



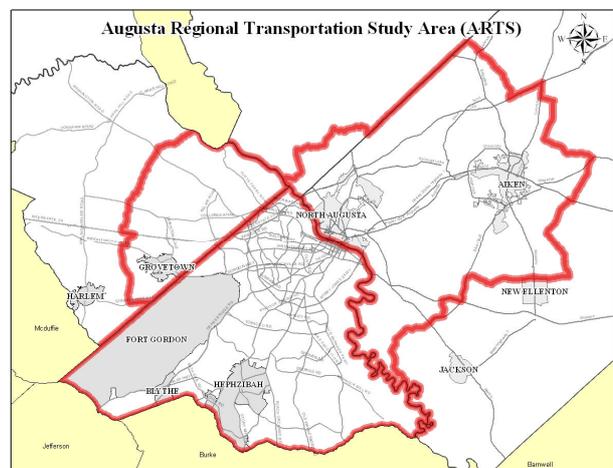
## ARTS/Aiken County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Study Fact Sheet

### Study Background

The Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) and Aiken County are developing both a regional and an Aiken County bicycle and pedestrian plan focused on improving bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in the area. The Plan will integrate bikeway and walkway improvements into the regional planning process, as well as increase travel options for cyclists and pedestrians, identify gaps in the network, improve connectivity of communities and activity centers, create safe routes to transit, and develop a framework for complete streets policies and standards. The Plan will offer recommendations for infrastructure improvements and education/encouragement programs and policies. The Plans will serve as an update to the 2003 ARTS Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

### Study Area

The ARTS area includes all of Augusta-Richmond County and portions of Columbia County in Georgia and parts of Aiken and Edgefield Counties in South Carolina. The ARTS area includes the Georgia cities of Augusta, Grovetown, Hephzibah, and Blythe; and South Carolina cities of Aiken, North Augusta, and Burnetown.



### Study Work Scope and Schedule

The ARTS/Aiken County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan began in the summer of 2011 and will conclude in the spring of 2012. Plan elements include:

<b>Review of Existing Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans and Policies</b>	<b>Recommended Bikeway, Walkway, and Trail Network Improvements</b>
<b>Inventory and Mapping of Existing Roadway and Trail Conditions</b>	<b>Recommended Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation Programs</b>
<b>Public Involvement Activities</b>	<b>Plan Implementation Strategies</b>

### Stakeholder Outreach and Public Involvement

Three key groups are guiding the development and recommendations of the Study.

Project Steering Committee (PSC) This group is comprised of government agencies responsible for developing and implementing transportation plans plus community representatives. The PSC guides the development of the study goals and objectives, improvements, and study deliverables.

Targeted Focus Groups Focus groups will meet during the needs assessment phase of the study to identify specific needs throughout the study area. Participants will likely represent specific groups such as transit users; hearing/sight impaired; employment, housing, and education providers; and recreation and equestrian users. One focus group will specifically target Aiken County bicycle and pedestrian needs.

Community Organizations and General Public This group will include representatives from civic organizations and individual citizens. Opportunities for citizen involvement include public workshops, public event booths, an on-line needs survey on study website, and a general comment form on the study website. To be added to the list of interested citizens, please contact the ARTS Project Manager.

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