

CONNECTING CLAYTON

Clayton County
Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Fact Sheet

Study Overview

The Clayton County Department of Transportation and Development is preparing a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) which will outline cost-effective solutions to address multimodal transportation needs both in the short and long term. The CTP development is funded through a combination of monies from Clayton County and Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) planning funds. The CTP will identify projects and strategies to provide for current and future mobility needs of the citizens of Clayton County and its seven incorporated municipalities. The CTP development process will include evaluation of future land use, population growth, transportation safety issues, system operational efficiency, economic development opportunities, future travel demand, and system maintenance focused on all current and future modes of travel.

Impacts to the natural and built environment and environmental justice communities will also be taken into consideration during the plan development. Through this comprehensive study, a prioritized program of projects and strategies to address safety, congestion mitigation, traffic flow enhancement, and improved land use to sustain economic development and quality of life in Clayton County through year 2035 will be developed. An evaluation of potential funding sources to implement these projects and strategies will also be conducted.

Specific study activities include an existing and future transportation conditions inventory, a multimodal needs assessment, evaluation of alternatives to address transportation needs, and the development of a program of projects to meet the identified needs.

Tasks and Schedule

The Clayton County CTP development process will follow a 15-month schedule with completion in August 2008. The following tasks will be accomplished within that timeframe:

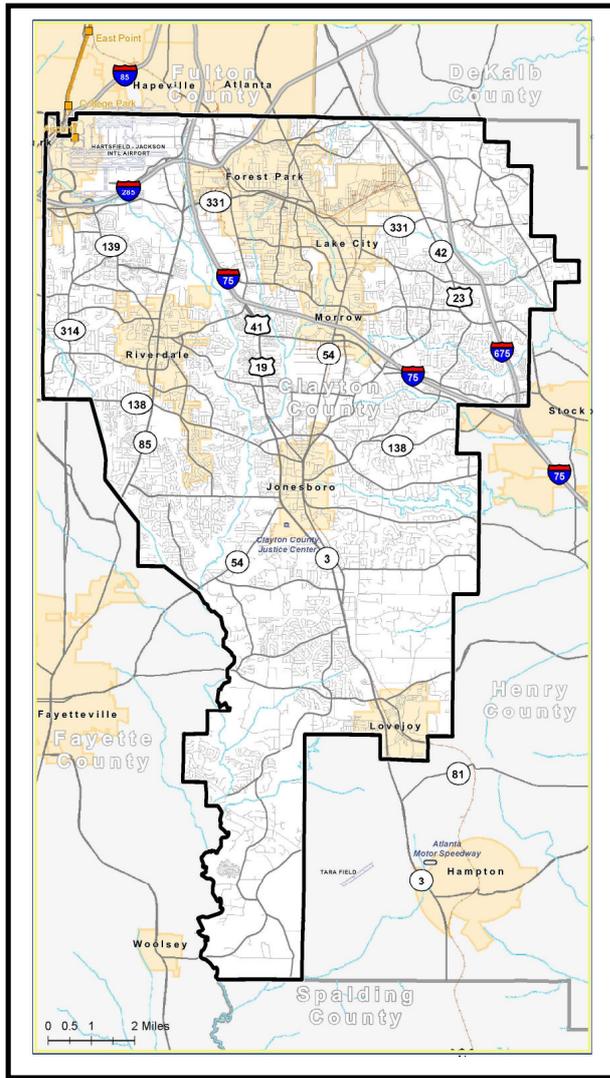
Public and Stakeholder Involvement Plan	Completed July 2007
Inventory of Existing and Future Conditions	Completed September 2007
Assessment of Current and Future Needs	January 2008
Draft Comprehensive Plan Recommendations	May 2008
Final Recommendations and Plan Documentation	August 2008

Stakeholder and Public Involvement

The goals of the Clayton County CTP stakeholder and public outreach program include maintaining early and timely contact with the general public, government agencies, business owners, and other interested stakeholders throughout the planning process; helping the community understand the impacts of land use and transportation choices on the lives of residents; and raising awareness and understanding of the relationship between transportation improvements, increased connectivity, transit use, economic vitality, safety and quality of life. A Stakeholder Advisory Committee comprised of elected and appointed Clayton County officials, interested organizations, major planning partners, and business and community leaders within the County will guide plan development. Stakeholders and the general public will be involved throughout the process to learn about study findings and provide feedback. Outreach activities are anticipated at the following key milestones.



Stakeholder Advisory Committee	Public Outreach Activities <i>(Activities in each County Commission District at each milestone)</i>
Kickoff Meeting (Completed Summer 2007) Existing & Future Conditions & Needs Assessment (Fall 2007) Alternatives for Improvements (Spring 2008) Draft Recommendations Review (Summer 2008)	Existing Conditions Review (Completed Fall 2007) Future Conditions & Needs Assessment (Winter 2008) Alternatives & Draft Recommendations (Spring 2008)



Study Area

Clayton County is located in the southern portion of the Atlanta Metropolitan region and is directly adjacent the City of Atlanta on the north and bordered by Fulton and DeKalb counties to the north, Fayette to the west, Spalding to the south, and Henry to the east. Seven municipalities are located within the county, including Jonesboro (County Seat), College Park, Forest Park, Lake City, Lovejoy, Morrow, and Riverdale. Clayton County has a land area of 143 square miles, with a 2006 population density of 2.97 persons per acre.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the year 2000 population of Clayton County was 236,517. The Census Bureau's estimate for 2006 was 271,240, reflecting a 14.7% increase in just six years. From 2000 to 2030, the county's population is projected by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to increase by 24 percent, with employment increasing by 30 percent between 2005 and 2030. Clayton County has approximately 2,334 miles of roadway, including interstates, state roads, county roads, and city streets. Interstate Highways I-75, I-85, I-285, and I-675, traverse the county for more than 186 miles.

Contact the Study Team

For more information on the multimodal corridor planning process, make a comment, or be added to the corridor mailing list for meeting notices, newsletters, and other public information materials, please visit <http://www.co.clayton.ga.us/tnd/CTP/> or contact:

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CLAYTON COUNTY CTP PURPOSE

The Clayton County (CTP) will:

- **Assess existing and future multimodal transportation needs**
- **Establish Clayton County's priorities for mobility, safety, connectivity, and accessibility**
- **Provide a long-range guide for efficient transportation system investments**
- **Develop transportation policies and program of projects**
- **Provide a forum for community and local government participation**
- **Promote unified approach to planning process**
- **Ensure all jurisdictions are represented in the CTP**