

# I-85 Corridor Study

## Fact Sheet

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### What is the Study Purpose?

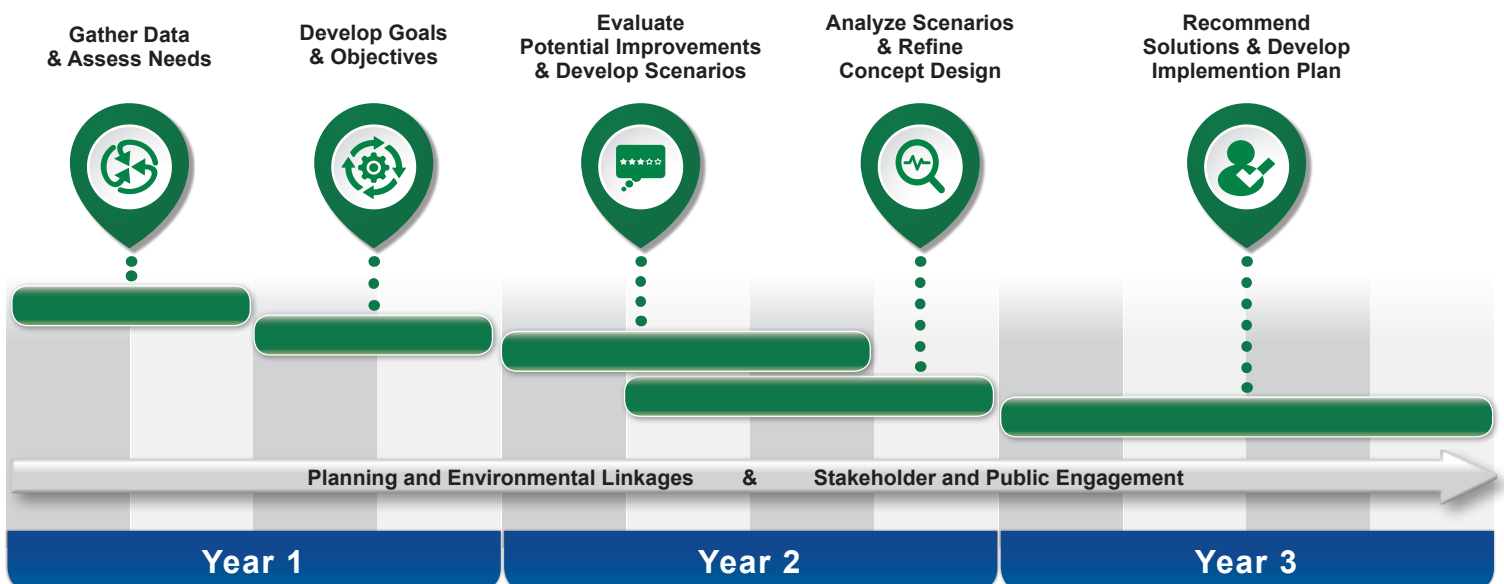
The Georgia Department of Transportation and Gwinnett County are partnering to conduct a Comprehensive Corridor Study along I-85. The study area is roughly 18 miles long and is primarily located within Gwinnett County. The study will propose solutions to reduce congestion, enhance traffic operations, and improve safety in this area. Through collaboration with stakeholders and the public, a wide range of potential solutions will be identified. These alternatives will be analyzed and the recommendations will be developed for implementation.

### What are Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL)?

The study is utilizing FHWA's Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) framework to encourage transportation decision-makers to incorporate environmental considerations, community, and economic goals early in the transportation planning process. Decision-makers can then rely on more robust planning analysis, studies, and decisions throughout project development and during the environmental review processes of transportation projects. PEL aims to create a more unified decision-making process, resulting in less duplication of efforts and more informed project-level decisions.

### What is the Study Process?

The corridor study will include both a planning and an implementation plan, with the study beginning in early 2019 and anticipated to conclude in approximately three to four years. The graphic below provides a high level overview of the steps of the study and how PEL and public/stakeholder engagement will be integrated into the process.



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## What are the Study Limits?

### About the Corridor

- 18 Miles Long
- 16 Interchanges
- 6 Mainline Travel Lanes in Each Direction
- 1 High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lane in Each Direction



## Quick Facts



### Trips

There are up to 340,000 vehicles per day traveling along the busiest part of the corridor.



### Congestion

The average morning congestion in the south-bound direction stretches for approximately 11 miles on week days.



### Freight

This corridor is heavily used by commercial vehicles. Approximately 45% of freight passes through without stopping.