

# How Can You Stay Involved ?

Lasting transportation solutions are most often the result of effective community involvement (i.e., citizens, elected officials, businesses, and civic organizations) in shaping the vision for the transportation system. As such, the Southwest Georgia Multi-County Transportation Study will utilize the following methods to give all segments of the community a chance to participate in the study process. These include:

- **Stakeholder Interviews** - the study team will conduct a series of interviews with business leaders, elected officials, and agency staff members from the study area. The main purpose of the stakeholder interviews is to solicit input and feedback regarding existing transportation deficiencies and project goals and objectives.
- **Study Advisory Committee** - will be made up of business leaders and agency staff from across the region. The Advisory Committee will serve the study in an advisory role providing policy guidance and strategic direction to the study at key milestones. It is envisioned that the Advisory Committee will meet twice over the course of the study.
- **Webpage** - information regarding the study will be available via the GDOT website. The Multi-County Transportation Study webpage will provide study documentation, study updates and current activities. The webpage will also post the study schedule, various

maps, and other associated materials. The webpage can be found at [www.dot.ga.gov/SWMultiCountyStudy](http://www.dot.ga.gov/SWMultiCountyStudy).

- **Fact Sheets** - will be developed and distributed throughout the study process at key milestones as a method to keep the public informed of the study's progress and status. Fact Sheets will be available in electronic format as well as hard copy, and will be distributed at public locations (e.g., public libraries, government buildings, and electronically via GDOT website) throughout the six county study area.

- **Local Media** - the study team will take an active role in disseminating information to the general public about the intent, progress, findings and recommendations of the study. The team will focus on local newspapers to provide articles and other information about the study process. Where feasible, radio and cable stations may also be used for information dissemination.



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## Overview of the Transportation Study Process

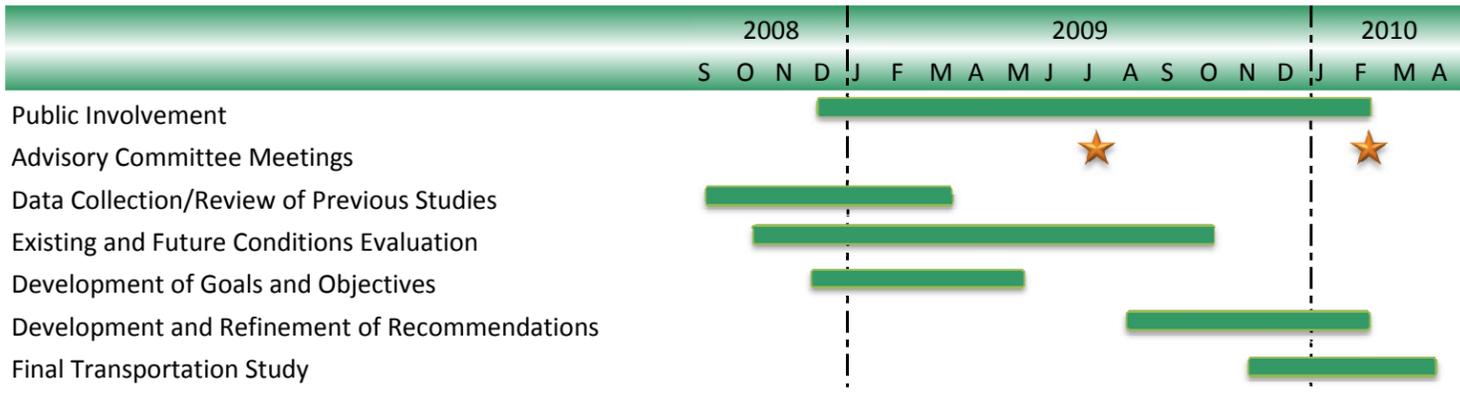
In cooperation with Crisp, Dooly, Macon, Peach, Sumter, and Worth Counties, multiple cities, and various other planning partners, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is preparing the Southwest Georgia Multi-County Transportation Study. The objective of the study is to identify and recommend transportation improvements necessary to provide safe and efficient movement of people and goods through the year 2035. The ability of the transportation system to meet existing and future travel needs is essential to the economic viability of these six counties. This study will recommend transportation improvements that complement state, regional, and local objectives regarding economic development and the interconnection of people, goods, and services.

Work efforts for this study have already begun. The work flow diagram on the right illustrates the major tasks to be completed over the course of the study. The first study task is extensive data collection and the review of previous studies, including transportation and land use plans completed by the cities and counties in the study area. The data collection effort includes an inventory of traffic and travel trends, land use and development patterns, environmentally sensitive areas, high accident locations, and other transportation network conditions. This information will form the basis for the evaluation of existing and future conditions. Transportation recommendations will then be developed to address the deficiencies identified by these evaluations.

An Advisory Committee comprised of public and private stakeholders from within the study area will review all study findings and develop the study goals and objectives. Transportation recommendations will be evaluated against these goals and objectives to ensure they match community priorities. The recommendations will be screened for environmental impacts, prioritized, and documented in the final report. Recommendations will be multi-modal, and may involve many project types, including roadway widenings, new roadway connections, and improvements to the bicycle/pedestrian network, railroads and railroad crossings, and traffic signals and intersections.

Multiple public outreach strategies will be employed, including, but not limited to, stakeholder interviews, press releases, project fact sheets, questionnaires, and a study website. More information about the public involvement process and a depiction of the study schedule are provided on the final page of this fact sheet.

## Southwest Georgia Multi County Transportation Study Schedule



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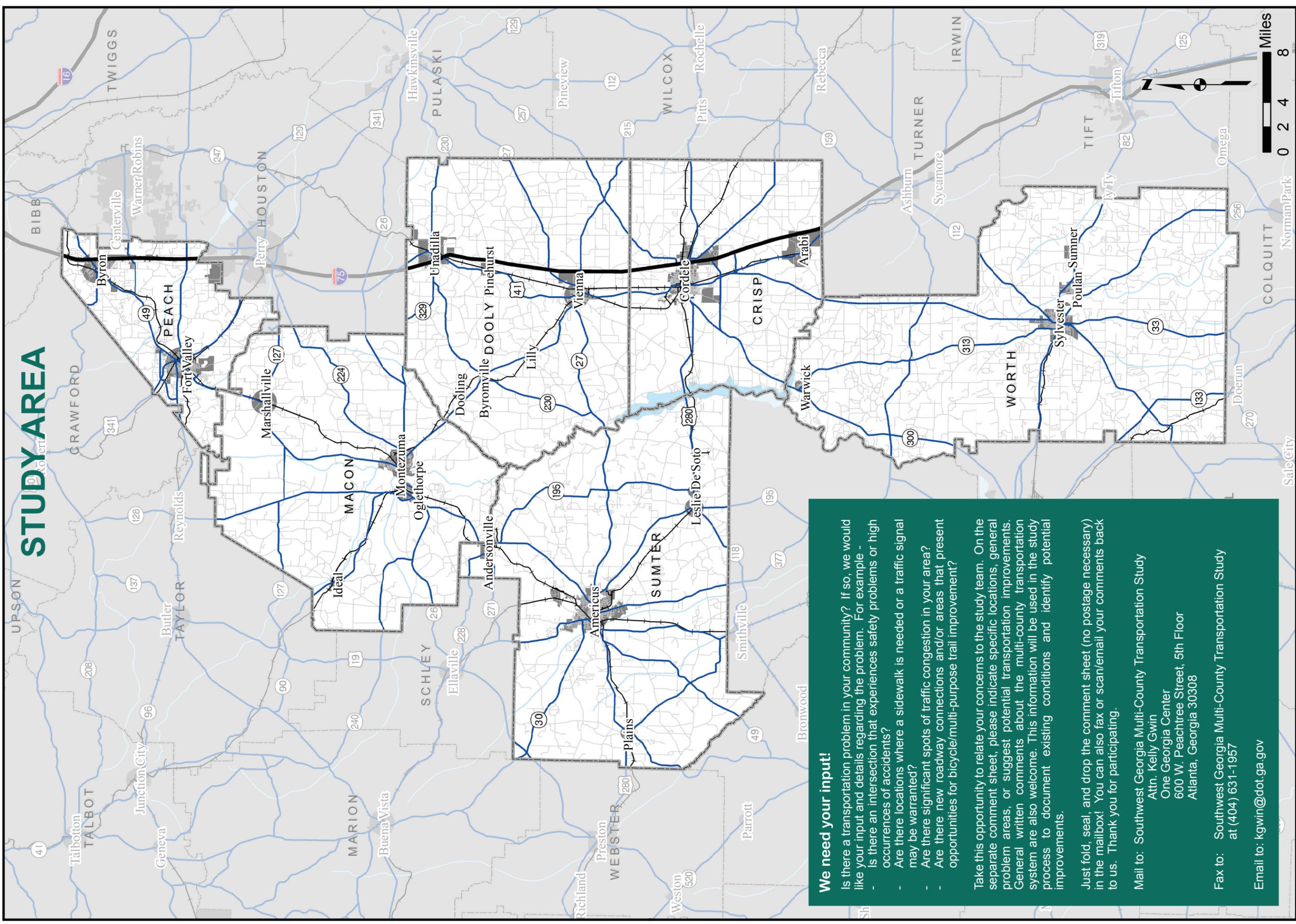


# FACT SHEET

2010 Update



# STUDY AREA



**We need your input!**

- Is there a transportation problem in your community? If so, we would like your input and details regarding the problem. For example -
- Is there an intersection that experiences safety problems or high occurrences of accidents?
- Are there locations where a sidewalk is needed or a traffic signal may be warranted?
- Are there significant spots of traffic congestion in your area?
- Are there new roadway connections and/or areas that present opportunities for bicycle/multi-purpose trail improvement?

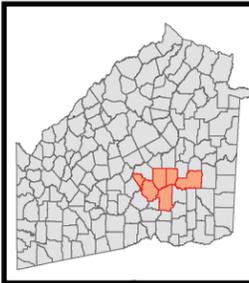
Take this opportunity to relate your concerns to the study team. On the separate comment sheet, please indicate specific locations, general problem areas, or suggest potential transportation improvements. General written comments about the multi-county transportation system are also welcome. This information will be used in the study process to document existing conditions and identify potential improvements.

Just fold, seal, and drop the comment sheet (no postage necessary) in the mailbox! You can also fax or scan/email your comments back to us. Thank you for participating.

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## Southwest Georgia Multi-County Transportation Study Study Area Map

**Legend**

	Interstate
	State Highway
	Street
	Railroad
	Lakes & Streams
	City Boundary
	County Boundary

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