

**Cobb County Comprehensive Transportation Plan
Public Meeting Summary**

December 5, 2014

Meeting Date: Thursday, December 4th 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Meeting Location: Cobb County BOC Room, 100 Cherokee Street, Marietta, GA

Project Team:

Eric Meyer, Cobb County DOT
Marty Sewell, Cobb County DOT
Walker Marshall, ARCADIS
Regan Hammond, ARCADIS
Haley Berry, ARCADIS

Faye DiMassimo, Cobb County DOT
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Julie Price, ARCADIS
Jody Peace, ARCADIS

Attendance: 27 individuals signed in.

Purpose: Provide an opportunity for public review and comment on the draft project recommendations, including projects, policies, and programs.

Meeting Materials: The meeting was an open house where the public was invited to come and review the project recommendations, ask questions and discuss the recommendations with the project team, and provide feedback via a comment form.

Summary: Seventeen comment forms were submitted and the meeting. Most agreed with the project recommendations and its priorities. Projects that should be considered for higher priority included bike and sidewalk projects, public transit (including BRT/Connect Cobb), roundabouts, projects that ease interstate congestion. Projects that should be considered for lower priority, based on the comments received included BRT/Connect Cobb, and motor vehicle projects. Other general comments received included projects that will address traffic around SunTrust Park, and capacity and signal timing improvements. Feedback regarding public transit, including BRT, was a 'hot' topic among the citizens who attended. Several comments express a desire for a greater priority to be placed on public transit, including the BRT and the connections (bike, pedestrian, and shuttle service) to transit to make it more accessibility, taking a more holistic approach. Other comments; however, expressed that specifically the Connect Cobb BRT project be placed in the long term rather than the mid-term in the prioritized project list. Comment forms are attached.



Cobb County Comprehensive Transportation Plan 2040 Update Comment Form

1. Overall, do you agree with or disagree with the project list and its priorities? Circle one.

- Agree Somewhat Agree Neutral Somewhat Disagree Disagree

2. What projects do you see that should be given a higher priority?

SIDEWALKS & PARKS.

3. What projects do you see that should be given a lower priority?

N/A

4. Are there other programs and policies that should be recommended?

CONGESTION RELIEF

5. Are there any projects that you think are missing from the project list?

N/A

6. Do you have any further comments?

CAH SIGNAL TIMING IMPROVEMENTS HAPPEN NOW?



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3. What projects do you see that should be given a lower priority?

BRT and/or Cobb Connect

4. Are there other programs and policies that should be recommended?

The pedestrian bridge for the Braves Stadium should not be paid for with local tax money. The Braves should pay for it since they are the direct beneficiary

5. Are there any projects that you think are missing from the project list?

6. Do you have any further comments?



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MOVE BRT FROM MEDIUM TERM TO LONG TERM

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Unable to determine

Agree Somewhat Agree Neutral Somewhat Disagree Disagree

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Sidewalks on Buckner Rd.

3. What projects do you see that should be given a lower priority?

4. Are there other programs and policies that should be recommended?

5. Are there any projects that you think are missing from the project list?

Need to finish the Silver Comet Trail and connect it to Atlanta's Beltline

6. Do you have any further comments?

Use the Six Flags parking lot as remote Atlanta Airport parking facility. I'd like to park my car at Six Flags, bus to Marta Holmes Station and ride Marta train to airport.



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PT007 - should be long term

4. Are there other programs and policies that should be recommended?

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R-023 - \$2,200,000 - Not a good place
for a Roundabout.



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① bike & pedestrian projects

② roundabouts

③ public transit

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Motor vehicle projects

4. Are there other programs and policies that should be recommended?

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6. Do you have any further comments?

① DOT staff should bike the roads regularly.

② Multi-use paths for cyclists are unsafe.
Bike lanes are safer.



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The Northwest Corridor is very important. Whether BRT or something else, let's keep planning and moving forward to connect us more completely.

3. What projects do you see that should be given a lower priority?

4. Are there other programs and policies that should be recommended?

DNK

5. Are there any projects that you think are missing from the project list?

No

6. Do you have any further comments?

No



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EASE CONGESTION ON 75' N & SO

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ROAD CHANGES THAT WILL BE NECESSARY DUE TO NEW BALL PARK 75 & 285 WILL BE A HEAVY CONGESTION

6. Do you have any further comments?



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Mass Transit and pedestrian access to mass transit - believe this is critical to improved quality of life - particularly for seniors & students and to improve access for lower income - but would benefit us all - I am not in any of those groups - yet.

3. What projects do you see that should be given a lower priority?

4. Are there other programs and policies that should be recommended?

More safe pedestrian crosswalks / pedestrian bridges particularly @ major intersections

5. Are there any projects that you think are missing from the project list?

more 'spokes' in access to mass transportation - more bus routes and parking to improve ridership

6. Do you have any further comments?

Any opportunity to employ 'private' mass transit options - overseas cabs & small buses often function similar to mass transit -

If BRT is achieved - regular shuttles should be established along Barrett Pkwy, Kennestone Hospital, Marietta, KSU and other high density areas



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Transit of all kinds

Thanks for projects for bicycles and pedestrians

3. What projects do you see that should be given a lower priority?

Projects that encourage more cars on the road.

4. Are there other programs and policies that should be recommended?

5. Are there any projects that you think are missing from the project list?

No transit in the short term project list

6. Do you have any further comments?

~~Invite Maeda to Cobb County~~

Expand CCT

Thanks for accommodating bicycles on the front of busses.



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12/4/14

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\$494 M. BRT needs to be moved to Long-
RANGE List. #10X should be implemented
& tested long before any serious consideration
given to implementing BRT. Even its est.
\$6M annual opp. cost is prohibitive.

4. Are there other programs and policies that should be recommended?

\$9Mill Pedestrian Bridge & Bridges should
NOT be built at Taxpayer expense!
BRIDGES &/or Sponsors should PAY.

5. Are there any projects that you think are missing from the project list?

6. Do you have any further comments?

The \$494 Mill. BRT depends on \$245 Mill
"free" FEDERAL MONEY. Our County is now
A 18 TRILLION DEBT. IT IS MY OPINION
that we should not build a project that
is not absolutely necessary that we
cannot finance completely at home.

Steve Covert



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BRT
10x

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More Meetings of this nature for the community.



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BUS OR OTHER MASS OR MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

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Wider connectivity ^{and access} to MASS transit

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The plan seems to be a well considered consensus of the available options — a little for everyone to like and dislike, but since it is integrated, it should probably stay whole.



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TRANSIT

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Make ~~me~~ transit Available County-wide
Include all of Acworth, Powder Springs &
EAST COB

6. Do you have any further comments?

Transit needs to service Sundays
& holidays



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① THE WHOLE TRANSIT PLAN FAILS TO CONNECT TO KEY CIVIC + WORK PLACES - COBB GOV'S ON MARIETTA SQUARE, WELLSFAR HOSPITAL, JOHNSON FERRY SHOULD BE PHASE I, ETC.

3. What projects do you see that should be given a lower priority?

② TRANSIT SHOULD ORIENT EAST WEST, TOO NARROWLY FOCUSED N-S ON 41 - DIVIDES COBB - DOES NOT FACILITATE COBB TAXPAYERS WORKING IN COBB, EXCEPT, OF COURSE THE TWO MALLS - WHICH GET DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF TRANSIT TAX EXPENDITURES

4. Are there other programs and policies that should be recommended?

③ WE DO NOT HAVE THE DENSITY OF PEOPLE TO PAY FOR TRANSIT OPERATING COST. NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE LIVE OR WORK WITHIN EASY WALK OF PLANNED ROUTES.

5. Are there any projects that you think are missing from the project list?

④ PUT WHOLE PLAN BACK 5 YEARS + LET'S SEE WHAT THE BRAVES DO TO US.

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⑤ TRANSIT TAKES TOO MUCH MONEY - TOO BIG A SHARE OF YOUR PIE CHARTS



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N/A

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ADDITIONAL CAPACITY, SIGNAL TIMING
IMPROVEMENTS.

5. Are there any projects that you think are missing from the project list?

NO.

6. Do you have any further comments?

HOW QUICK CAN YOU GET STARTED?