2006 conditions
 - Updated highway network to include roadway improvements since 2002 model update
 - Updated trip generation, trip distribution, mode split, and trip assignment model components
 - Base year model calibrated and validated to 2006 conditions
 - Reconfigured Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) system (from 719 zones to 1,001 zones)
 - Expanded highway network and model study area to include all of Aiken County in South Carolina
- Question: Does the travel demand model have the capability of analyzing intersection improvements?
 - Answer: The travel demand model does not have the capability of analyzing individual intersection improvements. The model provides macro (30,000 foot) snap shot of traffic conditions, based on highway network (number of lanes) and socioeconomic data. More robust micro simulation tools are available to analyze intersection improvement but those are typically used in corridor studies.
- Question: Will the MPO accommodate growth where desired or try to influence where it happens?
 - Answer: The MPO can provide policy guidance on growth, however the MPO does not control local land use policy. Land use policy is controlled by individual counties and municipalities and the MPO will continue to encourage linking land use and transportation in the ARTS area.



- Question: Can Impact Fees be collected to provide transportation infrastructure funding related to the new development?
 - Answer: The MPO does not have the authority to initiate Impact Fees and it is the decision of the a county or city to impose these fees.
- Question: The Advisory Committee was asked what types of multimodal improvements they would like to see in the ARTS 2035 LRTP.
 - Answer: Intersection improvements that will improve safety, air quality, and congestion along major roadways in the area.
 - Answer: High capacity expressway between Evans, GA and downtown Augusta, GA.
 - Answer: SC 118 in Aiken County needs to be widened to improve north side and south side connectivity. This project is currently in the ARTS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
 - Answer: US 1 in Aiken County from SC 118 to the Savannah River Bridge needs to be preserved to accommodate future traffic. This is the main travel corridor from Aiken, SC to downtown Augusta, GA and this corridor will be fully developed over the next 20 years. Aiken County will be issuing a RFP to analyze traffic conditions and recommend land use improvements along the corridor.
 - Answer: The ARTS area needs a comprehensive Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) project to manage traffic demand. This requires coordination between the four counties and the two states in order to provide meaningful results.
 - Answer: More sidewalks need to be constructed on collectors and arterials to improve neighborhood connectivity.
 - Answer: Need to provide wider outside lanes to accommodate bicycles on some roadways in the ARTS area.



2035 LRTP Survey

A nine page 23 question survey was provided to the Advisory Committee members. It was noted during the meeting that the same survey is on-line and each participant was encouraged to provide their comments. The following handout was also provided to each Advisory Committee member at the meeting and on February 17th the electronic version was emailed to the committee members.

Email Announcement

Tomorrow's Transportation
Improvements Begin Here!



your comments matter

The Augusta-Richmond Planning Commission, which serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Augusta-Aiken urbanized area, is in the process of developing the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Please take a few minutes to complete an on-line survey. Click the link below to access the survey.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YGJNBC9>

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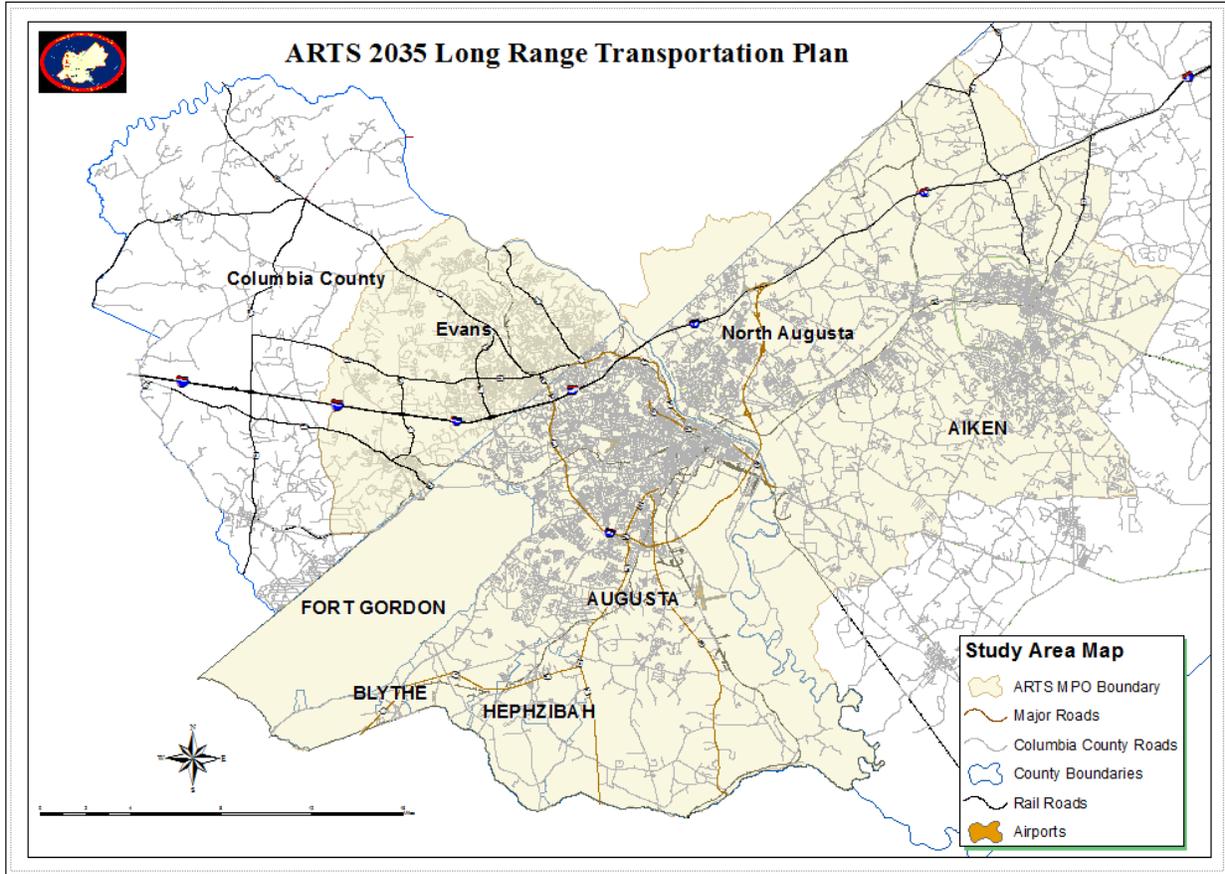
Steve Brown (WSA) discusses the public transportation needs and visions with the ARTS 2035 LRTP with the Advisory Committee on February 16th in Augusta, Georgia.



Wade Walker (Fuss & O'Neill), discusses bicycle and pedestrian needs with the ARTS 2035 LRTP with the Advisory Committee on February 16th in Augusta, Georgia.

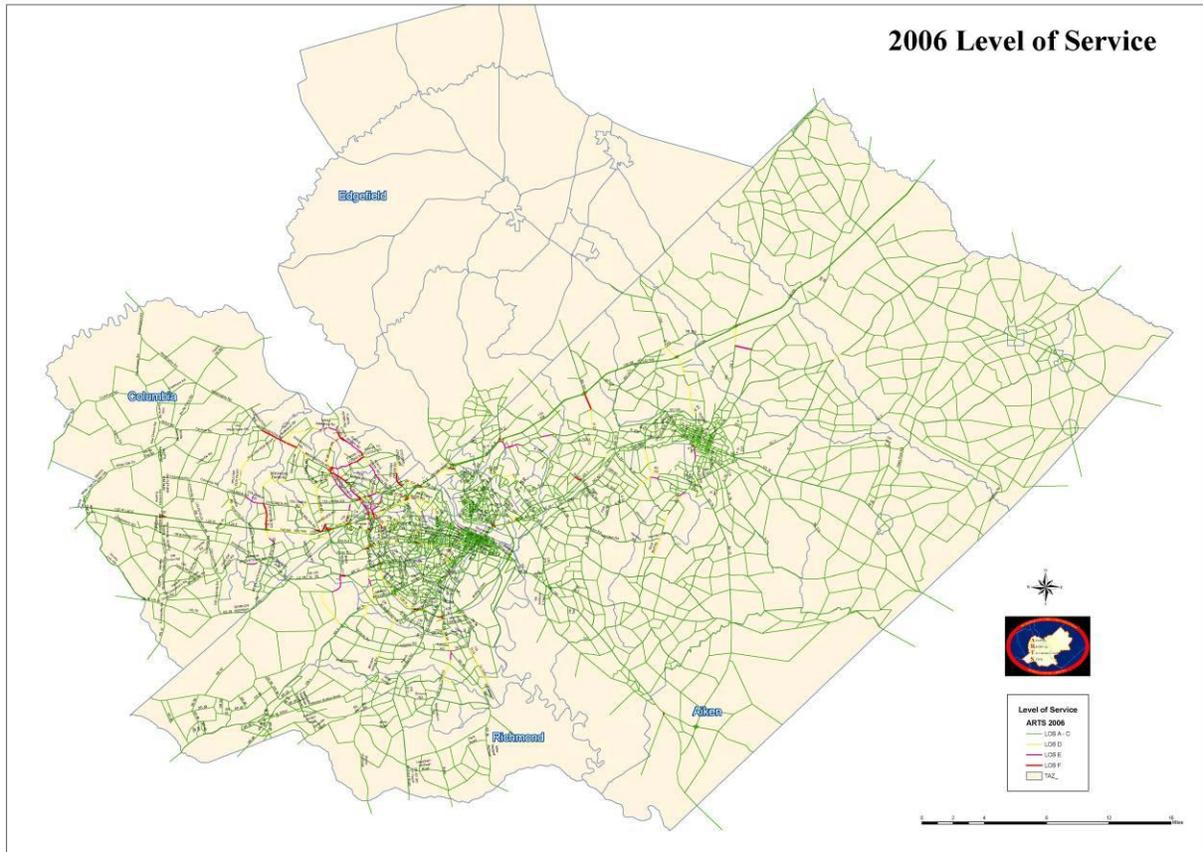


Advisory Committee Meeting Maps – Study Area



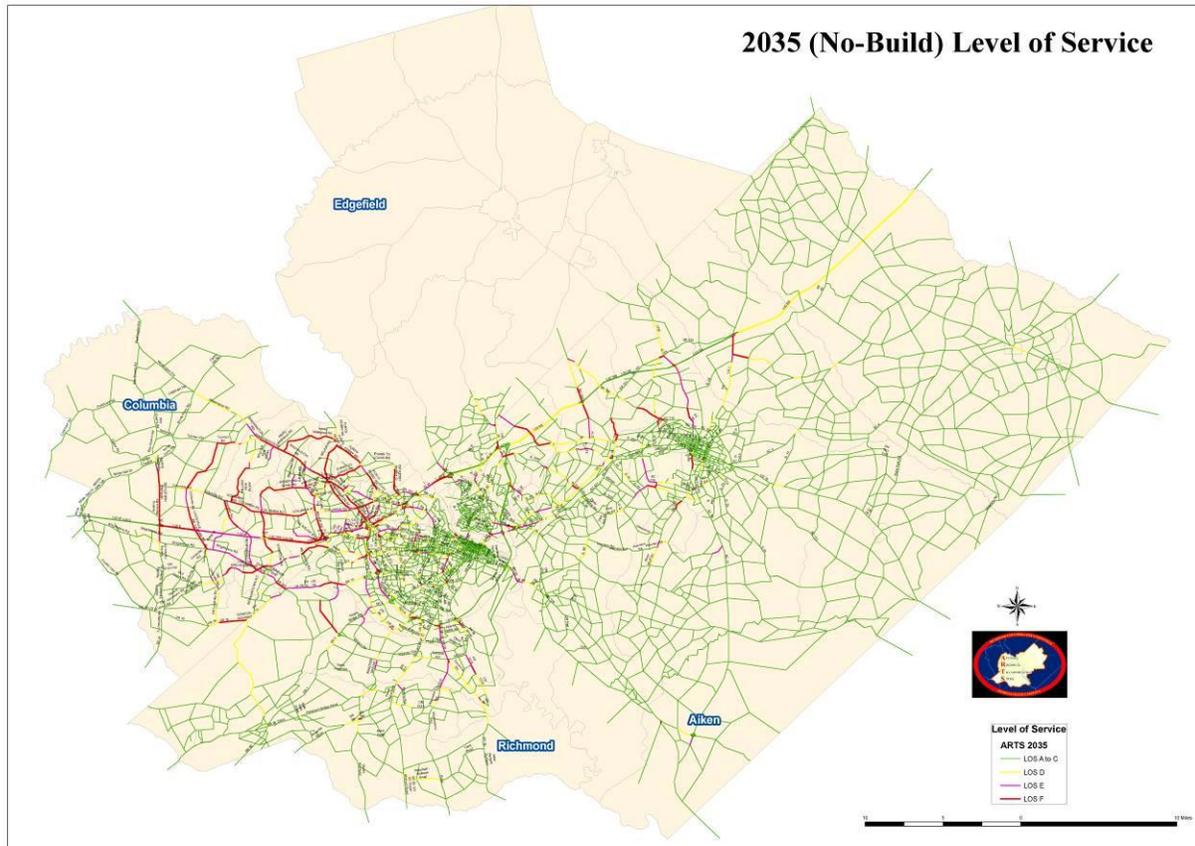


Advisory Committee Meeting Maps – Base Year (2006) Level of Service





Advisory Committee Meeting Maps – Future Year 2035 No-Build Level of Service





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Advisory Committee Meeting # 3

Date: July 7, 2010
Location: Julian Smith BBQ Pit
3 Milledge Road
Augusta, GA 30906
Time: 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Email Announcement

The following email announcement was distributed by the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to the ARTS 2035 LRTP Advisory Committee members on June 22, 2010.

Subject: ARTS 2035 LRTP Advisory Committee Meeting

ARTS 2035 LRTP Update Advisory Committee Member,

*******Upcoming Meeting Scheduled*******

ARTS 2035 LRTP Update Advisory Committee Member,

The Augusta Richmond County Planning Commission recently completed the draft Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Your involvement to date has been extremely helpful and we have scheduled our last Advisory Committee meeting on July 7th. The purpose of the meeting is to present the draft 2035 LRTP projects and programs and to solicit your comments on the draft plan, which is designed to meet the area's multimodal transportation needs over the next 25 years.

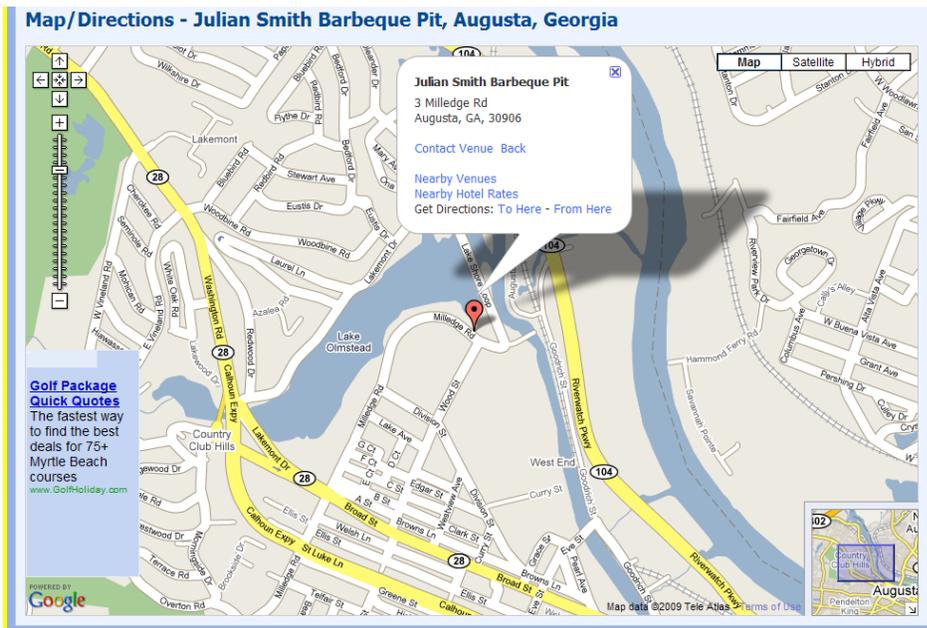
We are looking forward to continuing our conversation with you on how we can improve our multimodal transportation system.

The third Advisory Committee meeting is as follows:



Wednesday July 7, 2010 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm:

Julian Smith BBQ Pit
3 Milledge Road
Augusta, GA 30906



Please rsvp by clicking "accept", "tentative" or "decline"

If you are unable to attend and can ask someone else from your agency to participate that would be helpful. If you have any questions concerning this meeting, please contact Marya Moultrie at 706-821-1796 or the WSA project manager, Jeff Carroll at 803-251-2189 (jcarroll@wilbursmith.com).



Advisory Committee Meeting #3 Summary

The Augusta-Aiken Metropolitan Planning Organization conducted the third Advisory Committee meeting for the 2035 Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) on July 7th, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Julian Smith BBQ Pit in Augusta, Georgia. The purpose of the meeting was to update the Advisory Committee members on the ARTS 2035 LRTP planning process, multimodal projects proposed in the study area, and receive input on the process to date. Fifteen Advisory Committee members attended and participated in the meeting.

Paul DeCamp, AICP, Planning Director for the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Mr. DeCamp provided an overview of the ARTS 2035 LRTP work that has been completed over the study period and the purpose of this meeting. The two hour meeting consisted of a presentation from the WSA Project Manager, Jeff Carroll, and after the presentation a question and answer session was conducted to receive feedback. The boards presented at the meeting included a study area map, base year (2006) level of service map, 2035 (E+C) level of service map, 2035 (financially constrained) level of service map, and capacity projects map which are provided at the end of the Summary Report. At 1:15 pm a formal presentation was deliverable by Jeff Carroll. The presentation covered the following topics:

- LRTP Update
- Why do we Plan?
- Survey Results
- Goals
- Population and Employment
- Highway Conditions
- Revenues and Expenditures
- Multimodal Projects
- Questions

Questions, Comments and Discussion Items

- Question: If we are adding capacity, how do we end up with lower VMT?
 - Answer: By adding capacity we are decreasing congestion along some corridors, thereby increasing the efficiency of the system. Shorter distance



trip choices previously unavailable due to congestion will be viable options when capacity is added and that reduces VMT.

- Question: Do the potential funding estimates include revenue from the new regional sales tax?
 - Answer: No. We did not use the potential new tax, only the current existing SPLOST in Richmond County and Columbia County..
- Comment: Maybe add to policy recommendations a Signal Master Plan for coordinating region's traffic signal systems.
- Comment: Should include some language to enhance education/road signage for encouraging share the road programs. SCDOT has complete streets guidelines but GDOT does not.
- Question: What is the comment period deadline?
 - Answer: The official comment period will be between July 19 and August 20.
- Comment: Maybe overlay LOS map with projects to show proximity to need.
- Comment: Encourage coordination between jurisdictions on signal coordination. Columbia County has its own ITS plan
 - Answer: This is discussed in the ITS chapter of the LRTP along with a proposed traffic control center for the region. Jeff will coordinate with Glenn to update the draft LRTP.
- Comment: Information regarding air quality non-attainment status will be issued by August 31.
- Question: Does AASHTO have any complete streets standards?
 - Answer: ITE has some recommended practices and the LRTP discusses design guideline recommendations.
- Question: Will the South Carolina subcommittee have a role in the review process?
 - Answer: The draft LRTP will be on the next meeting agenda (August 5th).
- Question: What are the main differences between this LRTP and the previous one?
 - Answer: Act 114 project prioritization requirements, incorporates recommendations from recently completed studies in the region, multimodal gap closures, non-motorized transportation policy suggestions, new policy direction on complete streets and land use/transportation relationship.
- Comment: This is a great document, much better than last one, and something to be proud of.



Photos

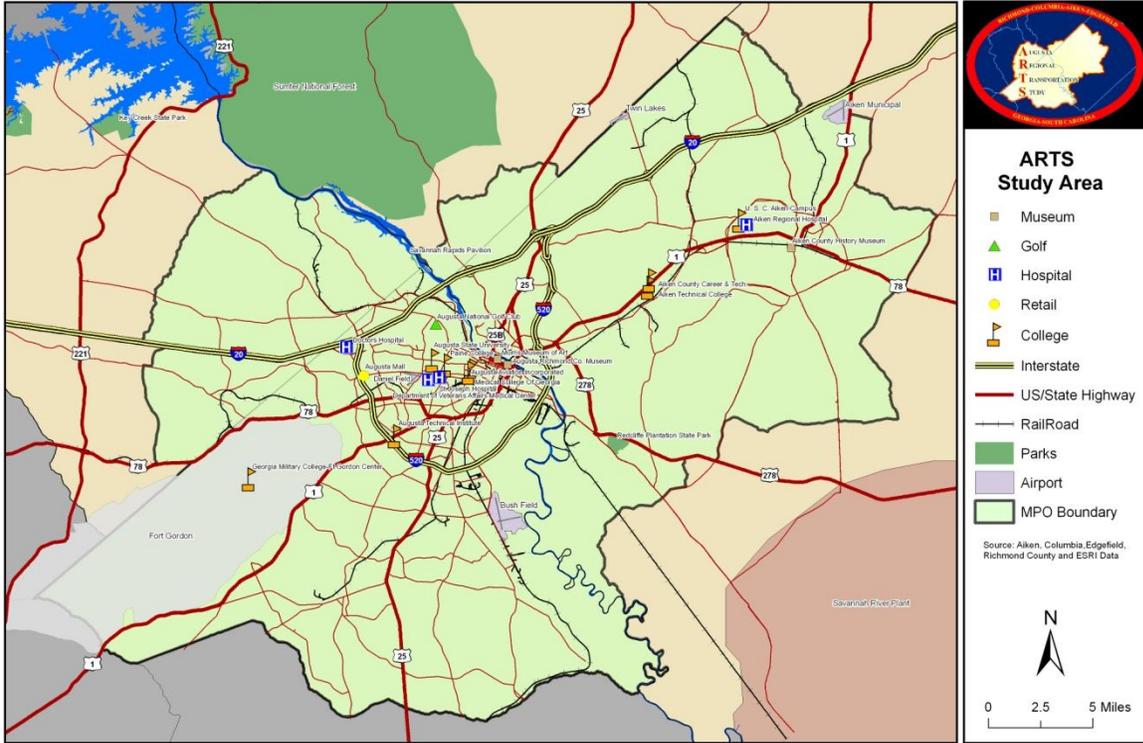


Jeff Carroll (WSA Project Manager) discusses the draft 2035 ARTS LRTP with the Advisory Committee on July 7, 2010 in Augusta, Georgia.



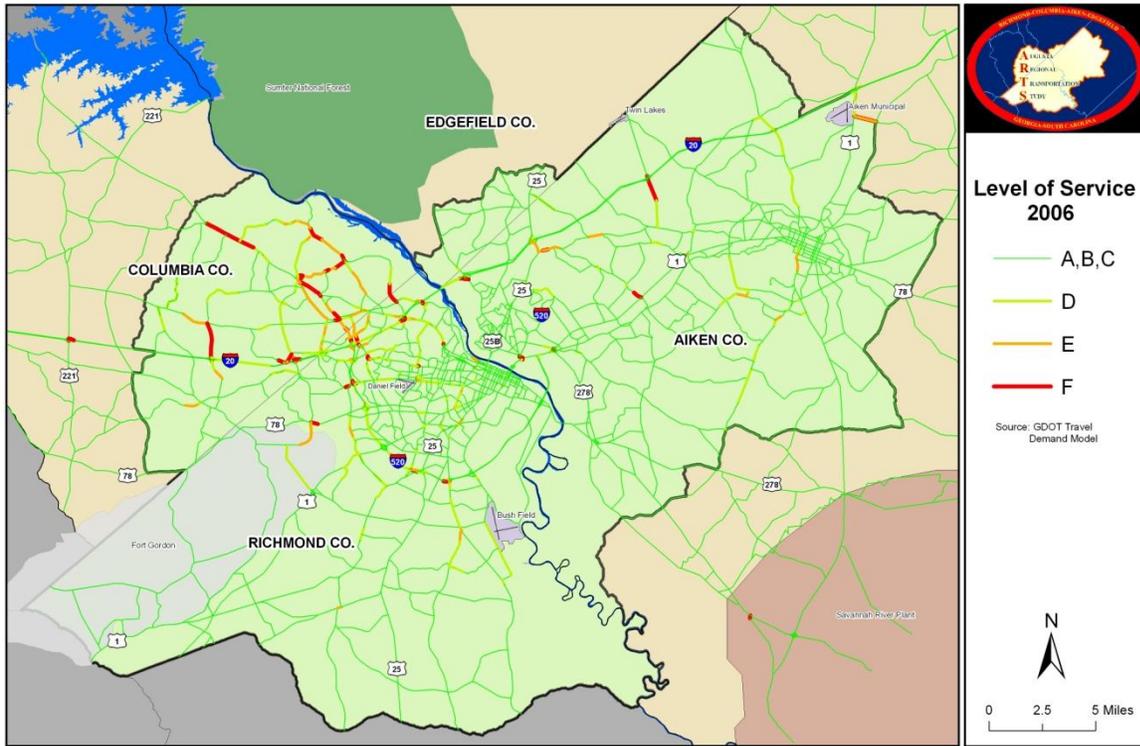


Maps – Study Area



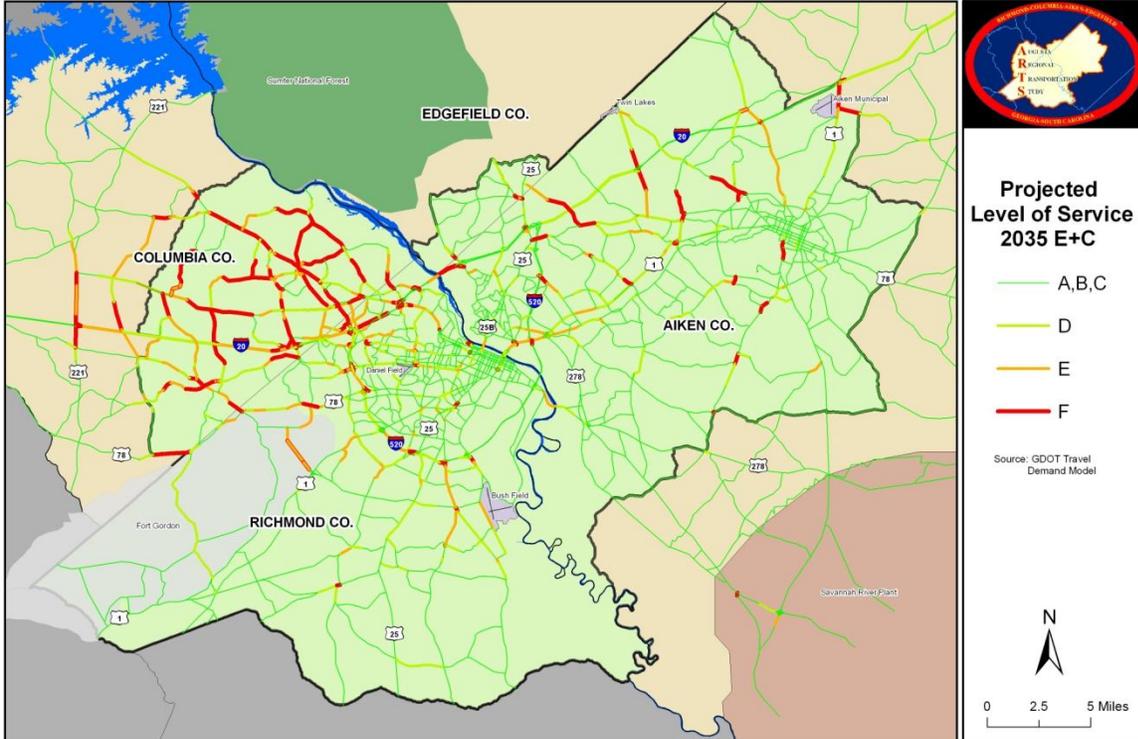


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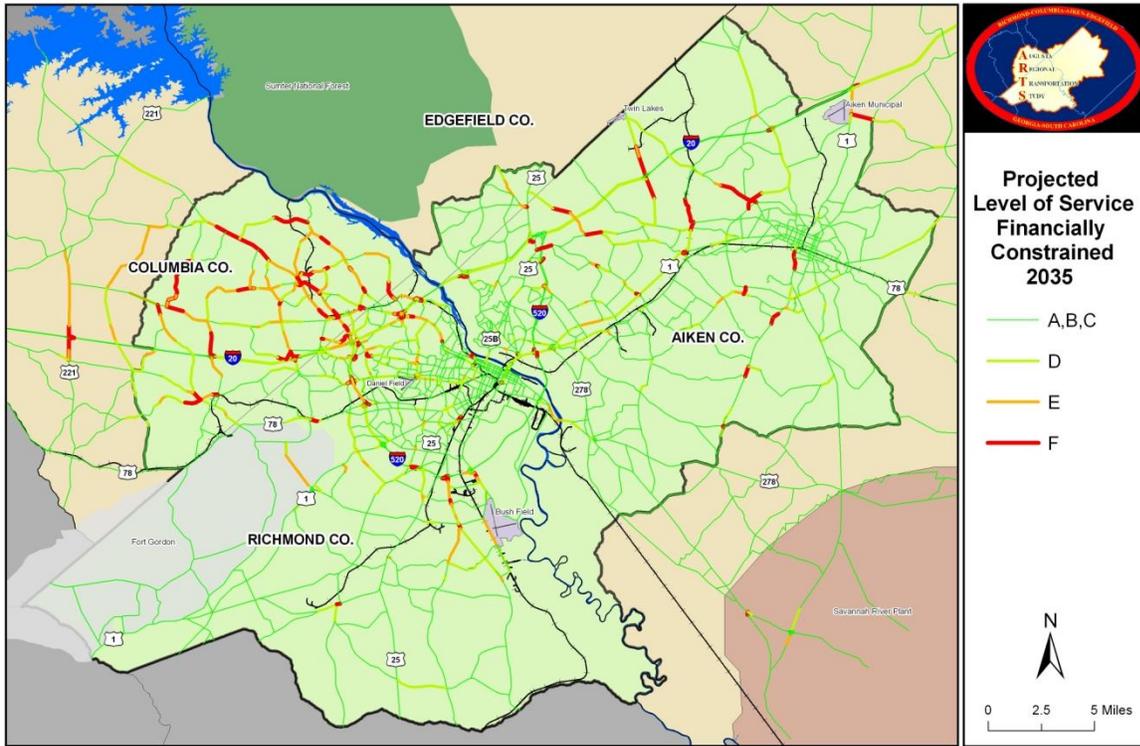


Maps – Future Year 2035 E+C Level of Service



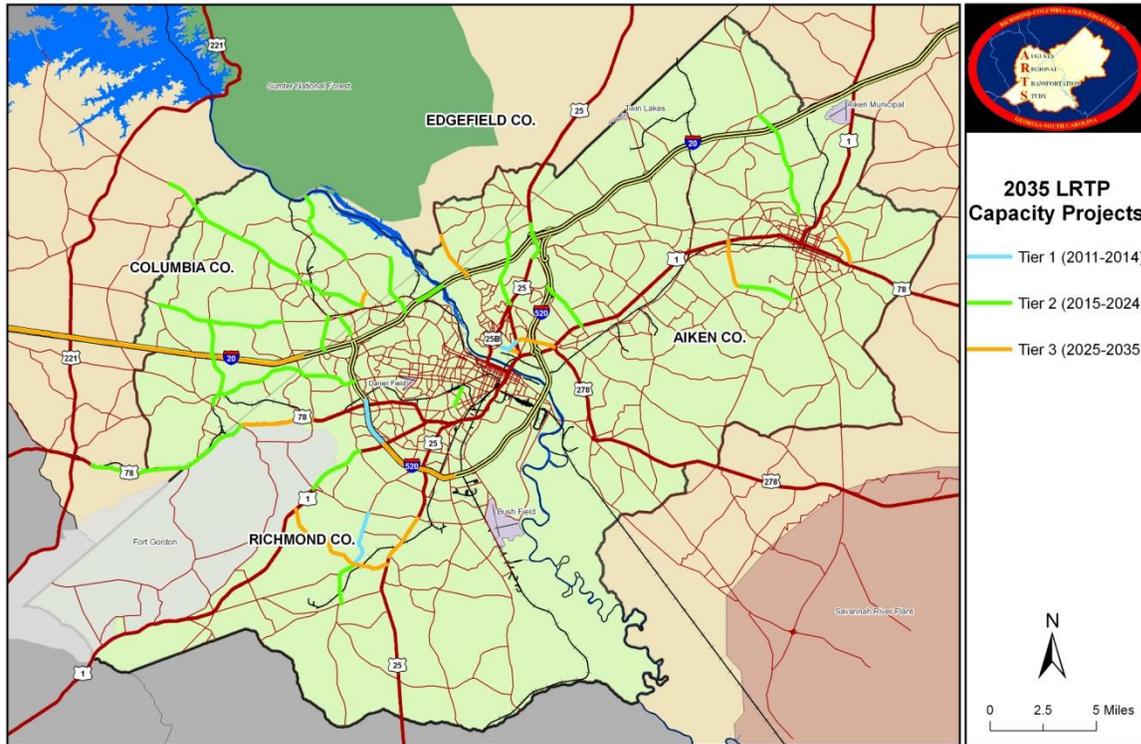


Maps – Future Year 2035 Financially Constrained Level of Service





Maps – Capacity Projects





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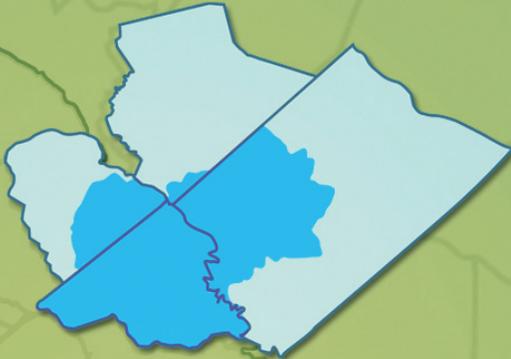


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