

Public Involvement Activities

Creating a transportation plan that promotes vibrant, livable places is very much a process of thinking about and visualizing the future. It is about carrying on a dialogue with the community concerning its vision for evolving and growing. Experience in public involvement has shown that lasting solutions are best identified when all segments of a community – individuals, elected officials, educators, the business community, and civic organizations – are brought together in a spirit of cooperation. The following methods will be used to collect local input:

- **Stakeholder Interviews** - The team will conduct one-on-one interviews in Bryan and adjacent counties determined appropriate.
- **Advisory Committee** - An Advisory Committee of local officials will be established to provide technical direction at key points throughout the study.

- **Speakers' Bureau** - The Speakers Bureau will accept invitations as well as seek opportunities to appear at meetings of organized groups in Bryan County to provide background and status information about the Plan, and to receive feedback.
- **Public Meetings** - Public meetings will be held to solicit public input and feedback. Our first meeting will be in January 2009. More information to follow.
- **Website** - A project webpage will be established to provide community members with the most recent information including maps, draft documents, and other materials.
- **Questionnaire** - Surveys and questionnaires will be used to gather information from stakeholders and interested citizens.
- **Fact Sheet - Fact Sheets** (like the one you are reading) will be developed to educate, answer questions, and update the reader on the progress of the study.

Efforts to Identify Community Vision and Needs

Community vision and needs will be identified through a number of methods. The following efforts will provide the team with a better understanding of key community needs and concerns:

- Elected officials, business leaders and other community representatives will be interviewed to establish expectations and to identify key elements for the study to include.
- Data will be collected on accidents and current traffic volumes will be reviewed to identify "hot spots".
- The general public will be asked concerns and expectations for the study.
- Recent studies will be reviewed to understand community goals established previously.
- A transportation model will be developed based on future land use to help predict traffic congestion in the future.

Bryan County Transportation Plan Schedule

13 Month Schedule	2008				2009								
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Public Meetings								★		★			
Advisory Committee Meetings					★			★		★			
Data Gathering & Evaluation	■												
Model Development	■												
Preliminary Recommendations									■				
Final Document												■	

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FACT SHEET

Volume 1

Plans to be Multi-Modal

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), is preparing the Bryan County Transportation Study in cooperation with the Cities of Richmond Hill, Pembroke and Bryan County. The objective is to identify and recommend multi-modal transportation improvements for today and in the future.

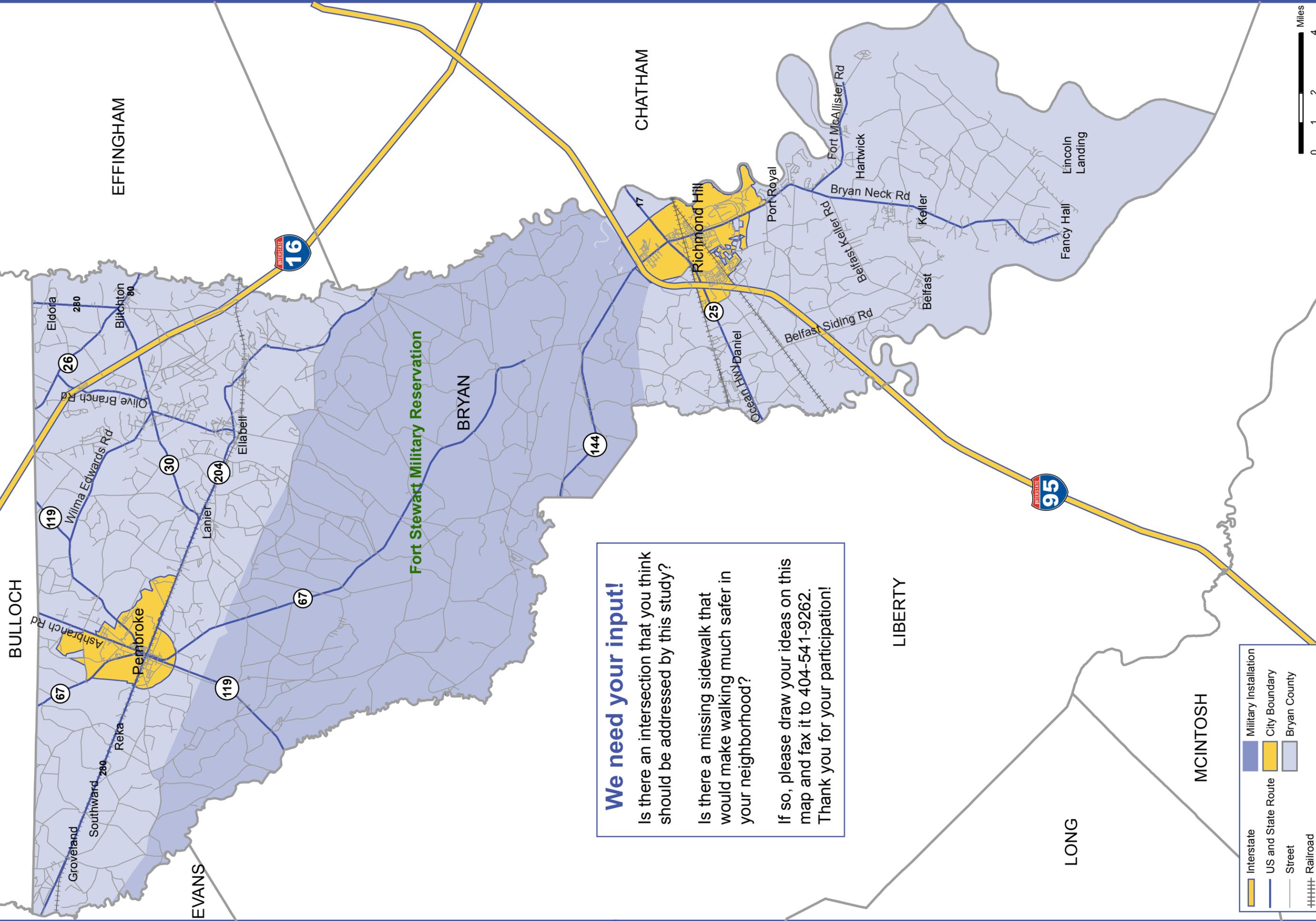
Bryan County is growing. Projections released by Georgia Institute of Technology's Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development (2006) indicate that Bryan County can expect an increase in population from its 2000 size of 23,417 residents to 45,986 residents in 2030— an increase of 96 percent. A growing population will place an increased strain on existing infrastructure including roads. This plan will identify areas expected to experience growth and provide strategies to address existing and future traffic congestion.

Initial efforts have focused on reviewing transportation-related plans and previous study recommendations. Items to be reviewed include proposed new and modified roadways, land use, bike trails and pedestrian safety projects. This study will also include an inventory of existing and projected future conditions in Bryan County, taking under consideration land use, accident data, and future development patterns.

The completed plan will include a list of recommendations for addressing Bryan County's transportation needs of the future based on community input and technical analysis. Recommendations will include new and improved roads, shared use trails and future funding strategies. Since the Plan will be multi-modal, it won't just consider passenger cars, but transit, commercial trucks, rail, ride-sharing, bicycles and pedestrians.



STUDY AREA



We need your input!
Is there an intersection that you think should be addressed by this study?
Is there a missing sidewalk that would make walking much safer in your neighborhood?
If so, please draw your ideas on this map and fax it to 404-541-9262. Thank you for your participation!

- Interstate
- US and State Route
- Street
- Railroad
- Military Installation
- City Boundary
- Bryan County

