



# Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Meeting #2

October 30, 2007

# Agenda

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- ◆ Overview & Schedule
- ◆ Existing Needs
- ◆ Stakeholder and Community Input
- ◆ Draft CTP Purpose Statement
- ◆ **Group Discussion**
- ◆ Goals and Objectives
- ◆ **Group Discussion**
- ◆ Wrap-Up and Next Steps

# Overview

*Study split into two broad tasks:*

- ◆ Phase I – Inventory, Data Collection, Analysis and Needs Assessment
  - Scheduled to run through early 2008
- ◆ Phase II – Development of Improvement Options and Plan Documentation
  - Schedule to conclude in Fall 2008



# Overview

## *Major Tasks Include:*

- ◆ Stakeholder and Public Participation
- ◆ Development of Guidelines and Standards
- ◆ Needs Assessment
- ◆ Land Use and Economic Analysis
- ◆ Development of Preferred Program of Projects
- ◆ Investigate Funding Opportunities
- ◆ Maintenance Plan



# Overview

## *Completed Tasks Include:*

- ◆ Project Management Plan
- ◆ Public and Stakeholder Involvement Plan
- ◆ Established TSC and SAC
- ◆ Initiated Data Collection for Existing Conditions Inventory and Needs Assessment
- ◆ Launched study website
- ◆ Held first TSC and SAC Meetings
- ◆ Draft Existing Conditions Inventory
- ◆ Initiated Stakeholder Interview Process - 22 interviews completed
- ◆ Held first series of public meetings



# Schedule



We are here!

Milestones	2007			2008			
	July-Aug	Sept-Oct	Nov-Dec	Jan-Feb	Mar-Apr	May-Jun	July-Aug
1 - Public Outreach Project Management							
2 - Existing Conditions							
3 - Needs Assessment							
4 - Recommendations							
5 - Documentation							

- Major Deliverable

- Public Outreach

- SAC Meeting

# Existing Needs

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- Segments of several major roadways perform at unacceptable levels of service (LOS) including:
  - I-75 southbound from the Fulton County line through the Tara Boulevard-US 19/41 interchange
  - Tara Boulevard-US 19/41 southbound from the I-75 interchange through Tara Road
  - SR 85 southbound from Forest Parkway to Thomas Road
  - West Fayetteville Road southbound from I-285 through Flat Shoals Road
  - Old Dixie Highway southbound from the Fulton County line to Penny Road
  - SR 42 southbound from the Fort Gillem area through Rex Road
  - SR 42 southbound between the I-675 interchange and Henry County line

# Existing Needs

- Many cities experience similar LOS issues along key corridors including:
  - Main Street and SR 331/Forest Parkway in Forest Park
  - Riverdale Road and SR 85 in Riverdale
  - SR 54/Jonesboro Road and Lake Harbin Road in Morrow
  - Main Street and Tara Boulevard (US 19/41) in Jonesboro
  - McDonough Road in Lovejoy
  - West Fayetteville Road and HJAIAs loop roads in College Park
- Of the 150 bridges, six bridges will need replacement. These include:
  - Valley Hill Road
  - Upper Riverdale Road
  - Rex Road
  - Huie Road
  - East Conley Road
  - Conkle Road

# Existing Needs

- There is a need to improve safety at high frequency crash intersections, particularly the following:
  - Old Dixie Road at Upper Riverdale Road
  - Tara Boulevard at Fayetteville Road
  - Tara Boulevard at North Avenue
  - SR 85 at SR 138
  - Tara Boulevard at McDonough Road
  - Tara Boulevard at Mount Zion Road
  - SR 54 at Forest Parkway
  - SR 85 at Garden Walk Blvd./  
Bald Eagle Way
  - Conkle Road at Mount Zion Road
  - SR 138 at I-675



# Existing Needs

- With over 70 railroad crossings, there is a need to reduce at-grade crossings.
- There is a lack of connectivity among existing and proposed paths and trails, due to the insufficient provision of sidewalks and bicycle lanes along thoroughfares.



# Existing Needs

- With an annual vehicle miles traveled (VMT) of over 7.5M and 78% of commuters driving alone, there is a need to reduce auto travel, particularly for SOV trips.
- With several major planned developments, there is a need for additional emphasis on linking transportation to land use and finding ways to improve quality of life and strengthen Clayton County's position as a place to work and live.



# Land Use Trends

- Residential uses comprise 52% of all land use in the county
  - The predominant housing type is medium-density residential (39%)
- Rapidly approaching complete build-out - approximately 98.8% developed
- Northeast, characterized by industrial, commercial and low to medium-density residential, is experiencing pressure to develop into higher densities.



# Land Use Trends

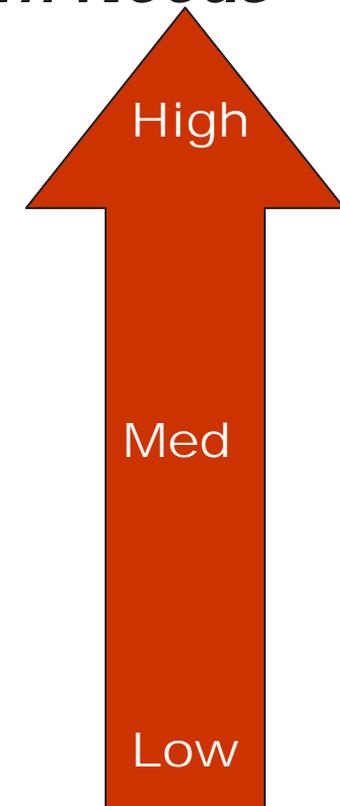
- Large number of commercial areas (strip malls) in a state of decline. Focus is on commercial redevelopment in the north.
- In the south, pressure for green space conservation.
- Need to develop policies, codes, and standards that favor alternative transportation modes.
- Need for higher density developments, improved transportation connectivity and transitional buffers between land uses.



# Community Priorities

## *Current High Priority Transportation System Needs*

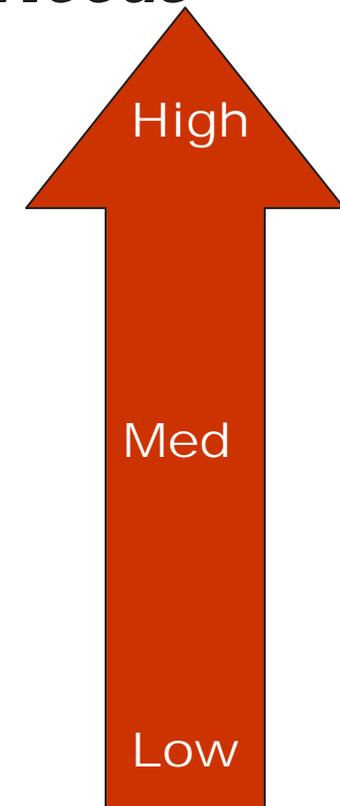
- ◆ Congestion relief on major roadways
- ◆ Improved sidewalks and crosswalks
- ◆ Additional public transit amenities
- ◆ Right-of-way preservation for new construction or widening of roads
- ◆ Improved and expanded public transit service
- ◆ New or improved bicycle facilities (on and off road)
- ◆ Better land use and transportation system coordination



# Community Priorities

## *2035 High Priority Transportation System Needs*

- ◆ Improved sidewalks and crosswalks
- ◆ Better land use and transportation system coordination
- ◆ Congestion relief on major roadways
- ◆ Additional public transit amenities
- ◆ New or improved bicycle facilities (on and off road)
- ◆ Improved connectivity between vehicles, walking, biking, transit
- ◆ Expanded and improved use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)



# Community Input

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## *Goals for the CTP*

- ◆ Provide for multimodal transportation options:
  - Trails, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities
  - Expansion of public transportation
- ◆ Improve safety on major roadways
- ◆ Improve connectivity – E-W and N-S
- ◆ Improve access to schools, residential areas, recreational areas, employment centers, and activity centers
- ◆ Mitigate traffic congestion
- ◆ Coordinate overall countywide planning with transportation: water/sewer, schools
- ◆ Unifying land use-transportation decisions

# Purpose, Goals & Objectives

## Clayton County Comprehensive Plan Transportation Vision

*"Clayton County will have a multi-modal and environmentally sensitive transportation system that maintains tolerable operating travel speeds, and provides routes that are well connected to the greater metro Atlanta region to promote economic development."*

-- Clayton County Comprehensive Plan 2005-2025

## Clayton County Comprehensive Plan Transportation Goals

- *Achieve and maintain safe operating speeds, comfort and convenience in Clayton County.*
- *Propose land development regulations and incentives to mitigate congestion and to achieve the LOS D standard.*

-- Clayton County Comprehensive Plan 2005-2025

# Draft CTP Purpose Statement

## Group Discussion

Does this statement fully reflect the purpose of the CTP and the vision for Clayton County's transportation system?

# Draft CTP Goals

- ◆ Preserve and maintain existing transportation system
- ◆ Promote coordination of land use and transportation
- ◆ Encourage and promote safety and security
- ◆ Improve connectivity and accessibility
- ◆ Enhance mobility for all users of the transportation system
- ◆ Promote economic development and redevelopment
- ◆ Improve quality of life, preserve the environment, and protect neighborhood integrity

# Draft CTP Goals

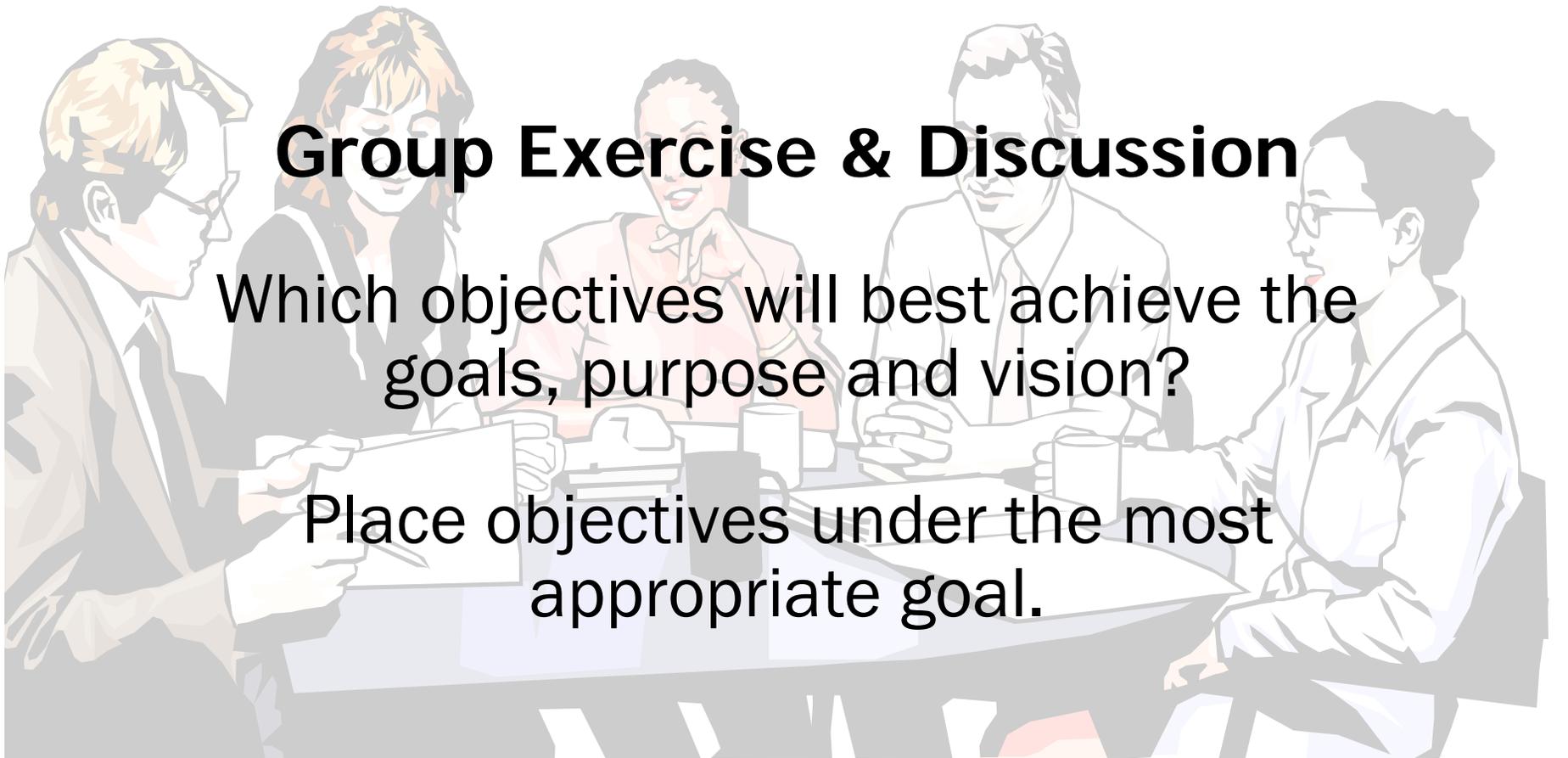
## Group Exercise & Discussion

Do these goals support the purpose of the CTP and the vision for Clayton County's transportation system?

What are the top five goals?

Place dots on the five goals most important to you.

# Draft CTP Objectives



## Group Exercise & Discussion

Which objectives will best achieve the goals, purpose and vision?

Place objectives under the most appropriate goal.

# Next Steps

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- ◆ Local Leader Interviews
- ◆ Finalize Existing Conditions Report
- ◆ Complete Needs Assessment and Report (January 2008)
- ◆ Continue Public Outreach:
  - Clayton County Wide Homeowners Association Meeting – October 23, 2007, National Archives Building
  - SAC Meeting – October 30, 2007
  - Connecting Clayton Day at the State Farmer’s Market – November 17, 2007
  - Focus Groups – Early December 2007



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# Draft CTP Purpose Statement

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*The Clayton County Comprehensive Transportation Plan will guide the development of a multimodal transportation system that ensures safe and efficient movement of people and goods, supports mobility and accessibility for all citizens, and protects natural resources.*

*The system will support quality of life and economic development by providing improved public transportation, an expanded network of sidewalk and bicycle facilities as well as roadway improvements. The system will provide access to residential areas, commercial centers, employment, schools, recreational facilities, and other activity centers while protecting neighborhoods.*

*System management and operations will be strengthened through strategic investments that emphasize system preservation and maintenance and are planned and coordinated with land use planning at the municipal, county, and regional levels.*