

STIP Annual Public Involvement Report

**Georgia State Transportation Improvement Program
Fiscal Year 2007-2009**

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I. Public Involvement Overview

The purpose of the STIP public meetings was to share information with the public about Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) transportation projects in Georgia’s non-urbanized counties. GDOT coordinated with each of its Districts outside of the metro Atlanta region to identify environmental justice (EJ) areas of concern, and to develop appropriate outreach strategies. GDOT district staff also assisted in determining the best locations for hosting public meetings, with notifying the public through press releases, and in staffing the public meetings. A total of 13 public meetings were scheduled in each of the six rural districts (see Table 1). Meetings were held in locations that are ADA compliant and easily accessible by public transportation (where available).

Table 1. Schedule of Public Meetings by District

Meeting Logistics				
District	Date	Time	Venue Name	City
1	7/25/2006	4-7 p.m.	Franklin County Justice Center	Carnesville
1	7/27/2006	4-7 p.m.	North GA Tech College Dining Hall Annex	Clarksville
2	7/17/2006	4-7 p.m.	Milledgeville Mall	Milledgeville
2	7/18/2006	4-7 p.m.	Dublin Mall	Dublin
3	7/17/2006	4-7 p.m.	Milledgeville Mall	Milledgeville
3	7/18/2006	4-7 p.m.	Flint River Technical College Main Campus Room B-132	Thomaston
3	7/20/2006	4-7 p.m.	Carroll County Board of Co. Commissioners Chamber	Carrollton
3	7/24/2006	4-7 p.m.	LaGrange Mall	LaGrange
4	7/25/2006	10-6 p.m.	Valdosta Mall	Valdosta
4	7/27/2006	10-6 p.m.	Tifton Mall	Tifton
4	8/1/2006	10-6 p.m.	Albany Mall	Albany
5	7/27/2006	5-7 p.m.	GDOT District 5 Conference Room	Jesup
6	7/20/2006	4-7 p.m.	Carroll County Board of Co. Commissioners Chamber	Carrollton

Some GDOT Districts decided to hold joint meetings to take advantage of opportunities to discuss projects that spanned more than one district. Over 175 people signed in and over 500 people were counted at the meetings. This report included details regarding the notification and documentation of the meetings, a summary of comments received, and an appendix which includes supplementary information. District 6 planned and hosted an additional meeting on July 27, 2006 that was attended by 18 people.

II. Notification & Documentation

Three methods were used to advertise the meetings to the public – direct mailing, media release distributions, and use of the GDOT website. A meeting notice was developed and mailed to members of the Family of Partners database that includes representation or are

members located in EJ communities (a copy of the meeting notice can be found in Appendix A). This database includes individuals, organizations and municipal entities. A summary of coverage received due to this notification effort is included in Appendix B. GDOT District Communications Officers were also encouraged to develop and distribute a media release to the media outlets regularly used to notify the public about GDOT meetings in their districts. See Appendix C for copies of all media releases drafted and distributed and resulting media coverage. Lastly, GDOT provided information regarding the 2007 – 2009 STIP on the Department’s website located at <http://www.dot.state.ga.us/DOT/plan-prog/planning/programs/>.

III. Public Meeting Format

Public meetings were open-house style meetings held at various community venues, which included municipal buildings, GDOT District offices, shopping malls, and college campuses. An informational table was set up and meeting attendees were encouraged to sign-in, take copies of the district-specific STIP and comment forms, and to visit the displays. Copies of the full STIP were also made available along with state maps, informational pamphlets, brochures, and information regarding other meetings.

Figure 1. Open-House Style Meeting Setup



STIP project maps that included planned projects and project numbers, which coordinated with the project numbers in the STIP, were displayed on easels (see Appendix D). GDOT staff was available at each meeting to answer questions and provide guidance to citizens.

Figure 2. Most comment forms were completed on-site



The public was also encouraged to complete comment forms on-site with the option of faxing or mailing completed forms back to the project team (see Appendix E). The majority of comment forms received were completed on site by the public. A summary of comments and input received is included in the following section.

IV. Summary of Public Meeting Comments

A total of 13 public meetings were held throughout the STIP area during the months of July and August. Over 500 people were estimated to have attended the meetings with over a third signed in and officially accounted for. The District 2 and District 3 joint meeting held at Milledgeville Mall was the highest attended meeting closely followed by the District 3 meeting at LaGrange Mall (see Table 2).

Meeting attendees were encouraged to complete meeting comment forms. The form collected information regarding the public involvement process – how people were notified of the meetings, whether or not the meeting was informative and how the meeting could be improved. Meeting attendees were also asked to provide input regarding projects – project-specific questions and input regarding other transportation issues. Additionally, project team members took note of frequently asked questions or issues expressed by meeting attendees. A total of 33 comment forms were returned to the project team. The majority of people with questions received answers from the GDOT staff on site. Citizens also had the opportunity to submit questions to the STIP project manager via direct email. During the period of February through October 2006, a total of 65 questions were submitted via email and received responses.

Table 2. Public Meetings Summary by Date

Meeting Logistics					Attendance			Notification				Informative?	
Districts	Date	Time	Venue Name	City	Signed In	Counted	Written Comments	GDOT Flyer	Email	News paper	Other	Yes	No
2 & 3	7/17/2006	4-7 p.m.	Milledgeville Mall	Milledgeville	45	110	8	0	0	6	2	1	1
2	7/18/2006	4-7 p.m.	Dublin Mall	Dublin	14	39	3	N/A	0	1	1	1	0
3	7/18/2006	4-7 p.m.	Flint River Technical College	Thomaston	8	8	2	2	0	0	0	2	0
3 & 6	7/20/2006	4-7 p.m.	Carroll County Board of Co. Commissioners Chamber	Carrollton	17	17	3	1	1	0	0	2	0
3	7/24/2006	4-7 p.m.	LaGrange Mall	LaGrange	41	106	6	0	0	4	1	1	1
1	7/25/2006	4-7 p.m.	Franklin Co. Justice Center	Carnesville	11	11	3	2	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
4	7/25/2006	10-6 p.m.	Valdosta Mall	Valdosta	4	51	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	7/27/2006	4-7 p.m.	North GA Tech College	Clarkesville	19	40	6	1	1	0	3	4	0
4	7/27/2006	10-6 p.m.	Tifton Mall	Tifton	0	39	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	7/27/2006	5-7 p.m.	GDOT District 5 Conference Room	Jesup	15	15	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	8/1/2006	10-6 p.m.	Albany Mall	Albany	0	70	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
TOTALS					174	506	33	7	2	11	7	12	2

Public Involvement

The majority of people who returned comment forms (41%) stated that they were informed about the meeting through the local newspapers. Approximately 26% of respondents were informed by the GDOT flyer that was mailed to the Family of Partners database, while another 26% were informed by other means (e.g., word of mouth, newsletter, phone call). Some also learned about the project by being in the mall on the date of the meeting and simply approaching the informational display to ask questions. A small percentage (7%) was notified via email.

The majority of respondents (86%) stated that the meetings were informative. However many respondents offered suggestions on ways to improve the meetings as well as other information that could be provided at future meetings. Responses regarding improvements generally centered around three improvement themes: logistics, information, and displays and handouts.

Improve Logistics

Meeting attendees suggested that more notice be given to advertise the meetings. It was also suggested that other means be used to advertise the meetings, such as email. Making more handouts, picking closer meeting locations and providing more staff at meetings were among other suggestions.

Improve Information Shared

Several suggestions were offered regarding the type of information that could be provided which included more information about long range plans, timelines for starting and finishing projects and how potentially impacted citizens can become involved. There were also suggestions that the GDOT representatives staffing meetings be more informative and that they provide more direct answers.

Improve Displays & Handouts

Meeting attendees requested that maps are improved to provide more detail. They also suggested that GDOT provide more details regarding the projects in addition to the very brief descriptions given in the STIP handouts.

Figure 3. GDOT staff provided one-on-one assistance



Planning Projects

Meeting attendees who completed comment forms were also asked to provide input about any questions or comments they may have about particular projects (they were asked to provide the project number where available). They were also asked to provide input regarding other transportation issues. Responses to these two questions are summarized as follows.

Project Specific Questions

Responses to the comment form question asking for input about project specific questions yielded varied responses. A full summary of questions is included in Appendix F. However, concern was raised at District 1 meetings regarding the status of the SR 17 road widening project in Franklin County (#122110) and the status and economic impacts of the interchange project at SR 53 and SR 400 in Dawson County (#132790). There was significant concern raised at the District 2 and District 3 meeting in Milledgeville regarding the east by-pass around Eatonton.

Project-specific questions heard in one-on-one conversations between GDOT staff and members of the public closely mirror those submitted in writing on the comment forms. Again, questions regarding the east-west by-pass in Eatonton arose, as well as questions regarding the east-west fall line project at the District 2 and District 3 joint meeting. In Tifton County (District 4), meeting attendees were concerned with the widening of I-75 from

the Cook County line to CR 204 (#006073) and the status of the south Tifton by-pass project (#0001340).

Other Transportation Issues

Several comments were submitted regarding other transportation projects at each District STIP meeting. Comments ranged from questions regarding the expansion of MARTA in District 1 to requests for bicycle and pedestrian amenities in District 4. At the District 3 meeting at LaGrange Mall, many attendees had questions regarding the West Point Kia project and its impacts to property owners in the immediate area.

Frequently Asked Questions

Frequently asked questions heard in conversations between GDOT staff and the public varied in content from general to project specific. While project specific questions are summarized in the preceding subsection “*Project Specific Questions*” the more general questions are as follows:

- What is the purpose of the public meetings?
- What information will be gathered during the public meetings? How will it be used?
- How are STIP projects developed and ranked?
- What does “LUMP” mean in the STIP?
- What are the phases of STIP projects?
- How do projects make it into the STIP?
- Does the state match STIP funds?
- Is the STIP available?
- Why is there no coordination with the City/County, and the MPOs?
- Does GDOT maintain shoulders on roads?
- Does GDOT purchase land ahead of time on project routes?

V. Lessons Learned

Public involvement is a process that can be customized and tailored to the public’s needs. For that reason, the public’s assessment of the STIP 2007 – 2009 meetings and how they can be improved will be strongly considered in the planning for the next set of meetings to occur in the summer of 2007. In addition, GDOT staff will also provide input regarding ways to improve the STIP meetings so that the public truly benefits from this outreach effort. Below are some preliminary areas to consider for the next cycle of STIP public meetings. More detail will be added to this section after the January 2007 debrief.

Improving Outreach to EJ Communities

The EJ database could continue to be updated to include the most accurate information for entries currently in the database. In addition, new EJ organizations and contacts could be consistently sought. A more focused approach could be made to better identify areas that

could be targeted by EJ outreach efforts and the local knowledge of the GDOT district could continue to be utilized. Since the District Planning & Programming engineers know which projects are in EJ neighborhoods, those areas could specifically be targeted for enhanced involvement. In addition, project locations could be overlaid with census data to determine if projects are taking place in EJ neighborhoods, however this would require receiving a project list well in advance of the advertising period.

Improving Public Comment Form

A more structured comment form could be considered to facilitate the comment management and analysis process. The comment form will be revised to include a finite number of choices where applicable. In many cases, citizens did not give enough information when asked to provide input and questions regarding specific projects. In this case, it will also be helpful to provide a table with clear headings or template for recording input.

Improving the Public Meeting Experience

The maps and the ways in which they are display can be improved so that they are better understood and utilized by the public. Many citizens found it difficult to correspond the project numbers found on the maps with the project numbers in the STIP document. In meetings with larger attendance, maps displaying the more popular projects, or those displaying projects in the location of the meeting were very crowded and hard to get to.

For the next STIP cycle it will be beneficial to print multiple maps that can be displayed in meeting locations where high attendance is anticipated. These maps could also be a zoomed-in view of the area in which the meeting is being held. This will allow citizens to see more information pertaining to the area where they live. Additionally, perhaps easy-to-read symbols on the map could be used to differentiate between types of projects. A traffic cone icon could indicate a planned road widening; a bridge icon could indicate construction of a bridge, and so on. Popular landmarks and state route numbers can be used to help orient citizens. If space permits, large plots can be made to display the STIP project descriptions that correspond to project numbers on the maps or this information will be printed directly on the map in a table or as a brief description underneath the project number.

VI. Planning for the 2007 STIP Public Meetings

The GDOT staff and consulting team debrief meeting planned for January 2007 will provide valuable information about the 2006 meetings and the best ways for moving forward with planning the summer 2007 public outreach effort. Since public involvement planning is an iterative process, the STIP project team will continue to refine the ways in which the public is notified and engaged.

Appendix

A: Meeting Notification Flyer

B: Media Coverage Documentation

C: District Press Releases

D: Meeting Display Maps

E: Comment Form

F: Comment Form Summaries

**Georgia Department of Transportation District Meeting Information
for the Draft State Transportation Improvement Program**

District One

July 25

Franklin County Justice Center
7085 Highway 145
Carnesville, GA
4:00 – 7:00 PM

July 27

North Georgia Technical College
1500 Highway 197 North
Clarksville, GA
4:00 – 7:00 PM

District Two

July 17

Milledgeville Mall
2400 North Columbia Street
Milledgeville, GA
4:00 - 7:00 PM

July 18

Dublin Mall
2005 Veterans Blvd
Dublin, GA
4:00 - 7:00 PM

District Three

July 17

Milledgeville Mall
2400 North Columbia Street
Milledgeville, GA
4:00 - 7:00 PM

District Three

July 18

Flint River Technical College/Main
Campus Room B-132
1533 Hwy 19 South
Thomaston, GA
4:00 - 7:00 PM

July 20

Carroll County Board of Commissioners
423 College Street
Carrollton, GA
4:00 - 7:00 PM

July 24

LaGrange Mall
1501 Lafayette Parkway
LaGrange, GA
4:00 - 7:00 PM

District Four

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Colonial Mall Valdosta
1700 Norman Drive
Valdosta, GA
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

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Tifton Mall
458 N. Virginia Ave
Tifton, GA
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August 1

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2601 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

District Five

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DOT District Five Office
204 North Highway 301
Jesup, GA
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WHERE

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WHY

The Georgia DOT is updating the State Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2007, 2008, and 2009 and your comments are appreciated.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ✓ Attend one of the 13 public meetings
- ✓ Visit the STIP Web site:
www.dot.state.ga.us/dot/plan-prog/planning/programs/draftstip0709/index.shtml
(The Draft STIP will not be available on the internet until after July 14, 2006)
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The Federal Highway Authority (FHWA) has mandated that all state transportation departments contact the public regarding plans for roadwork. The Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) initiated the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to aid rural counties in Georgia with transit systems, bicycle and pedestrian pathways, resurfacing roads and various other local improvement projects. Public meetings were held in six of the seven districts in Georgia regarding the STIP projects that were set to take place in their areas for the 2007 – 2009 fiscal years. The 13 public meetings were held during the months of July and August of 2006. Media outlets from all areas of the state were contacted, along with local and county government officials, chambers of commerce, as well as businesses that may be affected. After making contacts statewide regarding the STIP meetings, several officials and media outlets responded. Included in this packet are news articles and announcements which all worked to increase public awareness of the meetings.



Georgia Department of Transportation News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 10, 2006

DRAFT

GDOT Wants You to Get Involved in the State Transportation Improvement Program

ATLANTA –This summer the Georgia DOT will hold public meetings in areas all across the state to discuss transportation improvements in rural areas. GDOT encourages the traveling public living in or around one of these rural areas identified by the state to get involved with this process. The transportation improvements identified at these public meetings will be implemented in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for rural Georgia during the next three years.

“GDOT holds public meetings so that we can get a clearer understanding about what communities want and need. The State Transportation Improvement Program is designed to provide Georgia communities with progressive transportation initiatives that will enhance motorists’ experiences and connectivity to other parts of the state,” said State Transportation Planning Engineer Joe Palladi.

The STIP public meetings are scheduled for July and August 2006 and GDOT urges the public to attend one of the 14 meetings being held in various locations across the state.

Projects in the STIP receive funding from federal sources. GDOT is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to allow the public a period in which to comment on projects.

The changes suggested and implemented to the STIP process will be sent to the FHWA for final approval and included in the Department’s Construction Work Program. The Department will respond to all comments received from the public meetings. The Atlanta Metro area STIP will be released to public (please insert the time frame)

For more information regarding meeting times and locations please see the schedule provided on the next page or visit: www.dot.state.ga.us/dot/plan-prog/planning/programs/draftstip0709/index.shtml

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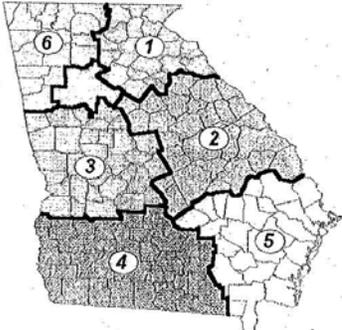
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This district includes the cities of Gainesville, Clarksville, Carnesville, Cleveland, Lawrenceville and Athens and other surrounding cities. Meetings for the District One were held in Carnesville at the Franklin County Justice Center and the North Georgia Technical College in Clarkesville. A general email was sent out to the media and local governments. Once a response was received, a press release accompanied by an invitation was sent to interested parties. Responses were received from the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce (athensga.com), White County Chamber of Commerce (whitecountychamber.org), Dawson County Chamber of Commerce (dawson.org), accessnorthga.com, Lumpkin County News and WDUN-AM in Gainesville.



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Ga. Dept. of Transportation Seeks Your Input

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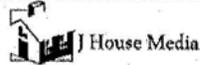
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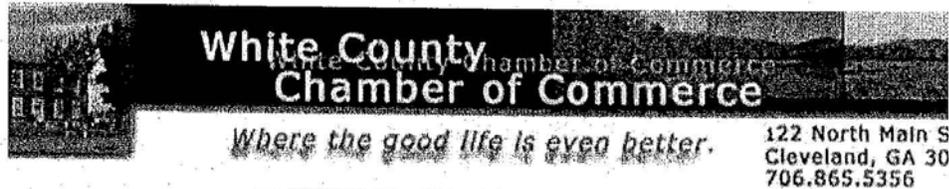


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From: White County Chamber [whitecountychamber@whitecountychamber.org]
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From: White County Chamber [mailto:whitecountychamber@whitecountychamber.org]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2006 12:13 PM
To: White County Chamber
Subject: ChamberGram...

Good Afternoon Chamber Members!
Here is this week's edition of the ChamberGram...



WEEKLY CHAMBERGRAM
WEEK OF JULY 24 - 30, 2006

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CHAMBER?



Grand Openings & Ribbon Cuttings

Phat Stacks Pancake House will be having their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on **Thursday, July 27, 2006 at 11:30a.m.** at 1075 East Kytile Street, Cleveland. For more information please call 706-219-4779.



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Annual Banquet

Friday, August 11

6:30 p.m.

Masters Hall at Unicoi

Less than 30 tickets available so get yours today!

Tickets are \$25 per person or \$250 for a table of 10. We will celebrate our accomplishments over the past year and look ahead to the future with a splash as we bask in the "spotlight of summer". Dress attire will be "Summer Chic", so put on your trendiest summer outfits and join us for a sizzling summer evening of fun. Following the brief business portion of the evening we will be entertained by the, hilarious hypnotist, Dr. Holiday. The evening will conclude with a live auction. Some of the items auctioned off will include pottery, gift baskets, jewelry, getaways and a 4 day 3 night cruise for two to the Bahamas.

For more information about this event please call the Chamber office at 706.865.5356!



Make plans now to attend a luncheon seminar on
"Caring for Senior Family Members & Saving Family Assets"

Thursday, August 3rd at 12:00 Noon

The luncheon will be held at the United Community Bank Roy Ash Jr. Community Room. Sponsored by the White County Chamber of Commerce, this seminar will be co-hosted by Sam Dixon of Norton Dixon Insurance and Todd Wiley from Woodmen of the World. The cost will be \$5.00 at the door and lunch will be provided. To reserve your seat call Sam at 706-865-2189 or Todd at 706-892-8094.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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You're Invited!

Georgia Department of Transportation Public Meetings for the State Transportation Improvement Program

WHO

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)

WHAT

A series of thirteen meetings will be held across the state to review the transportation improvements that are identified for implementation in rural Georgia during the next three years.

WHEN

July 27 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM

WHERE

North Georgia Technical College
1500 Highway 197 North
Clarksville, GA

WHY

The Georgia DOT is updating the State Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2007, 2008, and 2009 and your comments are appreciated.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Attend one of the 13 public meetings
- Visit the STIP Web site:
www.dot.state.ga.us/dot/plan-prog/planning/programs/draftstip0709/index.shtml
- Call or e-mail the Georgia DOT representative listed on back if you have questions or comments.
- If you need a hearing interpreter, please contact GDOT representative Neil Kantner at 770-532-5522 or neil.kantner@dot.state.ga.us

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### Sautee Nacoochee Center's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual SummerFest Cultural Arts Festival

**Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup> Late Night Off Center**

The zany and always topical troupe returns "late night." Who knows what's in the bag of tricks this summer? Celebrate with favorite local artists, some newcomers to the area and, as always, special guests whose identities must be kept secret until the performance. 10:30 PM in the Center Theatre. Tickets are \$4 plus a roll of the dice and are available at the door.

**Friday July 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> The SummerFest Finale: Hamstock**

The big weekend music festival features a Friday night line-up of Chris Unck and Friends, Brother Henry, Jon Harris and the Sin Hounds and regional favorites Big City Sunrise. Outdoors, beginning at 7:00 PM. A special kids show on Saturday offers up Todd Key, formerly of the juggling duo The

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Zucchini Brothers, as he puts on a hilarious comedy/club-throwing/ball spinning/ladder balancing one man extravaganzapalooza! Outdoors, beginning at 2:00 PM.

**Saturday night, the 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM,** Todd will be back doing his grown-up material followed by Andy Offutt Irwin, Freebo and Photoglo (these are NOT cartoon characters!) and, headlining, the famous cowgirls of Cowboy Envy!

Hamstock is a fundraiser for the Center, with proceeds going toward the production of the Evening Star Compilation CD, Volume II. The outdoor stage and lawn area will be tented so Hamstock will go on rain or shine! Bring your blankets, coolers and lounge chairs for this closing celebration of another successful SummerFest!

**Tickets:**

**Friday Night:** \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, \$5 for children under 12

**Saturday Kids Show:** \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 12

**Saturday Night:** \$18 for members, \$20 for non-members, \$5 for children under 12

**SPECIAL COMBO TICKET FOR ALL THREE SHOWS:** \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members, \$12 for children under 12

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It is with much sadness that we announce the closing of BoJungles Feed and Ravyns Nest General Store.

Thank you for your patronage, friendships, and encouragement!!!!

We will be having a "Going Out of Business Sale" at 50% off for the feed-store and general store on July 29th and 30th from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. both days. During the sale we will continue to take cash, checks and debits. Credit card sales will be accepted with \$25 + purchase. **The only item EXCLUDED from this sale is the Hinkle Rockers.**

Our last shipment of feed will arrive on Tuesday, July 25th.

There will be no pre-sales prior to those two days. If you had a raincheck from the last sale, those items will need to be picked up before Friday the 28th.

Plans are to continue the website of www.Ravynsnestgeneralstore.com and in October, to continue the tradition of our Pumpkin Festival to be held on October 14 & 15.

Hope to see you at the sale!!

Thank you.

**BoJungles Feed / Ravyns Nest General Store
14 Thomason Rd.
Cleveland, Georgia 30528
706-219-1344**

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Habitat for Humanity Presents  
The Second Annual "Building Habitat Dreams"

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STARLIGHT & MOONSHINE  
SATURDAY, JULY 29

7:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.  
at the Old Clarkesville Mill Ballroom  
Tickets are \$50 each

Call Habitat for Humanity for more information 706-754-5313

CONTINUING EDUCATION

First Baptist Church will host ESL training to teach English, for more information please contact church at (706) 865-2933.



Below are the upcoming Continuing Education events at NGTC.

**Level 1A Soil Erosion Fundamentals Certification (NPDES)**

Tuesday, July 27, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM. Contact 706-754-7716 or visit [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned) to register.

**Hiring the Best**, Thursday, 7/27, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Come and learn some tips and techniques for finding and hiring not only the most technically qualified candidate, but the person best suited to help *you* in *your* business.

Cost: \$39

Contact: 706-754-7715 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned).

**Accounting for Small Business**, Mondays, 7/31 – 8/14, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Learn business types such as sole proprietorship, partnership, and corporation and the elements associated with Assets, Liabilities, and Owner's Equity.

Cost: \$59

Contact: 706-754-7715 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned).

**Cake Decorating**, Mondays, 7/31 – 8/21, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

This class is designed to teach the beginning or intermediate cake decorator the secrets that only the pros know, from how to make the perfect icing to tips for borders, leaves and flowers, basket weaves, and more.

Cost: \$59 plus supplies

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Contact: 706-754-7715 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned).

**Paralegal Training – Civil Practice and Procedure**, Mondays, 7/31 – 9/11, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Whether you work for a solo practitioner or a large firm, knowledge of the basic elements of civil practice and procedure is a must. This class will teach you about jurisdiction and court rules, and will take you through a lawsuit from filing the complaint until final disposition, with an emphasis on the Georgia Civil Practice Act and fundamentals of Federal rules.

Cost: \$199 (plus book)

Contact: 706-754-7715 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned).

**Home/Building Inspection – Exterior**, Mondays, 7/31 – 8/21, 5:30 PM – 10:00 PM

An introduction to home inspection and focus on roofing, structural, and insulation specifics.

Cost: \$395 per course; one-time book purchase: \$125

Contact: 706-754-7715 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned).

**Motorcycle Basic Service**, Tuesdays, 8/1 – 8/22, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Bring your bike and learn basic maintenance procedures such as oil changes. You could make up the cost of the course with what you save on doing just one tune-up of your own!

Cost: \$79 plus supplies

Contact: 706-754-7715 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned).

**How to Write a Business Plan**, Tuesday, 8/1, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Research your business idea and develop a business plan that will include a market analysis & plan, legal structure, financial plan & cash flow. This is a 12-hour course that you will be given six weeks of online access to complete.

Cost: \$39

Contact: 706-754-7715 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned).

**Digital Photography**, Tuesdays, 8/1 – 9/05, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

This is a great class for the beginning photographer! Students will explore techniques such as indoor and outdoor portrait composing, lighting, posing, and special effects. Bring your camera with you when you come to class.

Cost: \$99

Contact: 706-754-7715 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned).

**Paralegal Training – Documentation and File Preparation**, Tuesdays, 8/1 – 9/05, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

What do you do with those papers that just landed on your desk? This class will go over formatting, change control, terms and other techniques for document maintenance, processing, filing and systems that will help you create an efficient office.

Cost: \$199 plus book

Contact: 706-754-7715 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned).

**Yoga**, Tuesdays, 8/1 – 9/19, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

This beginning Yoga class introduces you to the breathing and stretching techniques that will bring you in touch with your inner self.

Cost: \$99

Contact: 706-754-7715 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned).

**Hospice Suite**, Wednesdays, 8/2 – 9/06, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Bring your brown bag lunch and join us for a special "Lunch 'n' Learn" event on Wednesdays. Topics include "Parents, Babies, and the Juggling Act," "What to say when you don't know what to say," "Five Wishes," and more. There will be a different topic each week – call for a current schedule.

Cost: \$5 each session

Contact: 706-754-7715 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned).

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**Photoshop I**, Wednesdays, 8/2 – 9/6, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

This is an entry-level Photoshop course designed to give photographers help in producing quality photographs. You will learn how to correct exposure and lighting, save images, correct color, make collages, touch up photos, and restore photos. *Computer skills are necessary.*

Cost: \$125

Contact: 706-754-7715 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned).

**Interior Design**, Thursdays, 8/03 – 9/07, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Come and learn about current design trends and basic elements of design, such as scale, form, lines, balance and proportion, blueprint overviews and drawings to scale, color coordination principles, wall finishes, furniture arrangements, fabric, window covering, and accessorizing.

Cost: \$90

Contact: 706-754-7715 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned).

**LoseSmart**, Thursdays, 8/03 – 9/07, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

In this six week fat-to-muscle makeover you will receive a fitness assessment, personal training, weight loss, body tone, nutritional counseling, physical conditioning and a maintenance plan.

Cost: \$125

Contact: 706-754-7715 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned).

**Paralegal Training – Family Law**, Thursdays, 8/03 – 9/07, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Most general law practices deal with a variety of issues related to family law. This class will teach you the fundamentals of family law, highlighting laws applicable to jurisdictions common to Georgia lawyers, allowing you to become a greater asset to your law office.

Cost: \$199 plus book

Contact: 706-754-7715 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned).

**Microsoft Office Classes:**

**Access Automation Techniques**, Mondays, 7/31 – 8/01, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, \$139

**Windows**, Tuesdays, 8/1 – 8/15, 6:00 PM – 9:00 Pm, \$98

Contact: 706-754-7716 or [www.northgatech.edu/coned](http://www.northgatech.edu/coned)

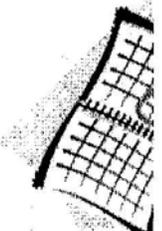
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WORLD-CLASS SEMINAR.....
BECOMING A CUSTOMER-FOCUSED ORGANIZATION

Hosted by
Georgia Institute of Technology & North Georgia Technical College
Thursday, September 14, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon
North Georgia Technical College Currahee Campus
8989 Highway 17 South, Toccoa, Georgia

For informat
706-754-7
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Keynote Speaker: Craig Cochran, North Metro Regional Manager with Georgia Tech's Enterpri
Innovation Institute. Author & speaker, Cochran holds certifications in Quality Manager, Qualit
Engineer, Quality Auditor and QMS Lead Auditor through the RABQSA. His latest book, *Becom
Customer-Focused Organization*, is the theme for this seminar.

In addition to Cochran, other noted speakers include quality/customer service leaders from IBM,
Cola, and Caterpillar. All will be addressing the role of customer service in the quality arena.

Register online for this seminar at www.northgatech.edu/econddev/quality.cfm. Only \$49. This e
change the focus of your company—Don't miss it!
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For more information call 706-754-7715 or 706-754-7736



Job Bulletin

- Take advantage of our Job Bulletin!
- Check it out: http://www.whitecountychamber.org/job_bulletin.htm
If you have an employment opportunity within your company or business, please
contact Crystal to have it posted on our bulletin board and our website,
whitecountychamber@whitecountychamber.org



Look for the August edition of the Chamber Advocate in this week's
paper!

- You can access the Chamber's monthly newsletter, the Chamber Advocate, by
visiting http://www.whitecountynewstelegraph.com/special_section/4/

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- Take advantage of your member to member discount! Click here for a list of members that have a special offer this month or an ongoing offer.
http://www.whitecountychamber.org/member_to_member.htm

WANT TO SHARE YOUR INFORMATION?

If you have any information or an event that you would like for us to include in the ChamberGram, please email Crystal at whitecountychamber@whitecountychamber.org with the information by NOON on Thursday of each week. If you have any suggestions on how you think the ChamberGram can be more helpful, please don't hesitate to contact us at the Chamber at 706.865.5356!

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Dawson County Chamber of Commerce & Community Calendar of Events



REVERSE RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW! Need \$10,000 or a New Megel Chevrolet Truck? 350 tickets will be sold for \$100 each. The last ticket drawn wins choice of CASH or Truck. 12 other prizes too! Call the Chamber at 706-265-6278 for full details! You do NOT have to be present to win!

July

**Georgia Department of Transportation
Draft - State Transportation Improvement Program – District Meetings
District One**

Neil Kantner 770-532-5530
neil.kantner@dot.state.ga.us

July 25

Franklin County Justice Center
7085 Highway 145
Carnesville, GA
4:00 – 7:00 PM

July 27

North Georgia Technical College
1500 Highway 197 North
Clarksville, GA
4:00 – 7:00 PM

**August
2nd Annual**

August 11, 2006, Don Gordon Memorial Golf Tournament Benefiting the NEGA American Red Cross at Chestatee Golf Club. TEE TIME: 1:00 p.m. ENTRY FEE: \$125.00 per person REGISTRATION: 1-800-282-1722, ext. 29 SPONSORSHIP: Andy Thompson, 706-878-8629

August 3rd, Just in time for school.....Allen Street Study Center is having a ribbon cutting at 11:30 am. Call Deborah Huggard for more info at 706-265-8576. They are located at 257 Allen Street.

August 24th, Dawson County Chamber of Commerce Reverse Truck Raffle Drawing: Tickets are \$100 each and entitles two people to attend the drawing for food, fun & excitement! Only 350 tickets were printed so the odds of winning are the best you'll have. You may purchase tickets at BB&T, Chestatee State Bank, Regions Bank, United Community Bank or at the Chamber of Commerce.

August 10th, Lunch with the Chamber, 12 Noon at Peach Brandy Cottage. The speaker will be Ginger Bennett with UGA. Ginger is working out of the Dawson County Extension office as a radon educator. She will speak about the dangers of radon gas exposure, how to test and protect yourself from radon. Members expected, visitors welcome! RSVP no later than August 3rd by calling 706-265-6278. Lunch is \$10 per person.

August 17th, Regions Bank host BAH from 5-7 pm. Call Mark Diver at 706-265-2300 for more info. Special thanks go to AFLAC, Sharon Reagan; www.DawsonTODAY.com, J.T. Trinkle and United Community Bank, James Askew for donating \$25 each to the cash jackpot.

August 19th (The Pink Panther) and September 9th (Dreamer) at Rock Creek soccer fields. These movie nights are made possible through sponsorship only, as there is no admission fee to help cover the costs. All movies are free; however, the games and activities may include a fee; unless we have enough sponsorship, which would cover the costs of everything, making all games & activities free as well. Games & activities include inflatable moonwalk and slide, clown show, arts & crafts, pony rides, etc. Concessions and souvenirs are sold as well. The games/activities portion of the night begins at 6pm; the movie begins at dusk (around 9pm). For more info or to be a sponsor please contact Buffie R. Henson at Dawson County Parks & Recreation, Programs & Facilities Coordinator, buffiehenson@alltel.net, 706-344-3646 Ext. 224 or 706-344-3648 Ext. 224

August 22nd, Lanier Technical College, Dawson Campus is having a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at 10:00 am. Please join us as we welcome them to Dawson County!

August 31st, Join us as we hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for Dawson County's newest hair salon, Lava Hair Studio at 11:30 am. They are located at 671 Lumpkin Campground Rd., Suite 100 A. You may call Jennifer at 706-429-0001 for more info.

September

September 1-29th, Heart in Hand Quilt Quild featuring local county quilters at the Bowen Arts Center. Call Stacey at 706- 216-2787

September 12th, 10th Annual Community Picnic at Amicalola Falls State Park from 5-7 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Free admission, free food & free local entertainment. Call 706-265-6278 for more info.

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September 14th, Lunch with the Chamber, 12 Noon. Members expected, visitors welcome!

September 21st, Chestatee State Bank hosts BAH from 5-7 pm. Call Greg Tyre for more info at 706-265-2265. Special thanks go to AFLAC, Sharon Reagan; www.DawsonTODAY.com, J.T. Trinkle and United Community Bank, James Askew for donating \$25 each to the cash jackpot.

September 26th, Dawson County Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament. Get ready to Tee off at Chestatee Golf Club! We are looking for players & sponsors. Call 706-265-6278 for more info or visit our website at www.dawson.org to download an application.

October

October 9th, Southern Catholic College Golf Tournament. Register online at www.southerncatholic.org, click on events, golf tournament; or call Denise Walters at 706-344-4002

October 10th, Dawson County Chamber of Commerce 6th Annual Business Expo at Lake View Center Complex. Open to the public. Free admission, free food, great door prizes and loads of fun! Come see our Chamber members businesses on display. Contact the Chamber at 706-265-6278 for more info.

October 12th, Lunch with the Chamber, 12 noon. Members expected, visitors welcome!

October 19th, Forrest Hills Mountain Resort hosts BAH from 5-7 pm. Call Michele at 706-864-6456 for more info. Special thanks go to AFLAC, Sharon Reagan; www.DawsonTODAY.com, J.T. Trinkle and United Community Bank, James Askew for donating \$25 each to the cash jackpot.

October 28, 29th: The 39th Annual Mountain Moonshine Festival. The Moonshine Festival explores Dawson County's history during the prohibition era when liquor was illegal and the Great Depression of the 1930's when running moonshine through the foothills of the Northeast Georgia Mountains was a way of life. Thousands of tourist flock to the birthplace of NASCAR racing to hear about storied legends, Seay, Hall, Parks, and Gober Sosbee. Visit www.dawson.org for more info.

November

November 9th, Lunch with the Chamber, 12 noon,

November 11th, 2nd Annual Veterans Day Celebration. Join us as we honor our Military Veterans. Parade & ceremony will begin at the Dawsonville Municipal Complex. There

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will be military displays, keynote speakers and more. Call the Chamber at 706-265-6278 for more info or visit our website at www.dawson.org.

November 16th, United Community Bank hosts BAH from 5-7 pm. Call James Askew at 706-265-3232 for more info. Special thanks go to AFLAC, Sharon Reagan; www.DawsonTODAY.com, J.T. Trinkle and United Community Bank, James Askew for donating \$25 each to the cash jackpot.

December

No Chamber Luncheon this month.

December 1st, Lighting of the Christmas Tree at Dawsonville City Hall. Call Kim at 706-265-3256 for more info or visit www.dawsonville.com

Dec. 2-22nd, Bowen Center for the Arts presents "Home for the Holidays". Call Stacey at 706-216-2787 for more info.

December 14th, BB&T hosts BAH with DawsonToday.com co-hosting from 5-7 pm. Call Mike Bailey at 706-216-5050 for more info. Special thanks go to AFLAC, Sharon Reagan; www.DawsonTODAY.com, J.T. Trinkle and United Community Bank, James Askew for donating \$25 each to the cash jackpot.

Dawson County Builders Association: 3rd Wednesday of each month breakfast at 7:30 AM & meeting at 8:00 AM at Wildman's BBQ. For more info call 404-391-8693

Dawsonville City Council calendar of scheduled meetings visit www.dawsonville.com

Dawson County Commissioners calendar of scheduled meetings visit www.dawsoncounty.org

Dawson County Board of Education meetings visit www.dawson.k12.ga.us

Etowah Water & Sewer Authority meetings visit www.etowahwater.org

Special thanks to our
Chamber Building Project Sponsors!
Chestatee State Bank Regions Bank United Community Bank
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Dawson County Chamber of Commerce & CVB
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Dawsonville, GA 30534
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www.dawson.org info@dawson.org
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Updated Monday, July 10 at 7:12 AM



DOT seeks input on three-year work plan by Lindsay Helton

GAINESVILLE - The Department of Transportation hold two public hearings this month for several northeast Georgia counties to discuss federally funded road projects.

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a three-year plan for rural counties detailing federally funded projects that includes Interstate and State Route Improvements, bridge project maintenance projects, bicycle and pedestrian projects, transportation enhancement activities and public transit projects. The STIP under review will cover Fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

The STIP and therefore the open house information only includes information on projects planned in counties that are not designated as "metropolitan." The counties in Northeast Georgia included in STIP are: Banks, Dawson, Elbert, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Jackson, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White.

There are two Public Information Open Houses planned in Northeast Georgia. One is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Franklin County Justice Center located at 7085 Highway 145 in Carnesville.

The second open house is scheduled for Thursday, July 27th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at North Georgia Technical College in the Di Hall Annex located on State Route 197 in Clarksville.

DOT Engineers will be on hand to answer your questions. Everyone is invited to attend.

Related Links: [Email Lindsay Helton](#)

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Updated Monday, July 10 at 7:12 AM

DOT seeks input on three-year work plan
by Lindsay Helton

GAINESVILLE - The Department of Transportation hold two public hearings this month for several northeast Georgia counties to discuss federally funded road projects.

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a three year plan for rural counties detailing federally funded projects that includes Interstate and State Route improvements, bridge project maintenance projects, bicycle and pedestrian projects, transportation enhancement activities and public transit projects. The STIP under review will cover Fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

The STIP and therefore the open house information only includes information on projects planned in counties that are not designated as "metropolitan." The counties in Northeast Georgia included in STIP are: Banks, Dawson, Elbert, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Jackson, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White.

There are two Public Information Open Houses planned in Northeast Georgia. One is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Franklin County Justice Center located at 7085 Highway 145 in Carnesville.

The second open house is scheduled for Thursday, July 27th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at North Georgia Technical College in the DI Hall Annex located on State Route 197 in Clarkesville.

DOT Engineers will be on hand to answer your questions. Everyone is invited to attend.

Related Links:
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DOT seeks input on three-year work plan GAINESVILLE - The Department of Transportation will hold two Georgia counties to discuss federally funded road projects. [Comment?](#)

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District Two

This district includes the cities of Sandersville, Swainsboro, Louisville, Augusta, Madison, Milledgeville and Dublin and other surrounding cities. Meetings for District Two were held at the Milledgeville and Dublin malls. Responses from the City of Toccoa (cityoftoccoa.com) and the Eatonton Messenger were received. The City of Toccoa placed an ad on their websites calendar and the meeting was also broadcasted over the city's local access channel.

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The Eatonton Messenger

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DOT to present area transportation plan

Posted by Messenger on July 06 2006 08:56:06

MILLEDGEVILLE - The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) will present its three-year transportation improvement plan for east central Georgia at a public meeting from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, July 17 at the Milledgeville Mall, 2400 N. Columbia St., in Milledgeville Click "Read More" for details...

Extended News

DOT to present area transportation plan.

MILLEDGEVILLE - The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) will present its three-year transportation improvement plan for east central Georgia at a public meeting from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, July 17 at the Milledgeville Mall, 2400 N. Columbia St., in Milledgeville

DOT officials are also seeking input on what types of transportation improvements area residents feel are needed in their communities. Those attending the meeting will be able to find out which transportation projects are already planned, suggest changes and additions, and

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District Three

This district included the cities of Thomaston, Americus, Perry, Macon, Griffin, LaGrange and Columbus. Meetings for District Three were held at the Milledgeville Mall, Flint River Technical College in Thomaston, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners Office and the LaGrange Mall. All of these major cities were contacted and responses were received from Twiggs County (twiggscounty.us) and an article was placed in the LaGrange Daily News (lagrangenews.com).



Georgia Department of Transportation

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 12, 2006

What do you think?

DOT seeks input on three-year Work Plan

Thomaston -- The Georgia Department of Transportation invites you to an open house to discuss the State Transportation Improvement Program. The STIP, as it known, is a three year plan for rural counties detailing federally funded transportation projects including Interstate and State Route improvements, bridge projects, maintenance projects, bicycle and pedestrian projects, enhancement activities and public transit projects. The STIP under review will cover Fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

The STIP open house information only presents information on projects planned in counties that are not designated as "metropolitan." The counties in west central Georgia included in the STIP are: Butts, Crawford, Dooly, Harris, Heard, Lamar, Macon, Marion, Meriwether, Monroe, Pike, Pulaski, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, Troup, Twiggs, Upson, Webster and portions of Jones, Peach and Spalding.

Counties that are designated metropolitan areas review all of their projects through their Metropolitan Planning Organization and will have their public review later in the year. The counties in west central Georgia included in Metropolitan Planning Organizations are Muscogee, Chattahoochee, Houston, Bibb, Coweta, Fayette, Henry and portions of Jones, Peach and Spalding.

There are four public information open houses planned in west central Georgia: from 4-7 p.m., July 18, in the commons area at the Milledgeville Mall in Milledgeville; from 4-7 p.m., July 18, in main campus room B-132 of the Flint River Technical College in Thomaston; from 4-7 p.m., July 20, in the chamber of the Carroll County Commission in Carrollton; and also from 4-7 p.m., July 24,

http://www.twiggscounty.us/georgia_department_of_transporta.htm

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Cloude, Chelsea M

From: Dan Baker [dbaker@lagrangenews.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 4:20 PM
To: Cloude, Chelsea M
Subject: Re: State Transportation Improvement Meeting In Your Area

By Joel Martin
Senior Writer

An interchange on Interstate 85 for the planned Kia Motors auto plant will be among the topics this week at two open-house meetings sponsored by the state Department of Transportation.

The first meeting will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at LaGrange Mall on Lafayette Parkway and the second from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at West Point gym on U.S. 29.

Mike Dover, project manager for the interchange, said environmental and archaeological studies are scheduled for completion in March before the start of right-of-way acquisition.

He said the proposed interchange, which has been moved about 1,500 feet north of the original site between Webb and Sandtown roads, would tie into a realigned Gabbettville Road on the Kia side of the interstate and with Warner Road on the other side.

A frontage road parallel to the interstate would tie into Ga. 18 in West Point.

The estimated \$28 million project is scheduled for completion in December 2008, mostly with federal dollars.

Tuesday's meeting also will be the third and final public workshop for Troup County's 30-year transportation plan, much of which would be financed by the county's proposed 1 percent special-purpose local-option sales tax. A referendum on the tax is scheduled for Sept. 19.

Among the priorities that emerged from the study, in no particular order, are:

n Four-lane widening of Hamilton Road from Morgan Street to Auburn Avenue; n Four-lane widening of Davis Road, also known as the LaGrange Bypass and Ga. 14 Spur; n Four-lane widening of West Point Road from Upper Glass Bridge Road to Old Vernon Road; n A connector road estimated at five to seven miles from New Franklin Road to the interchange of Interstate 85/185, n And the completion of a loop around LaGrange by extending the North Loop from New Franklin Road to Mooty Bridge Road, where it would become the Northwest Loop and connect with the South LaGrange Loop at Roanoke Road.

Monday's meeting will be to seek public input on the DOT's scheduled \$98 million worth of federally funded projects over the next three years, including the Kia interchange.

Other projects in the State Transportation Improvement Program are the South La-Grange Loop, Hamilton Road widening, ramp improvements on Interstate 85 at Ga. 18, lighting at the interchange in Hogansville, I-85 resurfacing and weigh station up-grades on I-85.

Joel Martin can be reached at jmartin@lagrangenews.com or (706) 884-7311, Ext. 235.

on 7/26/06 2:00 PM, Cloude, Chelsea M at Chelsea.Cloude@dot.state.ga.us wrote:

> Dan,
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> Would it be possible for you to forward me a copy of the announcement
> that you put in the paper for DOT meetings? We need it for the DOT's
> records.
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> If you have any questions feel free to call or email me.
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> Thanks for everything,
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> Chelsea M. Cloude
> Georgia Department of Transportation
> Office of Communications Intern
> No. 2 Capitol Square Avenue, Room 268

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> (404) 656-3538
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Dan Baker [mailto:dbaker@lagrangenews.com]
> Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 7:43 PM
> To: Cloude, Chelsea M
> Subject: Re: State Transportation Improvement Meeting In Your Area
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> Thanks. We'll get an announcement in the paper. Dan Baker
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> on 7/12/06 3:55 PM, Cloude, Chelsea M at
> Chelsea.Cloude@dot.state.ga.us
> wrote:
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>> A bit of both. However, the meeting in your area is at the LaGrange
>> Mall on July 24th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. The press release is
> attached.
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>> Chelsea M. Cloude
>> Georgia Department of Transportation
>> Office of Communications Intern
>> No. 2 Capitol Square Avenue, Room 268 Atlanta, Georgia 30334
>> (404) 656-3538
>> chelsea.cloude@dot.state.ga.us
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Dan Baker [mailto:dbaker@lagrangenews.com]
>> Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 3:25 PM
>> To: Cloude, Chelsea M
>> Subject: State Transportation Improvement Meeting In Your Area
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>> Milledgeville Mall is in Milledgeville. We are LaGrange Daily News,
> more
>> than halfway across the state. Is the location incorrect or was this
>> sent to us in error?
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>> Dan Baker, news editor
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>> From: Cloude, Chelsea M [mailto:Chelsea.Cloude@dot.state.ga.us]
>> Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 1:53 PM
>> To: Pippin, Mike
>> Subject: State Transportation Improvement Meeting In Your Area
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>> To Whom It May Concern:
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>> The Georgia Department of Transportation is slated to have a meeting
> in
>> your
>> area (Milledgeville Mall) on July 17th. These meetings are in regard
> to
>> the
>> State Transportation Improvement Program which is program that helps
>> rural counties to enhance their modes of transportation. We are
>> currently working on press release to send out to all areas around
>> you about these meetings.
>> GDOT urges all people in or around the area to attend these meetings.
>> When
>> would I need to have the press release to you to have it published in
>> time?

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>> If you have any questions or ideas regarding this matter, feel free
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District Four

This district includes the cities of Valdosta, Douglas, Fitzgerald, Moultrie, Albany, Cuthbert, and Donalsonville. Meetings for District Four were held at the Colonial Mall in Valdosta, the Tifton Mall and the Albany Mall. An overwhelming response was received from the city of Albany. The advertisements for these meetings were published in the employee's newsletter, the e-newsletter that is delivered to residents of Albany, the city's public access channel and the calendar of events posted on the city's website (albany.ga.us).

City of E-Newsletter

The Good Life City

July 14, 2006

Greetings!

Welcome to the City of Albany E-Newsletter. Published twice a month, the City of Albany E-Newsletter is filled with timely information about your local government and about exciting, healthy and informative events and activities in our community.

E-Government



The Board of Commissioners of the City of Albany will be making several new appointments. If you are interested in serving on a board, [click here](#) for information.

**July 27
City of Albany Gang Task Force Meeting:**

Time: 5 p.m.
Location: Government Center (Room 120), 222 Pine Ave.
Info: 229-431-2183 or jawilliams@dougherty.ga.us

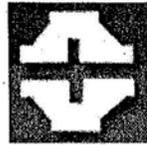
**Effective August 1
Albany Transit Services has posted new fare rates.** [Click here to view.](#)

[Click here](#) to view the latest City Manager's Report.

The City of Albany Solid Waste Division is implementing an Automated Collection System for household garbage collection. [Read more.](#)

The Albany Public Works Department would like your assistance in keeping pot holes in check. If you see a pot hole, please call (229) 883-6950 or (229) 883-6610.

Albany Civic Center Complex



**July 29
South GA Wildcats Arena Football Game:** The Wildcats take on the Florida Firecats for the last home game of the season.

Tickets: \$10;\$12;\$16;\$20;\$26;\$30
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Albany Civic Center, 100 W. Oglethorpe Blvd.
Info: 229-430-5200 or www.southgawildcats.com

**August 3 - 5
Discount Children's Wear:** Enjoy discount prices on back-to-school uniforms, clothing, and accessories.

Time: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Aug. 3 & 4)
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Aug. 5)
Location: Albany Civic Center, 100 W. Oglethorpe Blvd.

Info: 229-430-1804

August 5

Saturday Market: At Saturday Market you can find fresh fruits & vegetables, homemade candles & soaps, handmade baskets & birdhouses, along with gourmet coffee & tea, organic herbs, and fresh cut flowers/plants.

Time: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Front Street (between the Albany Civic Center & Veteran's Park)

Info: For booth information or to register please contact Mandy Fussell, Albany Civic Center Event Coordinator 229-430-4297 or email at mfussell@dougherty.ga.us.

August 17

SOWEGA Council on Aging "Night of Comedy": A special event featuring Jerry Farber, a nationally known comedian and pianist extraordinaire from Atlanta. This event is being held to assist in funding for programs such as "MEALS ON WHEELS," legal services, long-term care, and others serving seniors. Coffee and dessert will be available.

Cost: \$50

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Albany Municipal Auditorium, 200 North Jackson Street

Info: 229-432-1124

Albany Recreation and Parks Department



July 18-20

Baseball Clinic - Learn Basic Fundamentals of Baseball: Youth ages 9-15 will learn fielding, throwing, hitting, sliding, pitching, and base running. Feel free to bring personal equipment (bats, helmets, gloves, or catcher's equipment). Baseball cleats are recommended.

Time: 9 a.m. - Noon (Tuesday through Thursday)

Location: Eames Sports Complex at 1130 Ball Park Lane

Cost: FREE!

Info: Dan James or Eddie Smith at 229-430-5239 or 229-430-5222 to pre-register. Walk-ins will also be accepted.

July 20

Back to School Cheerleader Expedition: For ages 7-15. Certificates will be awarded to all participants.

Admission: Any school supply item (paper, pencil, etc.)

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Turner Gym, 2301 George Ave.

Reservations: Call Linda Harris at 229-430-5243 (pager 229-903-6118) or email her at lharris@albany.ga.us

July 21

Kids on the Move: Come join the 5K walk-run and 1 mile fun walk. For ages 16 and under a release form must be completed and signed by parents for a child to participate. Parents are welcome to come and walk with their children! Free t-shirts for the first 100 kids, free backpacks for the first 75 kids. Grand Prizes: bicycles, gift certificates, and more!

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Time: 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.; registration 7:30 a.m. – 8 a.m.
Location: Albany State University—Hampton Smith Sports Complex Track Field
Information: Call 229-430-6230 or 229-430-5222.

August 11-13

USQRA/BlazeSports Quad Rugby Clinic: Instruction by Marty Frierson and Scott Stokes. Hosted by BlazeSports Southwest Georgia, Albany Recreation and Parks Department, and Albany ARC.

Location: Turner Gym (2301 George Ave.)
Info: Contact Derek Wooten at 420-7596 or quicksilverquadrugby@mchsi.com.
Registration fee: Register early by August 1. Team fee \$150 early, \$175 after August 1; Individual fee \$35 early, \$50 after August 1.
Host Hotel: Merry Acres Quality Inn; Call 229-435-7721 or toll free at 888-462-7721. Room rates are \$59.00 plus tax, per night.

Special Olympics Georgia Fall Games:

Volunteer forms for the 2006 Special Olympics Georgia Fall Games are now available. [Click here](#) for a downloadable PDF. Paper copies are available at the Recreation & Parks office or the Chamber of Commerce. For more information on the Fall Games please [click here](#).

Quarters to the Stars: The Games Management Team for the 2006 Fall Games is collecting quarters with a goal of amassing enough quarters to line up for a mile! Your donation of any bills or change is greatly appreciated. Find a "Quarters to the Stars" donation bottle at:

- Harvest Moon – 230 W. Broad Ave.
- San Joes – 232 W. Broad Ave.
- Hubble's – 311 N. Washington
- The Cookie Shop – 115 North Jackson
- Salon Infinity – 112 North Jackson
- The Clay Spot – 2109 Dawson Rd.
- Rental Depot – 2200 Gillionville Rd.

July Fishing Rodeos: Ken Gardens Pond is stocked with channel catfish by GA Dept. of Natural resources Wildlife Division. Maximum 3 poles – fishing license required.

Cost: Free to the public (kids must have adult supervision)
Time: 7 a.m. – noon
Location: Ken Gardens Pond—1511 Ken Gardens Road
Info: Call Jeff Brown at 229-430-5222.

July Fishing Rodeo Dates:

- 18—Tuesday—Public
- 22—Saturday—Family
- 26—Wednesday—Public
- 31—Monday—Family

The Parks at Chehaw

July 22 and August 5

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Breakfast with the Cheetahs: Ellie, Roswell, Mariska, and Kai invite you to join them for a fun filled morning to visit with them. Come early to have breakfast with their keeper at 8 a.m.; then go behind the scenes on a tour to meet our beloved cheetahs up close. Finally get a VIP viewing of the new cheetah lure course. Don't miss this exciting experience! This event will fill quickly; so reserve your seat today! Ages 4 and up (all children must be accompanied by an adult).

Time: 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Cost: \$25 per person, \$20 per person for Friends of Chehaw members.
Info: 229-430-5295

Starting July 15

Cumulus Broadcasting of Albany presents Simply Southern Movie Series Bring a blanket/lawn chairs, pack a dinner, snacks, and drinks (no alcoholic beverages allowed). Bring the family to enjoy a relaxing evening watching a movie under the stars! All ages welcome.

July Movies: July 15 - "Cheaper by the Dozen 2"
July 29 - "Ice Age 2"
Event dates: 7/15, 7/29, 8/19, 8/26, 9/16, & 9/30
Time: Dusk (Gates open at 7 p.m. and close 10 minutes before movie starts.)
Tickets: \$2 per adult and \$1 per child.
Info: Call 229-430-5295 for more information.

Now thru July 28

Swamp Stomp Summer Camp 2006: Each camp consists of half-day sessions with age specific themes.

Age groups: 4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-12 years old. Each camp class will have a maximum of 16 participants and will be taught by Chehaw's education specialists. [Click here](#) to download the camp brochure.

Our Community



Every Saturday

FFW Saturday Nite Dance: Dance to Good country music presented by the "True Country" band. A mix of old and new country, requests accepted.

Admission: \$6 per person
Time: 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Location: Albany Post 2785 on Philema Rd.
Info: 229-889-9263

Every Wednesday & Friday

Bingo: Doors open one hour prior to start of game.

Time: at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Location: VFW Post 2785, 315 Philema Road
Info: 229-883-9950

Every Monday

A New AA Meeting for South Albany: The Alcoholics Anonymous meeting is open to the public. Those wanting to know more about what AA can do for them or a loved one

may attend. Snacks and coffee will be served.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Mt. Zion Baptist Church Family Center, 1905 Martin Luther King Drive, 2nd floor, Classroom 3

Info: Call Tim at (229) 435-2259 for more information.

July 15

GED Orientation Class: Free GED Classes

Cost: Free

Time: 10 a.m. - noon

Location: Goodwill Career Center, 2015 N. Slappey Blvd.

Info: 229-317-0970 ext. 209

July 16, 23, 30

Discovery Days: Enjoy arts and crafts, storytelling, and more! This month we will be exploring the Wonders of Georgia!

Cost: Free with admission

Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Flint RiverQuarium

Info: 229-639-2650 ext 233

July 17 - 24

Free and Reduced Lunch Program Applications: Free and Reduced lunch applications will be taken for the 2006-2007 School Year.

Time: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Dougherty County School Nutrition Office. 200 Pine Avenue, 2nd Floor

Info: For any questions please call 229-431-1818.

July 19

Tadpole Time: Bring your toddler and enjoy 45 minutes of story time, snack time and crafts! Participants will also have an opportunity to get an up close visit with one of the RiverQuarium's animal residents.

Cost: \$5 with adult admission

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Flint RiverQuarium

Info: 229-639-2650 ext 233

July 20

Understanding the GSA Schedules Process: GSA Schedules cover a number of commodities and services, but they do not cover everything the government purchases. It is imperative to determine if there is a GSA Schedule covering your product or service prior to attending this seminar. View schedule information at www.gsa.gov.

Cost: Free

Time: 1 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: 125 Pine Ave., Ste 220

Info: Register online at www.gtpac.org or email helen.daughtry@edi.gatech.edu.

July 20

Summer Karaoke Contest: Applications are available at the Albany Mall Information

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Center. Proceeds from audience voting will benefit Children's Miracle Network. Great prizes!

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Center Court, Albany Mall

Info: 229-883-7983, debra.rowe@aronov.com, or heather.parr@aronov.com.

July 20

Summer Maintenance for Landscapes: James Morgan, Dougherty County Extension Agriculture Agent, will show homeowners how to keep their landscape healthy and thriving.

Cost: Free

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Candy Room, 125 Pine Avenue

Info: 229-436-7216, uge4095@uga.edu, or www.ugaextension.com/dougherty

July 22

Youth Conference: This event will feature internationally known author/motivational speaker Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu, President of African-American Images, Chicago, Illinois. This event is free and open to the public.

Location: Mt. Zion Baptist Church at 1905 MLK Jr. Drive

Info: 432-6837.

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

July 22

Pruning Trees and Shrubs: James Morgan, Dougherty County Extension Agriculture Agent, will help homeowners learn how to properly prune their trees and shrubs.

Cost: Free

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: The Garden Center at Lowe's, 1200 Westover Blvd.

Info: 436-7216 or uge4095@uga.edu

July 25

Community Policing Empowerment Meeting: Citizens are working in conjunction with Albany Police and City & County Officials to clean up the drug and burglary problems facing East Albany.

Time: 5 p.m.

Location: 1721 E. Oglethorpe Blvd.

Info: Contact Charlotte Atteberry at 229-439-8421.

July 27

"Will you get into Medical School?" Admissions officers from Georgia's allopathic and osteopathic medical schools will tell you what it takes. If you are interested in attending medical school this is an opportunity you won't want to miss. Space is limited.

Cost: Free

Time: 2 p.m.

Info: Call 439-7185 to reserve your seat today.

Location: Phoebe Northwest Conference Center, 2336 Dawson Road

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The Eye Site Tour: The exhibit provides information on low vision, in both English and Spanish, featuring five kiosks with an interactive multimedia touch-screen program, a display of assistive devices and a list of local low vision resources. Developed by the National Eye Institute (NEI).

Cost: none
Location: JC Penney wing at Albany Mall
Info: 229-883-7983

July 28

Construction Developers Seminar: This seminar will focus on construction and development opportunities in the Albany-Dougherty area. Representatives will be present from the State Licensing Board to talk about Georgia's new General and Residential Contractor Licensure requirements.

Cost: FREE
Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: Albany State University - ACAD Auditorium Info: Contact Mary J. Gordon at 229-878-3151 or mgordon@dougherty.ga.us or visit the SDBU website. Click here for [Event Flier](#).

Now through July 28

The Flint RiverQuarium RiverQuest Summer Camp Program: Each week-long half-day session will feature a different theme. Campers will enjoy live animal experiences, educational movies, crafts, water activities, and much more.

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: Tuesday before each camp or until slots are full. To register by mail, please [print form](#) and mail with payment.

July 29 - 30

Personal Trainer Workshop: This 2-day workshop includes demonstrations and practical application of one-on-one training. Workshop registration includes a full day review, written exam, and 2-year certificate and membership.

Registration: 1-800-AEROBIC (237-6242) or www.ndeita.com
Location: Albany State University Campus, HPER Building
Info: Mildred Green at 229-430-5222
Sponsored by: NETA (National Exercise Training Association), Albany State University, and the Albany Recreation and Parks Department.

July 31 - August 5

The Boys and Girls Club 2006-2007 After-School Program Registration: The After School Program will begin on Monday, August 7. The organization serves boys and girls from ages 6-17. For more information call:

- Covenant Unit 229-436-2343
- East Albany 229-439-4386
- Jane Willson 229-420-5580
- Jefferson Street 229-435-2546
- McIntosh Homes 229-438-8940
- Lamar Reese 229-431-3495
- Lee County 229-439-0196
- Sylvester Rd. Elem. 229-439-0196

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Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Location: Albany Mall

Now through August 12

Kaplan MCAT Review Course: The nation's #1 MCAT course is now available in Albany for the first time.

Cost: \$1649
Location: Albany State University, Peace Hall Info: 1- 800-KAP-TEST or kaptest.com/mcat.

Now through April 22, 2007

Dictionary & Reading Book Drive: Youth in Action for Healthy Lifestyles has begun their community service project to help promote literacy in the Dougherty County Area. We are asking all community faith-base organizations, local business owners, and community leaders to please help us reach our goal to collect at least 16,000 dictionary and reading books to be donated to students in the Dougherty County, Albany Area.

Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Location: Albany, Dougherty County
Info: Contact Sheritta Frazier at yia4hls@yahoo.com or 229-883-8251 to have YIA4HLs Team come pick up any donated books or for more information.

email: events@albany.ga.us
web: <http://www.albany.ga.us>

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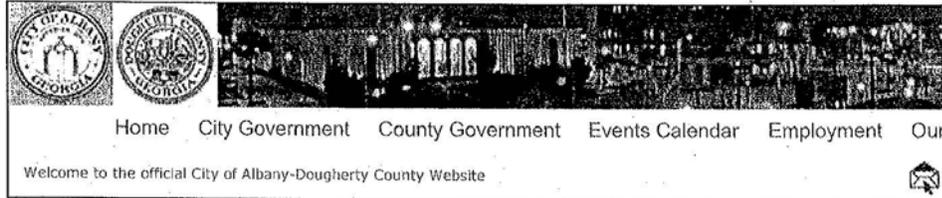
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 <u>State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Public Meeting</u>	2	3 Discount Children's Wear	4 Discount Child Wear
6	7 Dictionary & Reading Book Drive	8 Adult Fall Softball League Registration Aug. 8 thru Sept. 8	9	10 Arthur Berry Gallery Talk	11 BlazeSports C Rugby Clin
13 BlazeSports Quad Rugby Clinic	14 Mayor's Town Hall Meeting Youth Football & Cheerleading Registration Aug. 14 - Sept. 6	15	16 Understanding Wide Area Work Flow	17 Night of Comedy	18
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2nd Monday of Each Month

Mayor Willie Adams, Jr holds **town hall meetings** at 6:30 p.m. on th each month.

South GA Wildcats Football Games: Arena Football

July 29 - vs Florida Firecats

Tickets: \$10;\$12;\$16;\$20;\$26;\$30

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Albany Civic Center, 100 W Oglethorpe Blvd

Info: 430-5200

Every Saturday

VFW Saturday Nite Dance: Dance to Good country music presented b band. A mix of old and new country, requests accepted.

Admission: \$6 per person

Time: 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location: Albany Post 2785 on Philema Rd.

Info: 889-9263

Wednesday, Friday, & Sunday

Bingo

Wednesday & Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Doors opens one hour prior to start of game.

Location: VFW Post 2785, 315 Philema Road

Info: 883-9950

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Every Monday

A New AA Meeting for South Albany: Members of Alcoholics Anonymous meet every Monday. The meeting is open to the public. Those wanting to know more do for them or a loved one may attend. Snacks and coffee will be served.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Mt. Zion Baptist Church Family Center, 1905 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. on the second floor of the Family Life Center

Info: Call Tim, at (229) 435-2259, for more information.

Now - July 27

The Eye Site Tour: The exhibit provides information on low vision, in both English and Spanish, featuring five kiosks with an interactive multimedia touch-screen of assistive devices and a list of local low vision resources. Developed by the National Eye Institute (NEI).

Cost: none

Location: JC Penney wing at Albany Mall

Info: 883-7983

Now - July 28

The Flint RiverQuarium RiverQuest Summer Camp Program: Each session will feature a different theme, focusing on reptiles, fish, amphibians, and animals of the southeast. Campers will enjoy live animal experiences, educational crafts, water activities, and much more.

Dates: June 5 to July 28, excluding the first week of July

Times: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Registration deadline: Tuesday before each camp starts or until slots are filled, please [print form](#) and mail with payment to:

Melissa Martin
Education Manager
Flint RiverQuarium
117 Pine Ave
Albany, GA 31701

Now - April 22,
2007

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to please help us reach our goal to collect at least 16,000 dictionary and donated to students in the Dougherty County, Albany Area.

Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: Albany, Dougherty County

Info: Contact Sheritta Frazier at yja4hls@yahoo.com or 883-8251 to have come pick up any donated books or for more information.

**August 14 -
September 6**

Youth Football & Cheerleading Registration: For youth ages 6-12 years be present at registration.

Fees: \$25 football; \$15 cheerleading

Time: 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (M-F)

Info: Contact Alan Jordan at 430-5222.

Locations:

Albany Recreation & Parks Office (1301 N. Monroe)

Thornton Community Center (210 Thornton Drive)

Carver Sports Complex (1023 S. McKinley)

Radium Springs Elementary (2400 Roxanna Dr.)

**August 8 -
September 8**

Adult Fall Softball League Registration: League consists of 10 game elimination End-of-Season Tournament. Season play will begin September

Entry Fee: \$325 (No entry will be allowed without payment!)

Coaches meeting: Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.

Location: Recreation and Parks office at 1301 N. Monroe (In Tift Park)

Info: Contact Ruby Byrd at 430-5222 or rbyrd@dougherty.ga.us.

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Saturday Market: Saturday Market is an upscale Farmers Market. At S can find fresh fruits & vegetables, homemade candles & soaps, handmad birdhouses, along with gourmet coffee & tea, organic herbs and fresh cut

Time: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Front Street (between the Albany Civic Center & Veteran's Par

Info: 430-1801 or rburnett@dougherty.ga.us

Talent Search: A community event to express and show the Talent of t Registration fee is \$25 for each entry. Dancers, Singers, Impersonators, welcomed and invited. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third p

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discreet talent is allowed.

Tickets: \$10-Adults:\$5-5yrs-12yrs; Free- 5 & under
Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Albany Civic Center, 100 W. Oglethorpe Blvd

Info: For more information call (229)594-0654, (229) 439-2500, (229) .

July 4

Independence Day Fireworks Show: The City of Albany will present fireworks show. Vendors will be set up along Front Street in front of Tur Riverfront Park beginning at 4 p.m.

* No alcohol allowed.

* No personal fireworks allowed.

Time: approximately 9 p.m.

Location: Fireworks will be done in two locations: on the Broad Street B Civic Center.

Info: 430-5222

8th Annual Eastside Community Cookout: Bring the entire family of food, fun, music, and games in celebration of Independence Day. Event: Eastside Community J. L. Litman Memorial Funeral Service.

Cost: Free

Time: Noon until 4 p.m.

Location: C. W. Health Park, Corner of East Second Avenue & Jordan Str

Info: Contact Johnny Litman at 430-8800.

July 5

Teleperformance Recruitment Fair - July 5 & 6: The Human Resource Teleperformance will be at the Goodwill Career Center recruiting for open Teleperformance. All interested persons must be able to use a computer.

Time: 10 a.m. - noon

Location: Goodwill Career Center, 2015 North Slappey Blvd.

Info: 317-0970 or djackson@gwlsr.org

July 8

4-H Day with the Wildcats: This will include food and hospitality room more! Come share 4-H Day with the Wildcats.

Cost: \$20

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Albany Civic Center

Info: 436.7216 or rodfrank@uga.edu

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Group Exercise Certification Workshop: Potential and current fitness learn basic academic and practical application of teaching group exercise science, or teaching background is required. Workshop registration includes review, written exam, and 2-year certificate and membership. Sponsor and Parks Dept., NETA (National Exercise Training Association) and Albany

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Albany State University Campus, HPER Building

Info: Mildred Green at 430-5222

Registration: 1-800-AEROBIC (237-6242) or www.ndeita.com

July 9

Cardio Dance Workshop: Develop creative choreography for your favorite Apply the principles of building choreography with the movement and flow styles of dance. Sponsored by the Recreation and Parks Dept., NDEITA (Exercise Instructors Training Association) and Albany State University.

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Albany State University Campus, HPER Building

Info: Mildred Green at 430-5222

Registration: 1-800-AEROBIC (237-6242) or www.ndeita.com

July 13

Southwest Georgia Community Action Council Food Distribution: surplus distribution for low-income families. Bring photo identification, proof of income, and social security card for verification.

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Albany Civic Center, 100 West Oglethorpe Blvd.

July 14

Opening Reception & Gala for artist Arthur Berry: The Albany Museum of Art, Arthur Berry: A Retrospective in the Haley Gallery from July 14 – September 14. The exhibition will feature the works of Albany's own Arthur Berry. Mr. Berry's vast array of styles and media and are a true demonstration of his exceptional talent. Friday, July 14 has been reserved at the Museum for an opening reception and gala to celebrate this great artist.

Tickets: \$75

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Albany Museum of Art, 311 Meadowlark Drive

Info: 439-8400 or cjefferson@albanymuseum.com

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July 15

Cumulus Broadcasting of Albany presents Simply Southern Movie blanket/lawn chairs, pack a dinner, snacks, and drinks (no alcoholic bevcs. Bring the family to enjoy a relaxing evening watching a movie under the welcome.

July Movies: July 15 - "Cheaper by the Dozen 2"

July 29 - "Ice Age 2"

Event dates: 7/15, 7/29, 8/19, 8/26, 9/16, & 9/30

Time: Dusk (Gates open at 7 p.m. and close 10 minutes before movie st.

Tickets: \$2 per adult and \$1 per child.

Info: Call 229-430-5295 for more information.

GED Orientation Class: Free GED Classes

Cost: Free

Time: 10 a.m. - noon

Location: Goodwill Career Center, 2015 N. Slappey Blvd.

Info: 317-0970 ext. 209

July 17

Free and Reduced Lunch Program Applications: Free and Reduced will be taken July 17 thru July 24 for the 2006-2007 School Year.

Time: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Dougherty County School Nutrition Office, 200 Pine Avenue, 2

Info: For any questions please call 431-1818.

July 18

Baseball Clinic - Learn Basic Fundamentals of Baseball - July 18-21 will learn fielding, throwing, hitting, sliding, pitching, and base running. Personal equipment (bats, helmets, gloves, or catcher's equipment). Bas recommended.

Time: 9 a.m. - Noon (Tuesday through Thursday)

Location: Eames Sports Complex at 1130 Ball Park Lane

Cost: FREE!

Info: Dan James or Eddie Smith at 430-5239 or 430-5222 to pre-register. Registration will be accepted.

July 19

Tadpole Time: Bring your toddler and enjoy 45 minutes of story time, crafts! Participants will also have an opportunity to get an up close visit with RiverQuarium's animal residents.

Cost: \$5 with adult admission

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Flint RiverQuarium

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Info: 639-2650 ext 233

July 20

Understanding the GSA Schedules Process: GSA Schedules cover a commodities and services, they do not cover everything the government imperative to determine if there is a GSA Schedule covering your product attending this seminar. To find out, access www.gsa.gov and click "GSA" right side of the next page that appears, click on Schedules e-Library and description for your product or service in the space provided. If the search your product or service is not covered, attending this seminar may not be

Cost: Free
Time: 1 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: 125 Pine Ave., Ste 220
Info: Register online at www.gtpac.org or email helen.daughtry@edi.ga

Summer Karaoke Contest - Thursday Evenings June 1 - July 20: / at Albany Mall Information Centre, Chick-fil-A at Albany Mall, and Party Completed applications will be accepted on the day of the contest from 1 are filled.

Grand Prize - One year supply of Chick-fil-A and \$100 Albany Mall Gift C winners for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will receive prizes from mall merchant audience voting will benefit Children's Miracle Network. Sponsored by Al fil-A. Karaoke by Dangerous Entertainment.

Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Center Court, Albany Mall
Info: Debra Rowe at 883-7983

Back to School Cheerleader Expedition: For ages 7-15. Certificates all participants.

Admission: any school supply item (paper, pencil, etc.)
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Turner Gym, 2301 George Ave.
Reservations: Call Linda Harris at 430-5243 (pager 903-6118) or Email lharris@albany.ga.us

Summer Maintenance for Landscapes: James Morgan, Dougherty Co Agriculture Agent, will show homeowners how to keep their landscape healthy

Cost: Free

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Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Candy Room, 125 Pine Avenue
Info: 229-436-7216, uge4095@uga.edu, or www.ugaextension.com/doi

July 21

Kids on the Move: 5K walk-run and 1 mile fun walk. For ages 16 and form must be completed and signed by parents for a child to participate) welcome to come and walk with their children! Free t-shirts for the first 100 backpacks for the first 75 kids. Grand Prizes: bicycles, gift certificates, a

Time: 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.; registration 7:30 a.m. – 8 a.m.
Location: Albany State University—Hampton Smith Sports Complex Tra
Information: Call 430-6230 or 430-5222.

July 22

Youth Conference: This event will feature internationally known author speaker Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu, President of African-American Images, Chi event is free and open to the public.

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Location: Mt. Zion Baptist Church at 1905 MLK Jr. Drive
Info: 229-432-6837.

Breakfast with the Cheetahs - July 8 & 22

Ellie, Roswell, Mariska, and Kai invite you to join them for a fun filled morning. Come early to have breakfast with their keeper at 8 am; then go on a tour to meet our beloved cheetahs up close. Finally get a VIP view of cheetah lure course. Don't miss this exciting experience! This event will reserve your seat today! Ages 4 and up (all children must be accompanied by an adult).

** Our Breakfast with the Cheetahs event on Saturday, July 8, has SOLD OUT. July 22 are still available.

Time: 8 a.m.
Cost: \$25 per person, \$20 per person for Friends of Chehaw members.
Info: Call 430-5295 for more information.

Pruning Trees and Shrubs: James Morgan, Dougherty County Extension Agent, will help homeowners learn how to properly prune their trees and shrubs.

Cost: Free
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: The Garden Center at Lowe's, 1200 Westover Blvd.
Info: 436-7216 or uge4095@uga.edu

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Georgia Regional Development Centre and the Department of Community Development, are all partners in shaping and making a difference for the Albany.

The Seminar will also have representatives present from the State License about Georgia's new General and Residential Contractor licensure requirements.

See you at the conference!

Pinky Douglas, Director
Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

Cost: FREE
Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: Albany State University - ACAD Auditorium
Info: Contact Mary J. Gordon at 878-3151 or mgordon@dougherty.ga.us
[website](#). [Event Flier](#).

7th Annual Golden Rams Preseason Football Reception: Albany State Golden Rams football fans and supporters are invited to meet and greet and hear exciting information about the upcoming season at a preseason

Cost: Fee of charge and open to the public
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Eula Lovett Hall, Albany Municipal Coliseum
Info: 430-4673

July 29

Personal Trainer Workshop - July 29 - 30: 2-day workshop includes and practical application of one-on-one training. Workshop registration includes review, written exam, and 2-year certificate and membership.

Registration: 1-800-AEROBIC (237-6242) or www.ndelta.com
Location: Albany State University Campus, HPER Building
Info: Mildred Green at 229-430-5222

Sponsored by: NETA (National Exercise Training Association), Albany State the Albany Recreation and Parks Department

Cumulus Broadcasting of Albany presents Simply Southern Movie blanket/lawn chairs, pack a dinner, snacks, and drinks (no alcoholic beverages). Bring the family to enjoy a relaxing evening watching a movie under the welcome.

Movie: "Ice Age 2"
Event dates: 7/29, 8/19, 8/26, 9/16, & 9/30
Time: Dusk (Gates open at 7 p.m. and close 10 minutes before movie starts)
Tickets: \$2 per adult and \$1 per child.
Info: Call 229-430-5295 for more information.

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July 30

Discovery Days - July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: In June we will celebrate Father's Day by discovering how critter dads help with their babies. Every Sunday come for storytelling, and more! In July we will be exploring the Wonders of Georgia.

Cost: Free with admission
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: [Flint River Quarium](#)
Info: 639-2650 ext 233

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August 1

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Meeting: The Georgia Department of Transportation is holding a public meeting for the State Transportation Improvement Program. The State Transportation Improvement Program, or STIP, strives to improve transportation in the state of Georgia by assisting with bridge, maintenance, bicycle, and public transit projects. The projects that will be discussed are for the fiscal years 2007-2011. GDOT encourages all of the citizens of the area to attend so more about the program and voice any concerns that they may have. Go to [www.dot.state.ga.us](#) for your comments.

Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Location: Albany Mall, 2601 Dawson Road
Info: (404) 656-3538, chelsea.cloude@dot.state.ga.us, or www.dot.state.ga.us

August 3

Discount Children's Wear - August 3 - 5: Back to School Uniforms, children's clothing, school attire, Sunday attire, all sorts of accessories.

Time: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Aug. 3 & 4)
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Aug. 5)
Location: Albany Civic Center, 100 W Oglethorpe Blvd.
Info: 430-1804

August 5

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Time: 8 a.m.
Cost: \$25 per person, \$20 per person for Friends of Cheetah members.
Info: Call 430-5295 for more information.

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It's an AMA Family Day! Saturday, August 5th from 12:00 until 2:00 Families are invited for a day of fun at the Albany Museum of Art. Activities include Family Art Workshop for all ages in which participants will create sculpture on the art of Eric Strauss, as well as guided tours of the museum, and Family Art Workshops will be held at 12:00 and 1:00 PM.

Admission: \$2 Children/\$4 Adults
Time: Noon - 2 p.m. (Workshops at noon & 1 p.m.)
Location: Albany Museum of Art
Info: 439-8400 ext 14 or nnelson@albanymuseum.com

August 10

Arthur Berry Gallery Talk: Arthur Berry, artist and former Albany State professor will give a tour of his retrospective exhibition in the Haley Gallery and work as an artist.

Admission: Free
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Albany Museum of Art
Info: 439-8400 ext 14 or nnelson@albanymuseum.com

August 11

USQRA/BlazeSports Quad Rugby Clinic - August 11-13: Instruction by Scott Stokes. Hosted by BlazeSports Southwest Georgia, Albany Recreation Department, and Albany ARC.

Location: Turner Gym (2301 George Ave.)
Info: Derek Wooten at 229-420-7596 or email him at quicksilverquadrug@blazesports.com
Registration fee: Register early by August 1, 2006. Team fee \$150 early Individual fee \$35 early, \$50 after 8/1/06
Host Hotel: Merry Acres Quality Inn; Call 229-435-7721 or toll free at 888-435-7721 rates are \$59.00 plus tax, per night.

August 12

Community, Family & Friends Day: Albany Technical College invites you to look us over. Enjoy good food, fine music, fun games & neat prizes. Our display and our friendly faculty & staff will help select the right one for you.

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Location: Kirkland Building, Albany Technical College, 1704 S. Slappey Drive
Info: 430-1974 or BBrown@albanytech.edu

August 16

Understanding Wide Area Work Flow: This seminar is an advanced course

companies that are currently doing business with the military, and transition paper-based acceptance and invoicing systems (like the DD250) to electronic seminar will cover the basic principles you must know in order to get paid DFAS. DoD is implementing this Wide Area Work Flow (WAWF) system and should learn this new system before it becomes mandatory. The instructor will provide an actual online registration. Additionally, the 7 phases of government procurement will be reviewed. DSCP's virtual item manager (VIM) program will also be discussed.

Cost: Free
Time: 9 a.m. - noon
Location: 125 Pine Ave., Ste 220
Info: Register online at www.gtpac.org or email helen.daughtry@edi.gat

August 17

Sowega Council on Aging "Night of Comedy": A special event featuring nationally known comedian and pianist extraordinaire from Atlanta. This event is to assist in areas where funding from programs such as "MEALS ON WHEELS" long-term care and others were cut by federal government might have a positive impact on our seniors. Please assist Sowega Council on Aging in this fund raising event. Dessert will be available.

Cost: \$50
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Albany Municipal Auditorium, 200 North Jackson Street
Info: 432-1124

August 19

The American Cancer Society's "Blacktie & Blue Jeans" Gala "The Town": The American Cancer Society's Blacktie & Bluejeans Gala "The Town" is a wonderful celebration of fun, laughter and friendship! Besides the auction, there will be a BIG winner in one of the delightful auctions! And our live band, "The Town", will get you on your feet and dancing! What better way to celebrate?

Tickets: \$50
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Knights of Columbus
Info: 903-8216 or 446-1073

Cumulus Broadcasting of Albany presents Simply Southern Movie Bring a blanket/lawn chairs, pack a dinner, snacks, and drinks (no alcoholic beverages). Bring the family to enjoy a relaxing evening watching a movie under the stars.

August Movies: July 29 - "Robots"
August 26 - TBA
Event dates: 8/19, 8/26, 9/16, & 9/30
Time: Dusk (Gates open at 7 p.m. and close 10 minutes before movie starts)

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Tickets: \$2 per adult and \$1 per child.
Info: Call 229-430-5295 for more information.

10th Annual Ride To The Beach For Babies: Summer fundraiser for is a motorcycle ride from Albany to Panama City, FL. Interested riders e March of Dimes for more information.

Time: 8 a.m.
Honda Yamaha Suzuki of Albany, 3006 Kensington Court
Info: 432-1201 or mmcewen@marchofdimes.com

August 24

City of Albany Gang Task Force Meeting:

Time: 5 p.m.
Location: Government Center (Room 120), 222 Pine Ave.
Info: 431-2183 or jawilliams@dougherty.ga.us

Art Speak Lecture Series: Fred Fussell will speak about visionary artis Owens Martin), and Pasaquan, his otherworldly home in Buena Vista, Ge

Admission: Free
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Albany Museum of Art
Info: 439-8400 ext 14

August 25

ASA Men's Masters 40 & Over Slow Pitch Softball Championships: begins on Friday, August 25, and goes through Sunday, August 27. The come out to Gordon Sports Complex and watch the tournament.

Admission: FREE
Location: Gordon Sports Complex, 800 Willie Pitts Rd.
Info: 430-5222

August 26

Benefit concert featuring The Tams & The Drifters! This is a benefi both The Tams and The Drifters at State Theater in Albany. The proceec benefit Alzheimer's Association.

Price: \$25 general admission - \$50 VIP
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: State Theater

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Info: 888-7676 or stacy.mcneil@alz.org

Arthur Berry Workshop: Participants will receive instruction in collage color theory from artist and former Albany State University professor Art

Admission: FREE

Time: 10 a.m. - Noon

Location: [Albany Museum of Art](#)

Info: Please call Nick Nelson 439-8400 for reservations, as seating is limited

September 2006

September 1

Zoo Zzzz's -September 1-2: Get ready for the tallest tales and the largest excursion to ever come to Albany. The Parks at Chehaw is inviting all of sleepover like no other. Zoo Zzzz's features a flashlight tour of the park, and storytelling. Dinner and breakfast will be served. Advance registration and up. Youth organizations, church groups, and home school groups are encouraged to attend. No alcoholic beverages allowed.

Cost: \$35 per person, \$30 per person for Friends of Chehaw members.

Location: The Parks at Chehaw

Info: Call 430-5295 for more information.

September 9

Drug and Gang Awareness Prevention Seminar: Youth in Action for will sponsor a Drug and Gang Prevention Seminar with guest presenter, Albany Police Department. Nutritious snacks and lunch will be provided. to 100 Participants.

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Cost: FREE Ages 5 to 17; \$7 Ages 18 +

Registration Deadline: August 25

Location: Mount Early Missionary Baptist Church, 2101 Cordele Road

Info: For more information contact YIA4HLS Team at yia4hls@yahoo.com

September 14

Marketing to State and Local Governments: If you've ever wondered agencies, cities, counties, school boards, and authorities buy their goods this is the class for you. You will learn how to register as a vendor, who to find opportunities, what the requirements are for bidding, and how to get

Cost: Free

Time: 9 a.m. - noon

Location: 125 Pine Ave., Ste 220

Info: Register online at www.gtpac.org or email helen.daughtry@edi.gal

http://www.albany.ga.us/events_albany/event_descriptions.htm

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September 16

Art in the Park: The Albany Recreation & Parks Department and the GI Southwest Georgia are partnering to bring this event to the community.

- * Hands-on art activities for 5-11 year olds
- * Entertainment
- * Games

Admission: Free
Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Location: Tift Park, 1301 N. Monroe St.
Info: 430-5222 or kcaso@dougherty.ga.us

Cumulus Broadcasting of Albany presents Simply Southern Movie blanket/lawn chairs, pack a dinner, snacks, and drinks (no alcoholic beverage). Bring the family to enjoy a relaxing evening watching a movie under the welcome.

September Movies: TBA
Event dates: 9/16, & 9/30
Time: Dusk (Gates open at 7 p.m. and close 10 minutes before movie start)
Tickets: \$2 per adult and \$1 per child.
Info: Call 229-430-5295 for more information.

September 28

City of Albany Gang Task Force Meeting:

Time: 5 p.m.
Location: Government Center (Room 120), 222 Pine Ave.
Info: 431-2183 or jawilliams@dougherty.ga.us

Talent Nite Out: Talent Nite Out is a competition to give exposure and and local talent. The competition is for DJs, rappers, dancers, vocalists, i bands and is open to ages 9 through adult. The deadline to register for a 2006.

Tickets: \$15 - Adults; \$8 - ages 12 and under
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Albany Civic Center, 100 W Oglethorpe Blvd
Info: 430-5200

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September 30 **Memory Walk 2006:** Call today to register your team! An Alzheimer's

Time: 8 a.m.
Location: Darton College Soccer Field
Info: 888-7676 or stacy.mcnell@alz.org

October 2006

October 6 **Special Olympics Georgia Fall Games October 6 - 8:** Opening Ceremonies
Over 1,500 Special Olympic athletes from all over the state of Georgia will participate in
long distance run/walk, cycling, softball skills, softball team play, and games

Time: 7 p.m. Opening Ceremony
Location: Albany Civic Center
Info: For volunteer information, please call Kristin Caso at the Recreation Department at 430-5222.

October 21 **TKC All Breed Dog Show on October 21 and 22:** AKC all breed dog show
event. Family oriented with confirmation show and obedience show. Very

Admission: parking fee applicable
Time: 9 a.m. until judging complete
Location: Potters Community Center, 2621 Wildfair Rd
Info: 439-7114

October 18 **RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) & UID (Unique Identification)**
tagging is being implemented to provide greater asset visibility to the Army. This
seminar will cover RFID implementation for suppliers to DoD. The instructor will
discuss you to radio frequency identification (RFID) systems and what you must
comply with new DoD directives. Instruction will be provided on what RFIDs are,
types of RFID tags and their various applications, why DoD wants RFID, DoD
requirements regarding RFID, what to consider as you put together an RFID
resources available to you, and the benefits of RFID to you and DoD. Unique
(UID) is DoD's vision for end-to-end item visibility and management. This seminar
tools to help defense suppliers become familiar with the fundamental aspects of
have a good working knowledge of UID related terminology and contract

Cost: Free

http://www.albany.ga.us/events_albany/event_descriptions.htm

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District Five

This district includes the cities of Baxley, Waycross, Brunswick, Glennville, Savannah and Statesboro. The meeting for this district was held in Jesup at the DOT District Five office. All of these major cities were contacted about the meeting.

District Six

This district includes the cities of Cartersville, Ellijay, Dalton, Rome and Buchanan. The meeting for this district was held at the Carroll County Board of Commissioners Office. All of the major cities were contacted regarding this meeting. Responses for this meeting were received from the Villa Rica Business Alliance (villaricabusinessalliance.com) and the Carroll County government (carroll-ga.org). Additionally, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce also provided a listing of several hundred businesses in the county and they were all contacted via email and telephone.

We have banner ads available for anyone who wants to put a link on their website.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is slated to have a meeting at the Carroll County Board of Commissioners Office on July 20th from 4pm to 7pm. These meetings are in regard to the State Transportation Improvement Program which is a program that helps rural counties to enhance their modes of transportation. GDOT urges all people in or around the area to attend these meetings

For further information please contact:

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Who We Are.....

The Villa Rica Business Alliance is a non-profit membership group dedicated to bringing merchants, business and professional people together to help each other grow, to keep the members informed about local events, and to work with local government and civic groups to build a better community.

Members of the Villa Rica Business are encouraged to be actively involved in helping other members through networking and the exchange of services. Members are also encouraged to be actively involved in the community activities.

Membership, either as a full member or an associate member, is open to any individual or business with a interest in the Villa Rica area. For more information about the group, use the directory on the left to navigate the site.

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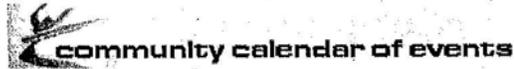
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Villa Rica Business Alliance

To promote and help all merchants, business and professional people of the Villa Rica area and to work with the local government and civic organizations to build a better community.

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Got a question about an event listed below? Send us an E-mail or call the Chamber office at (770) 832-2446.

Events	
July	
20	Georgia Department of Transportation meeting at the Carroll County Board of Commissioners Office. The meeting will regard the State Transportation Improvement Program.
August	
5	Golden City Cruisers Car Show in Villa Rica
5	Villa Rica Summer Concert Series
10	<i>James Gregory</i> (Sertoma Concert Series) at Copeland Hall (Bowdon)
12	Golden City Cruisers Car Show in Villa Rica
25-26	Villa Rica Frontiers' Rodeo
September	
2	Golden City Cruisers Car Show in Villa Rica
9	Golden City Cruisers Car Show in Villa Rica
9	Gold Rush Days Festival & Concert
14	Meth Summit
16	Latino Heritage Festival

<http://www2.carroll-ga.org/communityevents.asp>

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For more information on these events or for tourism links for Carroll County:

Carrollton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
visitcarrollton.com

Villa Rica Tourism Bureau
www.villaricatourism.com

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Georgia Department of Transportation News Release

For immediate release: July 12, 2006

Transportation Planning:

Georgia DOT Unveils 3-Year Federally Funded Local Projects

CARTERSVILLE, GA – The Georgia DOT would like to invite all interested members of the public to discover what's new in transportation in their community, at a public meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2006 in the city of Carrollton, Georgia.

Georgia DOT will present the 2007, 2008 and 2009 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Northwest Georgia at the meeting, and will be seeking input from area residents on what kinds of transportation improvements they think are needed in their communities.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, July 20 from 4 until 7 p.m. at the Carroll County Board of Commissioners Room, located at 423 College Street in the city of Carrollton.

“Attendees will be able to find out which transportation programs are already being planned for their communities, suggest changes or additions, and ask questions of the Georgia DOT management,” said Dr. Mohamed Arafa, communications officer at the Georgia DOT office in Cartersville.

STIP is a three year work program for Georgia DOT that is updated annually. It contains federally funded projects for the fiscal years 2007, 2008, 2009. Established in 1991 by Congress under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), STIP continues today under the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (TEA-21).

For more information about the meeting, please contact Greg Hood, district planning and programming engineer at the Georgia DOT office in Cartersville at (770) 387-3654.

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Georgia Department of Transportation

News Release

What do you think?

DOT seeks input on three-year Work Plan

July 6, 2006

GAINESVILLE -- DOT District Engineer, Russell McMurry invites you to an open house to discuss the State Transportation Improvement Program or STIP. The STIP is a three year plan for rural counties detailing federally funded projects that includes Interstate and State Route improvements, bridge projects, maintenance projects, bicycle and pedestrian projects, transportation enhancement activities and public transit projects. The STIP under review will cover Fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009.

The STIP and therefore the open house information only includes information on projects planned in counties that are not designated as "metropolitan." The counties in Northeast Georgia included in the STIP are: Banks, Dawson, Elbert, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Jackson, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White.

Counties that are designated metropolitan areas review all of their projects through their Metropolitan Planning Organization and will have their public review times later in the year. The counties in Northeast Georgia included in Metropolitan Planning Organizations are Barrow, Clarke, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Hall, Madison, Oconee and Walton.

There are two Public Information Open Houses planned in Northeast Georgia. One is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Franklin County Justice Center located at 7085 Highway 145 in Carnesville. The second open house is scheduled for Thursday, July 27th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at North Georgia Technical College in the Dining Hall Annex located on State Route 197 in Clarkesville.

The Open House style meeting includes a review of DOT's upcoming federally funded projects. DOT Engineers will be on hand to answer your questions. Everyone is invited to attend.

Please stop by either Open House to get updated information on federally funded transportation projects in Banks, Dawson, Elbert, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Jackson, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White counties.

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Georgia Department of Transportation News Release

For immediate release: June 30, 2006

Public Input Needed

DOT Seeks Public Input on Three-Year Plan

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Georgia DOT will present the 2007, 2008 and 2009 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for east central Georgia at the meeting and will be seeking input from area residents on what kinds of transportation improvements they think are needed in their communities.

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For more information about the meeting or the program, please contact Vonda Everett at the Georgia DOT office in Tennille at: (478) 552-4631.

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DOT seeks input on three-year work plan
by Lindsay Helton

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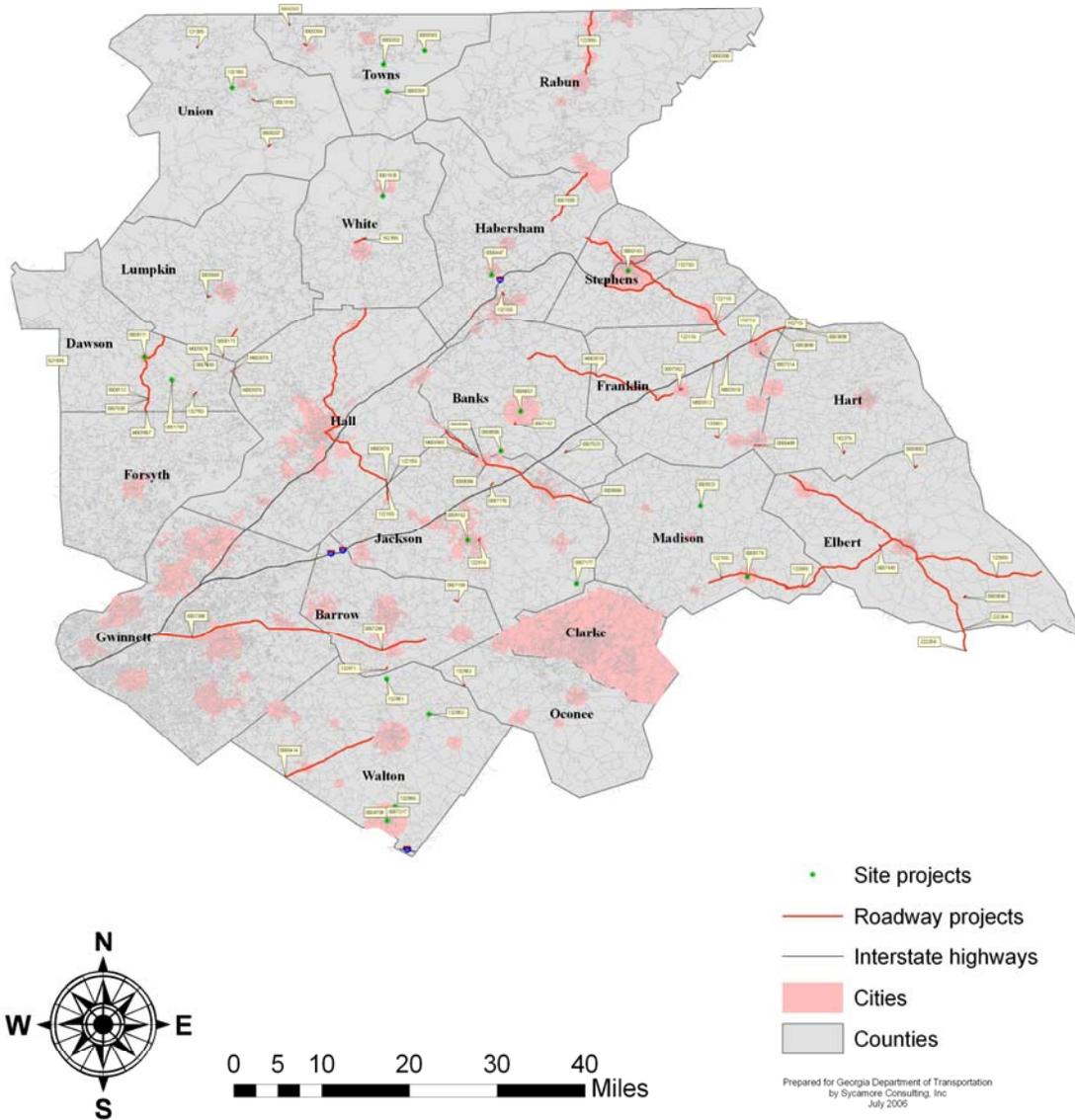
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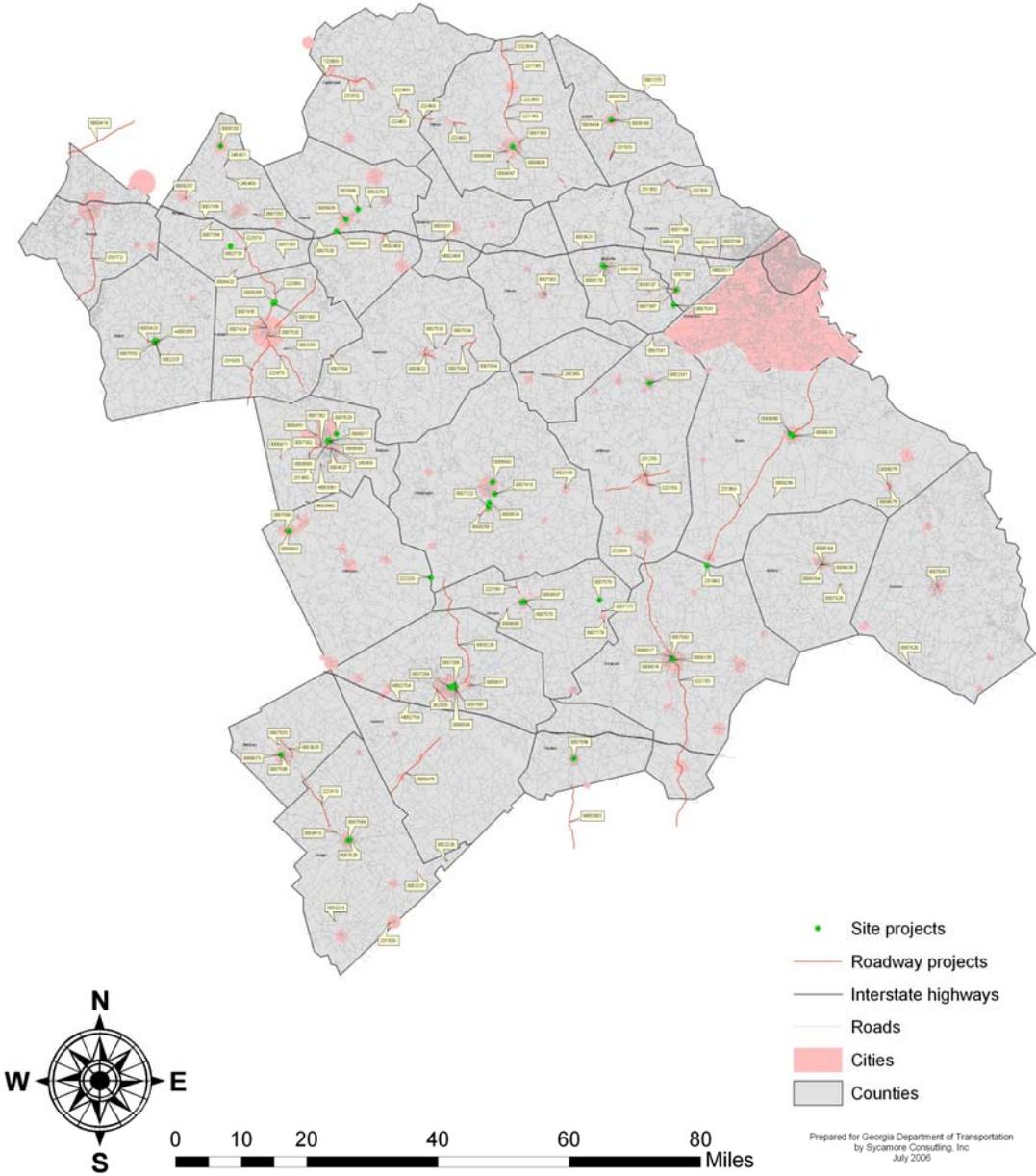
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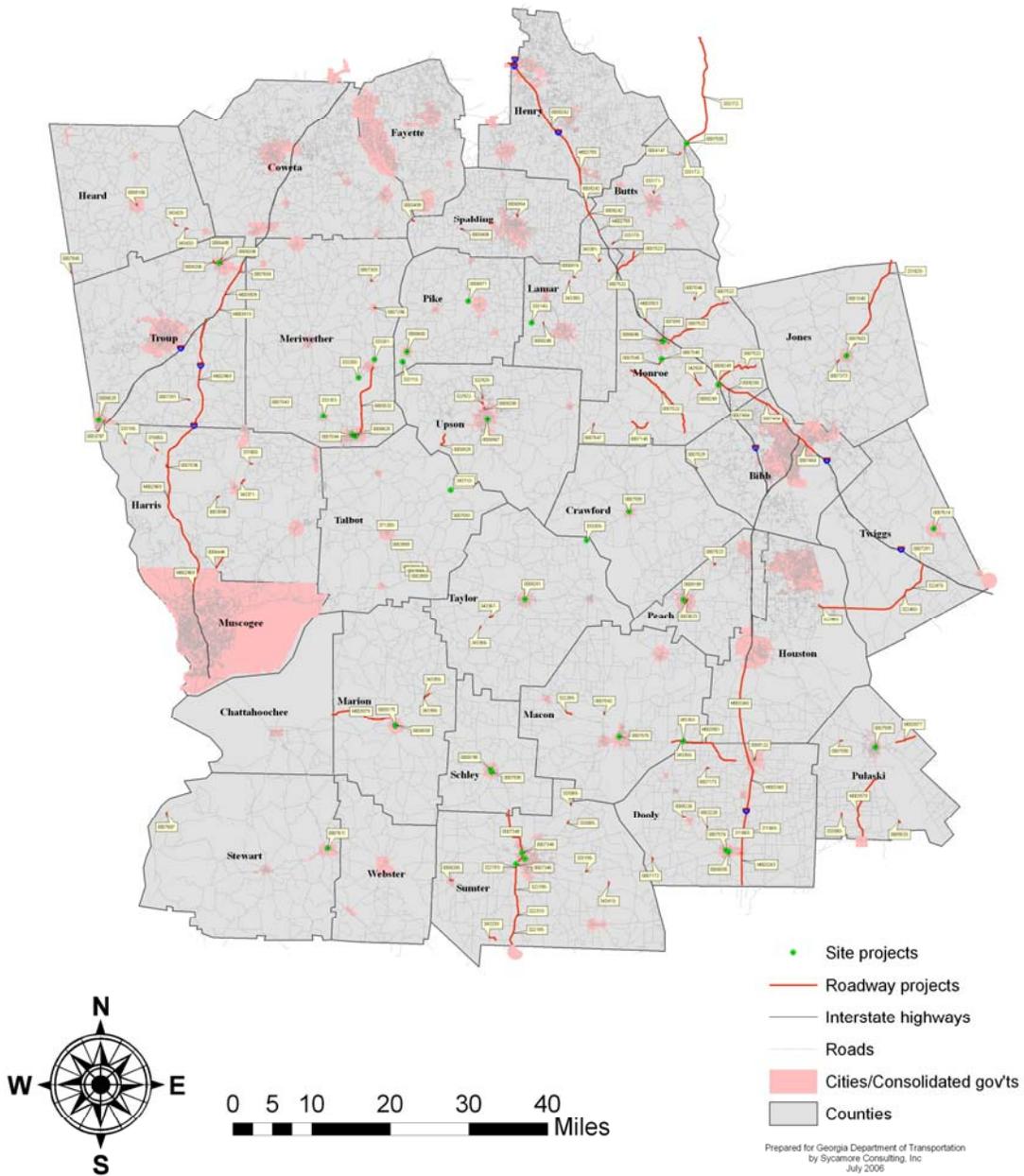
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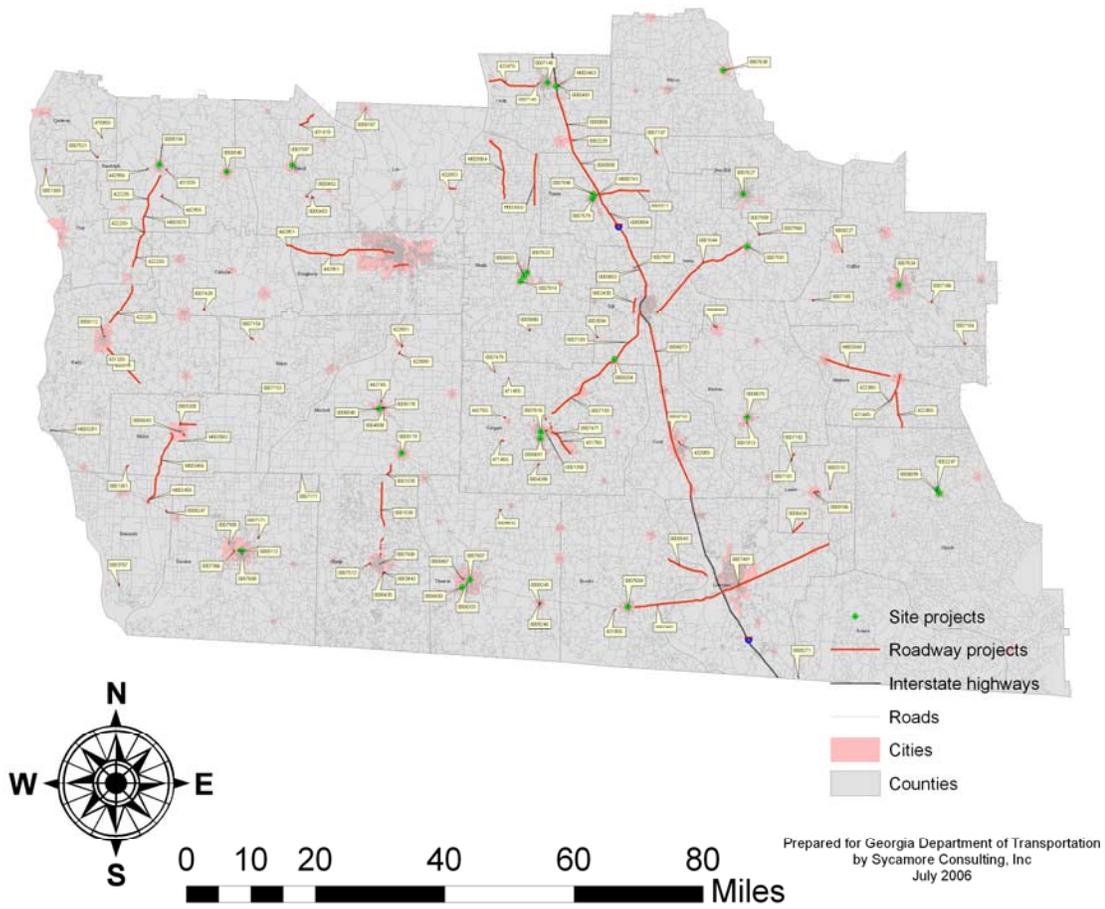
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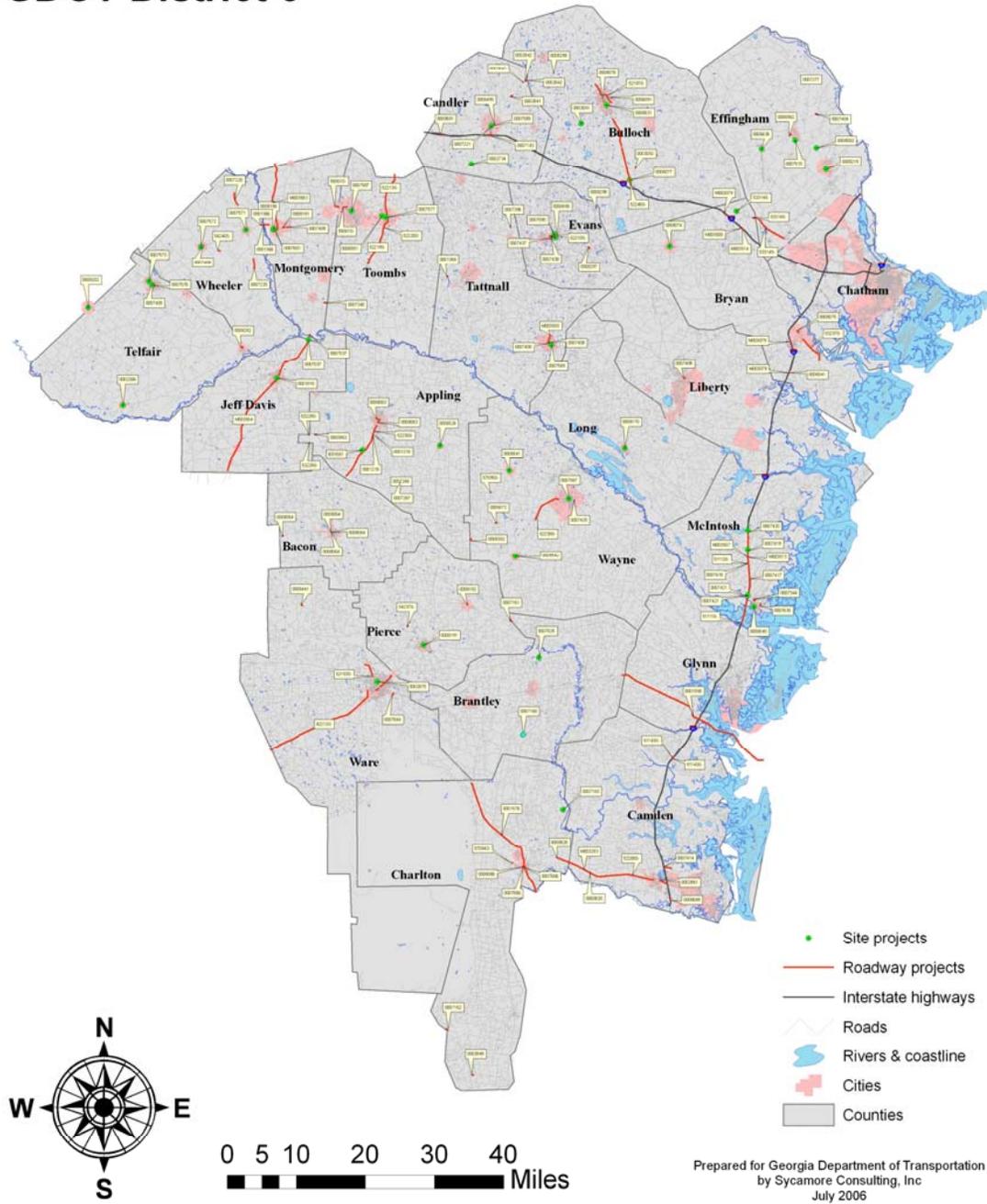
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STIP 2007-2009 GDOT District 5





STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

How did you hear about this meeting? _____

Did you find this meeting informational? Please suggest ways to improve meeting format or ways to better provide information. _____

What other information would be beneficial to be presented at meetings like this? _____

Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? (Please provide the project number if available) _____

Other transportation issues: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

APPENDIX E: STIP MEETING COMMENT FORM

**Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Planning
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Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1002**

Attention: Robert Hughes

U. S. Mail or E-Mail comments to: Robert.Hughes@dot.state.ga.us

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**APPENDIX F: STIP MEETING COMMENT
FORM SUMMARIES
2006 MEETINGS**



Meeting Date:	July 17, 2006
District(s):	2 & 3
Meeting Location:	Milledgeville Mall (Milledgeville)
# Written Comments Received:	8
# Attendees Signed in:	45
# Attendees Counted:	110

How did you hear about this meeting?

- Newspaper (6)
- Newsletter
- Word of Mouth

Did you find this meeting informational? Please suggest ways to improve meeting format or ways to better provide information.

- Yes
- No: could not get definite answers to questions posed
- Make more copies of handouts – ran out of Baldwin handouts quickly; suggested bringing a laptop and handing out CDs of projects
- Is there a website?

What other information would be beneficial to be presented at meetings like this?

- Direct answers to a direct question; someone knowledgeable to answer specific questions about where roads will go
- Present more details on each project
- Map on bypass in Sparta

Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? (Please provide the project number if available)

- Status of Greensboro Bypass
- 7461 or 8269
- 231620 (Putnam)
- Rumors of an east bypass around Eatonton and the possibility of widening GA 16E going towards Sparta
- 222470 & 231620 (property owner on 441 & 129 where projects are planned)

Other transportation issues

- Go back to dirt road, one lane, and leave homes alone
- Do not take the east-west bypass through Meriwether (Baldwin County). Take it outside city limits.

Frequently Asked Questions/Comments

- Is the East/West bypass a programmed project? How long will this project take to complete?
- What are the different phases of GDOT projects?
- Are more details available re: proposed projects?
- How do projects make it into the STIP?
- Project 0005828 – when will this project start?
- Why would a project/highway be widened from 3 to 4 lanes (#231620, Putnam) on a highway with little congestion and traffic?
- Is the whole STIP document available? Can I get a copy of the project list?
- What is the start/end of the east/west fall line project?
- Eatonton bypass – where? When? What will it look like?
- Project 232260 (Baldwin) – What are the details of the bridge project here?
- What is the status of the Highway 441 project in Milledgeville?
- Is anything planned for the north end of Garrett Parkway in Baldwin County?

**APPENDIX F: STIP MEETING COMMENT
FORM SUMMARIES
2006 MEETINGS**



Meeting Date:	July 18, 2006
District(s):	2
Meeting Location:	Dublin Mall (Dublin)
# Written Comments Received:	3
# Attendees Signed in:	14
# Attendees Counted:	39

How did you hear about this meeting?

- Passing through mall
- Newspaper

Did you find this meeting informational? Please suggest ways to improve meeting format or ways to better provide information.

- Yes; fliers around town would have been beneficial to improve folks' knowledge of the event

What other information would be beneficial to be presented at meetings like this?

- How it will affect schools

Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? (Please provide the project number if available)

- 222410 – have plans been completed and will our home be affected or displaced? (2023 Cochran Hwy, Eastman, GA)

Other transportation issues

- Most of the roads south of 80 are not well maintained and very dark. People may argue it is in the low-income area and not worth fixing because of this. I believe low income is a major reason to make sure it is well lit and easy to travel to lower crime.
- Streets in the city of Cochran are in dire need of resurfacing – deplorable condition

Frequently Asked Questions/Comments

- What about the SR 441 bypass project?
- When is the bypass going to be complete?
- Does the state have to match some of the funds for STIP projects?
- Cochran/Bleckley County – there are 2 enhancement projects which splits up the money, but appropriated at different times. More money is needed to patch city streets.
- Does GDOT maintain the shoulders on roads

**APPENDIX F: STIP MEETING COMMENT
FORM SUMMARIES
2006 MEETINGS**



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- Project # 222410 – have the plans changed (Dodge/Bleckley Counties)
 - What is happening in Treutlen County?
 - Is there going to be bus service added?

**APPENDIX F: STIP MEETING COMMENT
FORM SUMMARIES
2006 MEETINGS**



Meeting Date:	July 18, 2006
District(s):	3
Meeting Location:	Flint River Technical College (Thomaston)
# Written Comments Received:	2
# Attendees Signed in:	8
# Attendees Counted:	8

How did you hear about this meeting?

- GDOT flyer (2)

Did you find this meeting informational? Please suggest ways to improve meeting format or ways to better provide information.

- Yes (2)

What other information would be beneficial to be presented at meetings like this?

- Very thorough

Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? (Please provide the project number if available)

- Would like to see four-county rural transit program (Stewart, Clay, Quitman, Randolph counties) in STIP

Other transportation issues

- Include provisions for bike and pedestrian travel when appropriate, including route signage
- Need more "School Bus Stop Ahead" street signs

Frequently Asked Questions/Comments

- What types of improvements are anticipated for project # 0006600 (Molena Walking Trail)?
- SR 16 in Coweta: what type of project is this? Why doesn't it show up in the STIP?
- Did the 4-county transit study (Stewart, Quitman, Clay and Randolph) make it into the STIP?

**APPENDIX F: STIP MEETING COMMENT
FORM SUMMARIES
2006 MEETINGS**



Meeting Date:	July 20, 2006
District(s):	3 & 6
Meeting Location:	Carroll County Commission Chambers (Carrollton)
# Written Comments Received:	3
# Attendees Signed in:	17
# Attendees Counted:	17

How did you hear about this meeting?

- Invitation
- Direct phone call/email from GDOT District 3 office
- GDOT flyer

Did you find this meeting informational? Please suggest ways to improve meeting format or ways to better provide information.

- Open house format works well. Ample information available from GDOT representative.
- Yes

What other information would be beneficial to be presented at meetings like this?

- Recommend widening of SR113 from I20 north to the new RR flyover bridge project in planning – all area commercial growth located in this area
- Would like to see projects in MPO plans highlighted on the maps at the public meetings. Counties in District 3 but are in area MPOs are not shown giving the indication there is no activity going on in these counties. Highlighting the projects in the MPOs that will eventually be part of the STIP will show a more comprehensive picture of area transportation improvements.

Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? (Please provide the project number if available)

- We need streetscape project for the downtown area

Other transportation issues

- What ever happened to the old signs that said “slower traffic keep right” on 4 lane roads?

Frequently Asked Questions/Comments

- SR 113 at the Railroad (City of Temple) – a flyover ramp is needed especially for emergency vehicles to get over the tracks when a train is crossing

- What is the purpose of this meeting? What information will be gathered? What will be done with the information? When will final findings be published?
- The MPOs/ARC needs to be involved in these meetings, especially for counties close to metro Atlanta?
- Project # 642310 (Carroll County) to replace Whooping Creek Bridge – many people do not want this bridge replaced, but would rather see it refurbished due to its beauty and historical significance
- SR 16 – what is the status of this project?
- Is the South Fulton project (extension into Carroll County) still an active project?
- How will the gas tax impact the project?

**APPENDIX F: STIP MEETING COMMENT
FORM SUMMARIES
2006 MEETINGS**



Meeting Date:	July 24, 2006
District(s):	3
Meeting Location:	LaGrange Mall (LaGrange)
# Written Comments Received:	6
# Attendees Signed in:	41
# Attendees Counted:	106

How did you hear about this meeting?

- Newspaper (4)
- Walked In

Did you find this meeting informational? Please suggest ways to improve meeting format or ways to better provide information.

- No
- The map of Troup County that was displayed at the meeting did not show many of the most important programmed projects
- Yes
- Make representative more informative

What other information would be beneficial to be presented at meetings like this?

- The projects listed in paper (LaGrange Daily News) were not answered
- Much better maps
- More notice about the program
- Have a lot of representatives on hand with maps or computers that can tell people more

Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? (Please provide the project number if available)

- Hamilton Road project in LaGrange-Troup County
- Project numbers 321715, 322250; US 27 Connector to I-185; I-85 Widening – these are 4 projects that were programmed but have been pushed out past 2009. These projects are high priorities
- West Point Kia project – where are all the roads/interchanges? How will it affect the exiting roads?

Other transportation issues

- I would like to know about what is going to happen about the West Point Road traffic that is already there, not counting what will happen when the Kia plant opens.
- To be more informative on where interchanges are to be
- Red light at Main Street (LaGrange) and Bryan Hurst Street (old East Depot Street). We need a turning lane and to stop the tripper that will let traffic through
- I would like to review the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Hogansville-Mountville Road in the area of Flat Creek Ranch because of safety concerns.

Frequently Asked Questions/Comments

- How will the Kia plant interchange impact the area?
- What is the status of the Highway 27 project (Hamilton Road)?
- Is the loop/bypass project going to actually happen? If so, when?
- When is the PIOH scheduled for project 351170 (SR 14/US 29 left turn lane)?
- What does “Lump” mean in the STIP “Year” column?
- What is the status of the south loop project? How far out will the road be widened? When will a design meeting be held?
- Why is the widening of SR 27 stalled?
- Why is there not more coordination with the City and County?
- How will historic structures be protected along Hamilton Road?
- Will a light be installed at Fling on Highway 29?
- Has GDOT sent letters to residents in the area of the Kia plant interchange offering to purchase property from owners who may be impacted?
- More advanced notice is needed by way of news articles in local papers to get the word out to people
- Does GDOT purchase land ahead of time along a project route?

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Meeting Date:	July 25, 2006
District(s):	4
Meeting Location:	Valdosta Mall (Valdosta)
# Written Comments Received:	1
# Attendees Signed in:	4
# Attendees Counted:	51

How did you hear about this meeting?

- N/A

Did you find this meeting informational? Please suggest ways to improve meeting format or ways to better provide information.

- N/A

What other information would be beneficial to be presented at meetings like this?

- N/A

Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? (Please provide the project number if available)

- N/A

Other transportation issues

- Highway 333 from Quitman to Moultrie – road is so rough you will lose your motor supports

Frequently Asked Questions/Comments

- When is the I-75 construction going to be done?
- When will construction on Highway 133 begin?
- Will Valdosta get a transit bus system?
- What are the upcoming projects in Brooks County?

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Meeting Date:	July 25, 2006
District(s):	1
Meeting Location:	Franklin County Justice Center (Carnesville)
# Written Comments Received:	3
# Attendees Signed in:	11
# Attendees Counted:	11

How did you hear about this meeting?

- GDOT Flyer (2)

Did you find this meeting informational? Please suggest ways to improve meeting format or ways to better provide information.

- More description of projects, i.e. time lines, start/finish
- The printed material was very informative

What other information would be beneficial to be presented at meetings like this?

- How do we (municipalities) get projects in front of GDOT?

Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? (Please provide the project number if available)

- 4-lane highway 17 from Lavonia to Royston bypass

Other transportation issues

- N/A

Frequently Asked Questions/Comments

- I-85 through Banks & Franklin counties needs improvement
- SR 72 – high traffic volume between Colbert and 17 (project not in plan, but should be)
- What is happening at the industrial park/new Banks Crossing Road?
- Criticism re: TE contract amount on I-85
- Jackson County – traffic signal needed because of development at Old Pendergrass Road at SR 11/US 129.

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Meeting Date:	July 27, 2006
District(s):	1
Meeting Location:	North Georgia Technical College (Clarkesville)
# Written Comments Received:	6
# Attendees Signed in:	19
# Attendees Counted:	40

How did you hear about this meeting?

- Chamber of Commerce E-mail (3)
- Email
- GDOT Flyer

Did you find this meeting informational? Please suggest ways to improve meeting format or ways to better provide information.

- Yes! This was useful and informative. Could be publicized sooner and make the meetings closer to our county
- Very helpful; would have liked to have had more project detail available.
- Yes—better advertisement of the meetings
- The info about the various processes was helpful. I think I knew more about the status of the actual projects than the DOT reps, except Mr. Mahoney.
- Very informative; good format/one-on-one information.

What other information would be beneficial to be presented at meetings like this?

- Future plans; long-range plans
- More project detail
- How businesses and public that will be impacted can be involved. Have an email blast to notify us and any other means you can implement
- Detailed maps

Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? (Please provide the project number if available)

- GA 400 flyover at Highway 53; Frontage Roads in Dawson County; Highway 53 expansion in Hall, Dawson, Pickens Counties
- Project #132790 – will explore contacting those more directly involved in project re: redesign
- 400/53 project needs to be addressed by all parties - local and state.

- Project # 132790 – 53 & 400 project – consider the economic impact that this project could have adversely on businesses. Listen to the locals – we are the ones who will live and work there when the project is done.

Other transportation issues

- When is MARTA going to look at northern expansion?
- By-pass for City of Dawsonville at 53 & square.
- Highway 53's future?
- Let us know about plans to widen 53 to match up with 4 lanes coming from east and west on 53 from Gainesville and Pickens.
- There needs to be a passing lane between Dahlonega and the Hall county line on Highway 60. The only passing lanes were near Dahlonega but were changed to a 2-way turning lane.
- There needs to be pull-out spots located on the mountain roads like California has to allow drivers to pull off the highway to allow others to pass.
- Cost of projects cutting into number of projects available.

Frequently Asked Questions/Comments

- Large group of representatives from Dawson County and the city of Dawsonville expressed the following:
 - Concerns with a range of STIP projects including roadway improvements, widenings, and streetscape improvements
 - Continually commented on the importance of combining transportation planning with economic development, land use, and local works planning; critical of the GDOT planning process
 - Expressed that there is not enough input from local officials; not enough coordination between GDOT, local officials, and surrounding regions, including the area RDC and the Atlanta Regional Commission
 - Expressed concern about GA 400 improvements and providing infrastructure between Atlanta and North Georgia communities.
- State senator from the North Georgia area had questions on behalf of two communities, primarily visiting and picking up some information on STIP program
- Several citizens concerned about projects adjacent to their property, particularly roadway widening and bridges

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- Several representatives of private construction and engineering firms inquiring about pending projects.

Meeting Date:	July 27, 2006
District(s):	4
Meeting Location:	Tifton Mall (Tifton)
# Written Comments Received:	0
# Attendees Signed in:	0
# Attendees Counted:	39

How did you hear about this meeting?

- N/A

Did you find this meeting informational? Please suggest ways to improve meeting format or ways to better provide information.

- N/A

What other information would be beneficial to be presented at meetings like this?

- N/A

Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? (Please provide the project number if available)

- N/A

Other transportation issues

- N/A

Frequently Asked Questions/Comments

- When is the I-75 project going to be complete?
- What is the status of the Tifton by-pass?
- When is the Exit 49 project going to begin?
- When they by-pass comes through, where will that be?

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Meeting Date:	July 27, 2006
District(s):	5
Meeting Location:	District 5 Conference Room (Jesup)
# Written Comments Received:	0
# Attendees Signed in:	15
# Attendees Counted:	15

How did you hear about this meeting?

- N/A

Did you find this meeting informational? Please suggest ways to improve meeting format or ways to better provide information.

- N/A

What other information would be beneficial to be presented at meetings like this?

- N/A

Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? (Please provide the project number if available)

- N/A

Other transportation issues

- N/A

Frequently Asked Questions/Comments

- How are STIP projects developed and ranked?
- Why was a fence installed along Hwy 84 between Waycross and Jesup near the Sotilla River Crossing?

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Meeting Date:	July 27, 2006
District(s):	6
Meeting Location:	District 6 Headquarters Conference Room (Cartersville)
# Written Comments Received:	2
# Attendees Signed in:	18
# Attendees Counted:	18

How did you hear about this meeting?

- E-mail from Bartow County Chamber of Commerce
- Mail

Did you find this meeting informational? Please suggest ways to improve meeting format or ways to better provide information.

- Yes, very informative
- Very good

What other information would be beneficial to be presented at meetings like this?

- Copies of maps with project numbers included
- Match project # to map

Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? (Please provide the project number if available)

- N/A

Other transportation issues

- N/A

Frequently Asked Questions/Comments

- What is the progress of the Bartow 411 connector project?
- Pickens County and the City of Jasper really want to see PI 621490 Pickens moved back into the STIP. This project is SR-53 from SR-515 to CR 243/Industrial Blvd. The district is in agreement that this project is needed.
- Interest in the Flyover project on I-575/SR 515 at Pickens-Cherokee County

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Meeting Date:	August 1, 2006
District(s):	4
Meeting Location:	Albany Mall (Albany)
# Written Comments Received:	1
# Attendees Signed in:	0
# Attendees Counted:	70

How did you hear about this meeting?

- GDOT Flyer

Did you find this meeting informational? Please suggest ways to improve meeting format or ways to better provide information.

- Yes

What other information would be beneficial to be presented at meetings like this?

- N/A

Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? (Please provide the project number if available)

- Please include 4-county (Randolph, Quitman, Clay, Stewart) rural transit program in STIP
- Four-laning US 82 is a high priority in our region
- Consider bicycle and pedestrian amenities whenever and wherever possible.

Other transportation issues

- N/A

Frequently Asked Questions/Comments

- Two citizen reps w/ local advocacy organizations concerned about general projects in District 4:
 - Discussed a range of roadway and intersection projects
 - Compared notes on recent GDOT and FHWA meetings; arranged to pick up some additional information
- Representative from Baker County, following up on several previous discussions and discussing several specific projects – particularly interested in roadway safety and bridge improvements

- Several local Albany residents asking about Dougherty and Lee County projects – directed to the MPO and city governments to find out more information
- Several Army representatives from District 4 bases inquiring about projects surrounding area bases
- Several city officials curious about projects around Albany and adjacent counties – particularly Hwy 19 in Dougherty and Lee Counties (not covered by STIP)
- Transportation planner with the Southern Chattahoochee Regional Development Center commenting on projects in the western section of District 4 – particularly concerned with bike and pedestrian facilities.

Comments Received by Mail/Fax

How did you hear about this meeting?

- Invitational letter
- Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce informed members
- Announcement was received in the mail

Did you find this meeting informational? Please suggest ways to improve meeting format or ways to better provide information.

- YES; letter to Gordon Click District President (White, Habersham – SOQUE Garden) at present Margaret Ballard, PO Box 338, Cornelia, GA 30521-0338; Virginia D. Palmer, Hiawassee, GA Georgia Power office, Cleveland, GA 30528 and Habersham County
- Format was good

What other information would be beneficial to be presented at meetings like this?

- TAGS: Daisy-Garden Clubs of Ga., Inc. and others
- IMMINENT DOMAIN (private property)
- Everything was good

Do you have any questions or comments about a particular project? (Please provide the project number if available)

- SIGNS: could “no passing” be placed after left turn from 284 onto #75 South, and or 129? Wendells Restaurant, ReMax Realty, Shell Filling Station, Black Bear Theatre Entry (dangerous). Also could “Congested Area” sign above Ramada Inn 17/75N.
- Project 0004915: This is a key project that will allow for economic development growth in NW Georgia. Please allow for funding to ensure timely completion
- Yes – question about status of proposed interstate 3 – Savannah to Knoxville was explained as not yet on list of STIP projects in Georgia

Other transportation issues

- 17/75 N
- Project 661950 – let’s get this done ASAP

PS For information only: Traffic back up coming and going Water Slide buses with trailers, tubing (3 entries out into Hiway 17/75N)