

Clayton County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Focus Group Meeting Summary

A focus group meeting was conducted at the following time and location:

Saturday, December 8, 2007

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Jim Huie Recreational Center and Steve Lundquist Aquatic Center
9045 Tara Boulevard, Jonesboro, GA

A total of 19 people attended the focus meeting.

The following logistics were used for planning the focus group meeting:

In order to gain input from minority and underserved populations not typically represented at traditional public meetings, two focus groups representing the underserved community members of Clayton County were planned. Focus group participants were sought from throughout the County with target representation from the following groups:

- Senior Citizens
- High School Students
- Clayton County School employees
- College Students
- Apartment Complex Residents
- C-TRAN Riders
- Low Income citizens
- Minority groups
- Southern Regional Medical Center employees
- Southlake Mall employees
- Other large employers
- Civic Associations representing underserved populations
- Other groups as identified

The project team made efforts to recruit 15-20 participants for the focus group through the following advertising/recruitment mechanisms:

- Telephone calls to local churches
- Telephone call to DFCS
- Telephone call to Clayton County School Board
- E-mail to TSC Members
- E-mail to SAC members
- E-mail to Clayton County Homeowner Association Members (per database provided by Clayton County)
- E-mail to public meeting participants to date
- Flyers posted at Libraries
- Telephone calls to Clayton State University
- Telephone call to Southern Regional Medical Center
- Telephone calls to other major employers
- Telephone calls to Senior Centers

A stipend of \$20 was offered as an incentive to encourage participation. One focus group comprised of 19 participants resulted from these efforts.

The following flyer was used for display advertising:



Help us improve transportation in Clayton County!

WHO:

Clayton County will hold two focus group meetings as part of the development of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). The CTP process will evaluate the transportation system and identify projects and strategies to provide for current and future mobility needs. Citizen involvement is important to address the needs of Clayton County's diverse population.

WHAT:

The focus group meetings will be held to get input from the Hispanic community and other traditionally underserved communities on transportation needs, development options, and potential solutions. The results of the focus group meeting will help to identify and implement improvements that support and connect Clayton County's communities. Attendees will be given a brief presentation and asked their views on transportation in Clayton County. Hands-on exercises and group discussion will be conducted aimed at gaining input on current and future transportation issues, priorities for transportation improvements (includes roadways, biking, walking, transit, etc.) and preferences for types of improvements. Light refreshments will be served and participants will receive a \$20.00 stipend at the end of the meeting as compensation for their participation.

WHEN & WHERE:

**Saturday, December 8, 2007
10am-12pm
Jim Huie Recreation Center and Steve Lundquist Aquatic Center
9045 Tara Boulevard, Jonesboro, GA**

WHY:

Clayton County, like most areas in the Atlanta Metropolitan area, is experiencing significant growth. Growth is expected to continue along with the challenges of increased traffic congestion and air pollution. To make the most of future investment, we must find ways to plan growth in our communities, provide transportation options that make sense, and get the best value for the dollars spent. Your participation is important to ensure that the study addresses the needs of the entire community. For more information regarding the study, please visit the study webpage at www.co.clayton.ga.us/tnd/CTP.

HOW:

If you would like to participate, please contact the study team at: Telephone: (478) 477-3688 **E-mail:** maryhuffstetler@bellsouth.net by Wednesday, December 5, 2007. You may also complete the form below and fax to (478) 477-7332 or mail it to: MPH and Associates, Inc., 218 Pebblebrook Lane, Macon, GA 31220.

Name:	
Street Address:	
City:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	
E-Mail Address:	

Focus Meeting Input

A focus group format was used. Attendees were given a brief presentation comprised of a project overview and schedule, the existing needs, land use trends, and community priorities. They were asked their views on a number of conditions in Clayton County's transportation system, including safety; accessibility; mobility; connectivity between cars, walking, biking, transit, and land use; railroad crossings; intersections; economic development; commerce; and maintenance. Janide Sidifall of URS Corporation introduced herself as the project manager and stated the purpose of the project. She asked participants to go around the room, introduce themselves, and state why they were interested in coming to today's focus group meeting. Responses were as follows:

1. Why did you want to come and participate at the focus group meeting today?

- Representing a neighborhood homeowners' association and concerned about traffic congestion getting out of neighborhoods, particularly on Highway 314
- To get information
- To find out how to get more people to use public transportation and to make it more convenient
- Concern over traffic lights with photo cameras on Highway 85 which provide little or no warning
- Concern over skills needed and safety issues regarding riding a bike in the County
- To encourage carpooling, public transportation, and bicycling, particularly around and to Clayton State University
- To convey that the bus routes currently in place in Clayton need to expand and change for better travel. To suggest that incentives are needed for carpooling, that potholes need to be inspected and repaired, and that bus schedules should be posted at bus stops.
- To represent concerns about the C-Tran system. There needs to be more service stops - people have to walk too far and there is overcrowding on buses. The transit system needs a transfer center like the Marta and Cobb County systems have. C-Tran needs better buses and working equipment, particularly for the elderly. Buses break down with no available bus to relieve them. People end up waiting for hours.
- An interested homeowner in Waterford Downs neighborhood
- An interested homeowner in Tara Point neighborhood in South Clayton County who wants to see improvements. Race weekends make the traffic "ungodly". Understands that revenue is needed from the race, but something needs to be done.
- To see Marta extend more into Clayton County. Marta rail system goes nowhere and there is much dead rail in the County. Would like to see County use infrastructure that is already there.
- To suggest that another perimeter is needed as it is impossible to get to Newman or to do any east to west travel in the Atlanta area.
- As a Region 16 DFCS employee, to see what can be done to help clients to have and use public transportation as many do not have cars and do not have money to afford taxis.

An overview of the project was presented. Existing needs identified to date by the project team and from previous public meetings were discussed. A discussion about Levels of Service (LOS) on roads in Clayton County prompted the following questions and comments. (Q = Question; A = Answer; C = Comment):

- Q:** Is this the first time a group has gotten together for a transportation study in Clayton County? Recall attending meetings 15 to 20 years ago when the area was first growing. Was told that the County would be developed so that homes, shops, schools would be in every neighborhood and clustered to alleviate traffic. That was why moved and bought here. Now the County has developed "willy-nilly".
- A:** This is the first comprehensive transportation plan ever done in Clayton County. Meetings attended in the past were likely for the comprehensive land use plan which does require a transportation element. The transportation plan to be done in this study was initiated by the Board of Commissioners and the Atlanta Regional Commission in accordance with state and federal regulations requiring a planning process that is done at the regional and state level.
- Q:** How is the Level of Service A to F determined – what is criteria?

A: The traffic model computes LOS. Things such as land use and population are put into a model; a trip generator is used, which then computes volume to capacity of the roadway and a level A to F.

Q: What might be an LOS of “B” to some might not be a “B” to others?

A: The level of service is based on federal standards and is different for rural versus urban roads. You input information and the model simulates what is currently happening. It is a certain number of cars on the road at a time per the capacity of that type of roadway. The perception of the traffic situation of a “B” rating will be different for different people.

Q: Do levels of service change during the day?

A: Yes. Levels of service are measured during am and pm peaks and off-peak hours.

Q: Is anyone modeling roads in Clayton County?

A: The Atlanta Regional Commission maintains a model and this is being used in the study.

The presentation proceeded to LOS deficiencies along key corridors in cities within the County, bridges needing replacement, and high frequency crash intersections. Participants were asked for input regarding other areas, rail crossings, intersections, and congestion areas they felt were significant to the study. Responses were as follows:

2. What other intersections would you consider to be problem areas?

- SR 85 and Garden Walk – the lights are too short
- SR 85 and Valley Hill – accidents
- Upper Riverdale Road and Tara Boulevard
- Mt. Zion and Jonesboro Road going north and south, left hand turn going over tracks
- Clayton State Boulevard and North Lee – foreign design and limited site distance
- Mt. Zion and Kelly near Mall - need turn signals
- I-75 south at Jonesboro Road (Southlake Mall) – ramp is short so when it backs up you have to stop on the interstate then have to quickly increase speed back to 60-70 mph

3. What railroad crossings are problematic?

- Southlake Parkway at Mt. Zion Road by the Circle K – dead track, need exempt sign for bus movement
- Kelly Road – dead track, need exempt sign for bus movement
- Commerce at Jonesboro Road - crossing is dark and tankers block sight field - needs gates and lights and signage
- College and Main Street near Jonesboro First Baptist Church - even when the gates are down, cars still come across – lighting allows Main Street to go and College Street backs up
- Old Dixie Road at Old Dixie Highway – two tracks - crossing has no warning lights and no signs
- McDonough Street near Old Courthouse – C-Tran bus stop needs to be moved as it is right next to tracks – need sidewalks

4. Where are your top congestion concerns?

- Tara Boulevard and Tara Road – signal timing - light is short so traffic backs up onto Tara Road near the CVS and Kroger
- Jonesboro Road from Wal-Mart to the Mall
- From Clayton State University to the Mall
- West Fayetteville from SR 138 to the Airport – possible need for widening to SR 279
- Riverdale Road from I-285 to Main Street in Riverdale during both rush hour and off peak
- SR 85 at Forest Parkway – turn signals needed
- SR 138 and SR 85

- Fayetteville into Clayton County on West Fayetteville – congestion is heavy – look at access management – should be widened to 4 lanes to Airport
- SR 314 and West Fayetteville - limited site distance – need to straighten if widened – state bike route also - need bike facilities, sidewalks, and bus shelters
- Tara Road at Panhandle Road – no light - signal needed – lot accidents
- Mt. Zion Boulevard at Richardson Parkway, between Richardson and Maddox near car dealership
- Fielder Road and Mt. Zion – heavy congestion – bus stop but no shelter or sidewalks – dark and nowhere to walk - people get off the bus and walk to Stockbridge, Morrow, and Rex – need shuttles to neighborhoods
- 675 – Anvilblock toward Bouldercrest, Rex – tough to get on and off
- Old National and I-285 – backs up on Old National and on ramp (this is located in Fulton County)
- SR 85 and Garden Walk – congestion from 85 down to Webb Road
- Riverdale Road at Tara Boulevard going east to I-75 – goes from two lanes to three lanes – markings are confusing
- Upper Riverdale and Tara Boulevard – have to sit through several signal cycles – need emergency access improvements
- Garden Walk at Southern Regional – needs improvements for emergency safety - fire trucks suddenly come in and out – new light planned
- SR85 at the Little Giant, Waffle House, Hispanic grocery – hard to get in and out of shopping center – need signal
- SR 85 – hard to cross
- Tara Boulevard – limited access needed
- Trucks need to be restricted to certain routes – Jonesboro Road
- SR 138 – so many curb cuts - need access road to limit getting onto SR 138
- Southern Regional Medical Center did \$75,000 study for Upper Riverdale Road, 6 years ago, but no improvements were ever made – would like to see more County accountability in implementation
- SR 85 and Forest Parkway off I-75 – ½ mile stretch – traffic signal timing needed
- Southlake Mall to Jonesboro Road – signal timing needed
- Tara Boulevard – will be widened at some time so should design it so other roads run parallel so not everything exiting on Tara Boulevard

The discussion above prompted the following questions and comments (Q = Question; A = Answer; C = Comment):

- Q:** Would like to see a toll gate on West Fayetteville. - it goes from 4 lanes to 2 lanes and makes it impossible to get out of the subdivision
- A:** Need to weigh the need to raise revenue through a toll road with the impacts - could make congestion worse - widening and better access management might be better solution
- Q:** Where is the source of funding for various streets, highways, and roads - for example, if a highway is also a state route, who has to give permission?
- A:** There are different pots of money for roadway improvements - there are also DOT regulations on how traffic is allowed to flow no matter what type of road it is.
- Q:** US 23/ SR 42 is a US Highway and a State Highway – does State handle both?
- A:** Yes. There are certain regulations and funding pots for state highways and federal highways. Georgia DOT is responsible for all state and federal roads. Most roads in Clayton County are local roads so the County has a lot of opportunity as well as responsibility to maintain them. The SPLOST program provides the County money for improvements.
- Q:** Good that these meetings are taking place – what happens after the study?
- A:** This project will produce a detailed plan with recommendations which will be presented to the Commissioners. Citizens are ultimately responsible to stay on the Commissioners to make sure things improve. Things that get done are usually from those who keep the pressure on. If you are investing

this time into the project, you would like to see something out of it. Need to stay involved in what Commissioners are doing.

Q: How many traffic lights are there in the County - are they numbered?

A: 260+ traffic signals – probably are numbered - Clayton County has one of the best ITS linked signal systems in Georgia.

Q: Are there sensors under the pavement?

A: Some have sensors and some use timing mechanisms. A few use video detectors, which are not the same as red light cameras. Referred participants to page 3 of handout which shows the timed traffic signals versus cameras, etc. in Clayton County.

The discussion proceeded to alternative modes of transportation. Participants were asked for input regarding sidewalks, trails, bike lanes, transit and other commuter options. Responses were as follows:

5. Pedestrian facilities such as sidewalks and bike lanes need to be considered as another commuting option and add to the quality of life in a community. Primary locations should include schools, recreation facilities, transit stops, and at activity centers such as shopping malls. Where would you like to see these types of facilities?

- Sidewalks need to have a buffer between them and the roadway – would not let children walk on them otherwise
- Need to look at areas of population without a personal car - should study the demographics - people get off the bus and then walk long distances - cut through yards where there are no sidewalks
- Mundy's Mill High School - SR 54 and Mundy's Mill Road – no sidewalks, no crosswalks
- Upper Woolsey Road and elsewhere– need shoulder for bicyclers - need to maintain facility and keep free from debris
- Mt. Zion - new elementary school – need sidewalks to connect neighborhoods to school - 50-60 mph traffic in this area
- Can tell where people are walking by looking at the dirt paths along the sides of the road

6. What are some locations for desire paths (dirt trails along roadway indicating pedestrian activity)?

- SR 85 - Valley Hill to Garden Walk
- Garden Walk to Riverdale Road
- Riverdale Road to I-285
- Tara Boulevard – full transit route – need sidewalks, lighting, transit shelters
- Old Dixie Road at County line to I-285 and beyond – sidewalks need to be redesigned and ramps are needed – some bicyclers use sidewalks
- Mt. Zion Road from Richardson Parkway to Fielder to SR 138 – inadequate lane width and structural strength - increase lane width for biking, walking – elementary school
- Tara Boulevard and Upper Riverdale Road – lighting needs to be fixed - no street lighting on many roads in County
- Fielding and Mt. Zion - no lights, high grass, and noticeable walk path
- Need access via sidewalks, crosswalks, lights to Jim Huie Recreation Center – there are several surrounding neighborhoods but must drive to Center
- Sidewalks needed at Babb Jr. High School and Reynolds Road, Reynolds Nature Preserve, Georgia Archives, Jonesboro Road, Clayton State – there is bus service in some areas but no sidewalks

Other comments regarding pedestrian facilities (C = Comment):

C: Sidewalks were put down Tara Boulevard which upset the cyclists as they were placed immediately next to the road - need to consider the needs of everyone - slapping sidewalks everywhere is not the

solution - preserve neighborhood when building sidewalks with buffers, alternative materials, lighting - consider design principles.

- C:** Need to provide sidewalks for children at all school bus stops
- C:** Concern about the health impacts from the airport. Clayton County has one of the highest cancer rates, according to statistics from the federal government. What is airport doing, if anything, about health risks? Emissions are causing health effects.
- C:** There are a lot of different things going on with alternative jet fuels and research. The air quality in this area and in the region is a problem. The point raised is good and the answer lies with your Commissioners. Citizens need to bring the health concerns to the attention of County Commissioners.
- C:** Board of Commissioners meetings are held on the 1st, 2nd and, 3rd Tuesdays at 112 Smith Street in Jonesboro. Can sign up to speak if you are there 10 minutes before 7:00 meeting time.

7. What are good locations that need to be connected or enhanced for walking and biking?

- At Clayton State transit stops – need sidewalks for students, faculty as people walk in streets
- C-Tran bus needs to make stops within Clayton State University
- Clayton State Boulevard – need crosswalks for pedestrians and upgrade what is there
- North Lee Street from Harper to the enhanced part of North Lee - need sidewalks and lighting
- SR 138 from SR 314 to SR 85 - sidewalks needed - pedestrians currently walk on dirt paths
- Disability access – ensure ADA compatibility – elderly with canes and wheel chairs exit bus at Wal-Mart and walk to the Social Security Office – some places have to cross railroad tracks - need better ADA access to city and state offices (Social Security, DFCS, Health Dept.)
- Battlecreek Road – ARC project to widen to four 12-foot lanes with a median – would be ideal to have 11-foot inside lanes and 13-foot outside lanes for bikes

8. Does anyone walk or bike in Clayton County? What are some good places?

- Water treatment plants have nice parks which are kept up – should connect to neighborhoods
- New wetlands center on Panhandle – not open yet
- Reynolds Nature Preserve – need sidewalks
- Performing Arts Center by high school – need sidewalks
- Walking trail behind DFCS connects to library and apartments but is not safe and has potholes - could be improved, maintained, and better connected
- Jesters Creek Greenway trail is a good start but have to drive to the greenway– need to also connect to Battlecreek Road via sidewalks

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- Q:** Need to look at comparative studies done in other places, counties, states that we can apply to our area instead of recreating, redesigning - need to go to other areas and copy what's working
- A:** There is a lot of information out there from other counties and across the region. We are looking to define the needs, prioritize, and make recommendations which will be presented to the Commissioners. Need to customize what others have done to Clayton County - widening roads is a last resort - need to work on improving circulation

- Q:** Where to get copy of study and recommendations?
- A:** All information will be put on the website and we will email information to you, so give us your email address on the sign-in sheet. Will be preparing a detailed plan - before the final plan, will give the public an opportunity to look at the draft - copies will be placed at City Hall, in libraries, and on website. You should review the draft before going to the meeting. Then it is up to citizens to follow through with the Commissioners.

- Q:** There are two voices, the voice of homeowners who do not want public transportation and the voice of people who need service (i.e. Hispanics), who do not have cars. Need to present this information at PTA meetings and at other public facilities and ask questions in their language.
- A:** Four public meetings were held in September – a Hispanic session was planned for today's focus group but no one signed up despite much effort to reach out to this community. We are trying to find a lot of different ways to get the word out. We are going to two different Wal-Mart today after the meeting.

The discussion proceeded to various commuter options and perceptions about public transportation. Participants were asked to comment on the following:

9. Where would you like to see park and ride facilities?

- SR 314 to the Airport
- Mall
- Need to develop a C-Tran transfer facility which would have a large parking lot at Mt Zion/Southlake Parkway – Exit 231 - use old warehouse – would provide access to I-75, I-85, and I-285
- Must find a way to get people to share rides
- Look at using underutilized facilities – huge parking lot on Upper Riverdale Road that is never full – could be used as a park and ride lot – use old buildings and infrastructure that County already has
- New park and ride at SR138/I-75 – this is for GRTA Express bus – would be nice to transfer to C-Tran here
- Can now transfer from C-Train to GRTA
- Need public relations to promote walking and taking transit to erase its negative image
- Need to implement neighborhood shuttles
- Need to implement rapid transit from airport to Motor Speedway
- SPLOST is up for renewal in February – need mode of rapid transit from the Airport to the Motor Speedway with buses to loop around to central stops – it needs to run so that people are not standing on a hot bus for two hours to get where they need to go

10. What is keeping you in your car and not using alternative means of transportation (walking, biking, and transit) or moving to live near where you work?

- Public relations – may look bad to walk or use transit
- C-Tran – takes too much time
- Have to make several stops – drop off small children at different locations
- Bus lines do not go where you need them to go
- More rail needs to come into Clayton - MARTA rail is slow – express train would help - look at other high quality systems for ideas
- Bus schedule needs to be coordinated with business needs
- Safe Routes to School Program could help educate public – also Walking School Bus Program
- Need rapid transit but need to model it after another good, safe, high quality rail system
- Need to privatize MARTA (MARTA operating C-Tran as of October 1)
- Provide/improve incentives to public to use transit
- Provide monthly C-Tran and Marta pass for Clayton State University students and others (this has just been approved for Breeze to work with all college passes)
- Too dangerous to walk or bike even if close enough
- Look at what works in other states – if it works there, implement it here – be open minded
- Key is local planning board – Commissioners need pressure – communities who put pressure on get the most response
- C-Tran needs better equipment, new buses, retire old buses, paratransit equipment
- C-Tran trying to adjust schedules so less waiting
- Corporations send vans in some areas for employees

Use of Public Comments

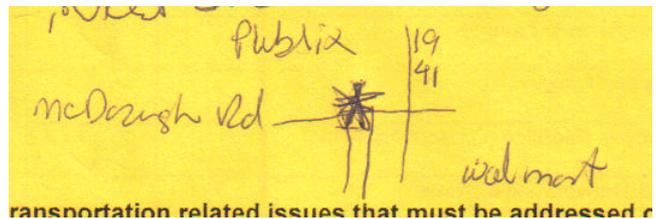
The public comments received during the plan development process will be documented and provided to the study team, Technical Study Committee, and Stakeholder Advisory Committee to ensure that each group is aware of the feedback gained from the public during the planning process. The study team will utilize all comments as input into the plan development process. Public comments from previous outreach activities will be summarized and available at the following round of public outreach activities and on the study webpage. All public comments will be recorded in a comprehensive document as an appendix to the plan.

Comment Form

Meeting attendees were referred to the Comment Form passed out at the beginning of the meeting and asked to complete them. Responses are recorded below:

1. What needs and deficiencies currently exist on the transportation system?

- Better road conditions - sidewalks are needed - it will be safer for residents of Clayton County. Some traffic lights need left turn signals.
- Not enough bus stops in high residential areas. More direct connections (like Five-Points). Better web site on transportation.
- No good alternatives for pedestrians and bus riders at Mt. Zion and Fielder Road. Need a bus route to cover Highway 138 from Highway (SR-85) all the way to Mt. Zion Road.
- Poor connectivity between mass transit and other frequently used stops. No major connectivity east and west except for I-20. Where is the outer perimeter?
- Access management in Lovejoy/Wal-Mart exiting onto McDonough Road (Publix across the street). Dangerous intersection, high accident area.
- Too short left turn light on Tara Boulevard at Tara Road. McDonough Road – many accidents – only allows two or three cars.
- Need adequate public transportation - shortage of equipment (buses) - shortage of routes, and subsequently inadequate schedule. Flow is slow. We (this is not limited to Clayton County) are traffic light happy. Should reduce traffic lights. Prohibit some left turns. Consider using more jug handles (as used in N.J.).
- New buses, new equipment (fareboxes which would be Breeze).
- Better light systems, more sidewalks, lighted areas where bus stops are



2. What are the major transportation related issues that must be addressed over the next 30 years?

- New buses, more buses needed on routes, expand service stops, expand lanes on major highways
- On Upper Riverdale Road going east, there are 2 lanes that will cross Tara Boulevard to go on Old Dixie and I-75. However the 2 lanes go into 3 and the middle lane can be accessed to turn left or go straight. Who knows who has the right to be in that center lane?
- Sidewalks, bike lanes
- Without question, east-west connection
- Traffic lights need to be more synchronized, walking trails
- Air quality, major consideration to alternatives fuels and using shuttles and trolleys in short routes
- Flow. Better public transit will help. Don't need to add more roads. Limit access to roads, fewer traffic lights. Consider service roads with limited access to main arteries (used in Dallas, Texas area).
- Expansion of C-Tran, routes
- More transportation in different counties, Henry and so on. More park and rides in cities. Buses need to stop at social security and all state offices.

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3. Considering the needs identified above, what is your top priority to be addressed in the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) development?

- Better PR to promote alternative transportation in the County
- East-west connection - protecting the area near Nash Farm Battlefield from development
- From a business sense – better public transportation; personally – flow – fewer stops, keep it flowing
- Building a transfer facility to be called Clayton Transfer Center
- More advancement in Clayton County - more recreation for children - more sidewalks in Clayton
- Safety is the most important thing - new buses, accessibility for ADA passengers to get to government agencies

4. We have begun to receive input on Clayton County’s transportation system needs. Please review the needs identified in the table below. Please mark the level of priority as “low”, “medium”, or “high” for each need both today and as you anticipate the level of priority in the year 2035.

Responses were tallied and are recorded below:

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM NEED	TODAY			IN 2035		
	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Congestion Relief on Major Roadways	0	2	10	0	1	5
Improved and Expanded Public Transit Service	1	2	8	0	0	4
Additional Public Transit Amenities (Sidewalks, Bus Shelters, Park and Ride Lots etc.)	2	2	6	0	3	5
Commuter Rail from Atlanta to Lovejoy	4	3	5	3	3	3
Improved Sidewalks and Crosswalks	2	2	9	1	1	4
New or Improved Bicycle Facilities (On and Off- Road)	1	7	5	0	3	4
Better Land Use and Transportation System Coordination	0	3	10	0	2	7
Maintenance of Transportation System	1	5	6	0	3	3
Improved Connectivity Between Vehicles, Walking, Biking, Transit	1	3	9	0	3	4
Speed Control on Roadways	1	3	10	0	2	6
Right-of-Way Preservation for New Construction or Widening of Roads	2	5	4	1	2	3
Expanded and Improved Use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) (i.e. Changeable Message Signs, Traffic Signal Coordination)	2	2	9	0	2	5
Dedicated Truck Only Lanes on Interstates	1	4	8	0	3	4
Additional Grade Separations (Overpass or Underpass)	2	4	6	0	4	3
More Mixed-use and Transit Oriented Development	2	4	6	0	5	1

Current High Priority Transportation System Needs:

- Congestion relief on major roadways
- Better land use and transportation system coordination
- Speed control on roadways
- Improved sidewalks and crosswalks
- Improved connectivity between vehicles, walking, biking, transit
- Expanded and improved use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Improved and expanded public transit service
- Dedicated truck only lanes on interstates

2035 High Priority Transportation System Needs:

- Better land use and transportation system coordination
- Speed control on roadways
- Congestion relief on major roadways
- Additional public transit amenities
- Expanded and improved use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

Please use the space below to expand on any of the items above (i.e. specific problem locations, potential solutions, etc.):

- Need more buses in Clayton County

Meeting Evaluation

A comment form to evaluate the meeting was distributed. The results are presented below.

1. How would you rate this event overall?

- 9 responded "Very Good"
- 5 responded "Good"
- 0 responded "Average"
- 0 responded "Poor"
- 0 responded "Very Poor"

2. Was today's presentation informative and easy to understand? If not, please explain.

- 13 responses "Yes"
- One Comment: Presenters avoided answering pertinent questions and relied on catch words.

3. Was the meeting time and location convenient for you to participate? If not, please make suggestions for improvements.

- 10 responses "Yes"
- One response of "OK"
- Two response of "No"
Comments were:
"This facility was difficult to find for me. For a transportation meeting, you would think it would be easy to find."
"No public transportation to building."

4. What did you like most about the event?

- Putting more pressure on the politicians to get some of your CCTP implemented
- Explain difference of transit use and how important it is for Clayton
- People were able to offer suggestions and very beneficial ideas
- Talking about the different topics
- We were able to address a lot of issues
- Hearing suggestions
- Very informative
- Info I heard from facilitators and participants
- Ability to express our opinions
- The information
- Voices being heard
- Data presented and maps
- Good exchange of information and ideas
- Information

5. In what areas do you feel the event could have been improved?

- So many of the areas, bus schedules, traffic jams, etc.
- Garden Walk Boulevard, Phoenix Boulevard, Hwy 85, Tara Boulevard
- Very satisfactory
- More time
- Explain how the transit system will be improved
- None
- A film or rather video tape of special locations should be shown in advance of discussion. This video should show current issues and specific locations.
- None
- Having the room ready before people arrive
- It became a gripe session – lost focus
- More advertisement

6. Please provide any additional comments on any aspect of the Clayton County Comprehensive Transportation Plan development below.

- Sidewalks, public relations, using existing facilities
- Please repair Garden Walk with a full re-pavement to have a smooth and comfortable ride
- Will some roads be closed to offer citizens better access routes?
- Fix certain road conditions
- Wish it had more backbone
- More park and ride, rail and ride sharing as well as incentives to improve creativity
- Good luck – obviously a lot of challenges and C-Tran needs a meeting with their manager
- Increase animal control – increase walking