

Transportation

This is the Transportation analysis portion of the 2009 Liberty County Workshop. Below is a summary of the discussions that took place in order to identify transportation issues, goals, objectives, and strategies.

Issues

- Safety
 - Deal St. at SR196
 - US84 and SR196 Safety
 - McIntosh Mountain
 - EG Miles and Deal St. safety
 - SR119 at Barrington Ferry safety (visibility)
 - Sandy Run and Patriot and US84 lights

- Congestion
 - Lunchtime 11am – 1pm on General Screven
 - Morning on US84 and SR196
 - Evening Rush hour after 4pm on US84 and Main St.
 - Frank Cochran at S. Main
 - Patriots and US84
 - Sandy Run and US84
 - US84 and MLK turn lane
 - LRMC left turn lane
 - General Screven at S. Main (CVS intersection)

- Transit
 - To Savannah Tech
 - Health Department/Diversity Health
 - Walthourville
 - Midway Industrial Parks

- Bicycle Safety
 - Need bike lanes – General Screven, US84, other main roads
 - Possible bike racks?
 - Link transit to Savannah Tech

- Sidewalks
 - Walthourville

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- Allenhurst
- Talmadge Rd, Arnold Dr, Dunlevy Rd
- Right of Way issues
- Elementary Schools
 - Midway
- S. Main St. at Lyman Hall

- Bypass
 - Truck Traffic
 - Smart Growth Development? – in select areas
 - Limited Access

- Truck Traffic
 - Link to Savannah Tech
 - discouraged from traffic circle. Alternate to Memorial Dr.

 - Commercial Entry (gate 7) – may move to 144 119
 - Airport Rd to accommodate trucks/fire station

- Public Information – Way Finding
 - Transit
 - Savannah Tech
 - Route traffic around Fort Stewart
 - Truck Traffic

- Business facing roads
 - Memorial Dr.

- Lack of Roads
- Conditions of Roads
- Lack of Plan
 - Expansion
 - Current Traffic
 - Too Much Volume

- Arterial Capacity
- Funding
- US84 School Zones
- Management of Traffic
- Public Transportation
 - entire county

- Implementation

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- Assess current plans
- Where are people coming from and going to
 - Chatham schools and jobs

- Through Traffic
- Roads match intent
- Alternatives
 - Walk-able
 - Trails
- Funding
 - Coordination with State

- Bike Paths
 - Flemington

- Interchange Area
 - Amenities
 - Bus and tourists
 - Restaurants

- Crowded school buses/long ride
 - Schools far from residents
 - driving to school

- Traffic Congestion
 - Hinesville traffic
 - morning (4-9am) and evening
 - Fort Stewart Schedule
 - Gates
 - Truck entrance gate 7 location to Fort Stewart concentrates traffic

- Infrastructure, schools, and roads to support volume in areas as they grow
- Funding – coordinate with GDOT
- Trucks on main roads (US84)
- Access to jobs TPE
- Speed
- Senior and rural transport
- Coordination between public and private providers

Goals

- Transit
 - to Savannah Tech (10pm)
 - To AASU

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- To Public Library
- Bike Trails
- Way Finding
 - Savannah Tech
 - Jail and Sheriff's office
- Multi Use Paths and Sidewalks
- Move People Safely
- Truck Routes
- Manage Traffic Congestion
- Implement
- Widespread use of transit
- More Pedestrian options, especially downtown
- Access information to downtown
- Plan
 - Survey where people are going and coming from
- Gateway at I95
- Dispersed destinations
 - options
 - clusters
- Feedback on Transportation Projects and plans
- Maximize funding opportunities
- Provide more options in schools
- Coordinate with schools and state
 - growth, routes, locations, population
- Maintain Roads
- Countywide Tr. Plan – moving people

Objectives

- Communication between community and transit routes
- Bike Path and Multi Use Trails
 - Canal Easements
 - Peacock Canal?
 - Railroad Right of Way to Fort Stewart
 - School – J. Martin: (drop off) Kings Rd Bradwell Extension, Lyman Hall

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- Crash Reduction
- US84 median

- County will complete travel survey in 6 months
- Reduce delay
- Improve and expand alternate dispersal routes
- Expand Gates
- Manage lunch schedules
- Implement US84 Access Management
- Better information to soldiers
 - gates/alternate roads
 - transit
 - “best” or preferred routes

- Hinesville bypass
 - through traffic
 - freight

- Improve pedestrian environment
 - safety
 - facilities

- Information (ie. online)
 - students and employees

- Way Finding system countywide
- Tour Bus and Visitor Amenities
- Increase bike and pedestrian facilities

- Implement
 - public transportation feeder system
 - road projects

- Regular report on projects
- Explore/Research funding options
 - public/private
 - Tolls

- Complete Tr. Plan
- Maintain Roads – roadside right of way

Strategies

- Public Information and involvement

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- Transit
 - Benefits of Transit
- Fort Stewart, RISF (quarterly) and Liberty County
 - Welcome Packets
- Websites
 - Libertyregional.org
 - Cities
- Newspaper (SMN, Penny Saver, Frontline)
- Marne TV/ Radio
 - Savannah Tech TV
- Events
 - Savannah Tech Registration
 - 4th of July
 - Nov. Health Fair
 - High School Football, Recreation Department
- Feedback on Transportation
 - Disseminate GDOT status report
 - Assess resources: providers, training
 - newspapers – quarterly update
 - website – County, city, chamber, RDC > PR POCS
 - common message
 - to public employees, newsletters
 - Strategy
 - message
 - projects
 - contacts for specific issues > Parking Signs
- Public Input
 - Churches
 - Follow through
 - Neighborhood Associations
 - Volunteer fire stations – announce
 - Food > free
- Bicycle – Pedestrian to schools
- Traffic Calming
 - Deceleration Lanes (Right turn lanes)
- Turn Lanes
 - Deal St. at SR196
- Roads – SR196 turning traffic, General Screven to Railroad
- Coordinate Signals on US84 and S. Main St.
- Manage Driveway Locations, SR196 and US84

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- Survey travel patterns – HAMPO/County/GMP
- Orient Soldiers – Chamber and businesses
 - Map of preferred routes
 - Restaurants/Walmart
 - Schools
 - Way Finding

- Orient tourists and newcomers
 - Welcome Centers at Gateway
 - Maps < realtors
 - Way Finding < CVB, Army Comm. Heritage
 - Newspaper – CC and SMV and Frontline
 - Hotels
 - Website – connect Fort Stewart < CVB

- As roads widen, improve Fort Stewart gate capacity > FSDPW

- Manage Fort Stewart lunch schedules > FSDGC

- Improve bike and pedestrian facilities
 - Bike Racks
 - Link to Rails to trails, Hinesville to Midway
- County to city
 - HAMPO
- Students > Board of Education
 - For recreation Health
- Connect/Information to transit
- Promote Bike/Ped travel to schools
- Encourage walk-able town centers

- Road Maintenance
 - prison crews
 - street sweeping
 - signage, re: litter
 - enforce litter laws

- Coordinate with major employers
 - Target – HAMPO
 - Vanpool
 - Transit Passes

- Implement bypass for truck traffic

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- Discuss role of bypass – development and managing growth
- Beautify roads > garden club
 - landscaping
 - medians