



## City of Dunwoody Comprehensive Transportation Plan

### Community Workshop #1

#### Summary

#### Transportation Policies and Goals

Participants were asked to review the transportation policies and goals identified in the city's comprehensive plan. Using a dot, participants were asked to indicate the importance of implementing these specific policy statements in the comprehensive transportation plan.

#### Policy Statements

Prioritize multi-modal transportation options	● ●
Create a community-wide pedestrian/bike path network	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Provide safe and secure parking to support multi-modal transit service	●
Increase network connectivity to accommodate demand between adjacent neighborhoods and developments without accessing the major thoroughfare system	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Promote the use of zero-emission low speed vehicles (LSV) and neighborhood electric vehicles (NEV) and consider other emerging and innovative techniques	● ● ● ● ●
Establish pedestrian and bicycle friendly programs and road standards	● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Promote travel demand management (TDM) strategies to reduce trips	●
Preserve the current transportation investment through effective maintenance of the transportation system	● ● ●

<p>Support GRTA, MARTA, ARC, and GDOT effects related to express transit service and regional bus rapid transit (BRT) initiatives to connect Dunwoody to surrounding communities</p>	<p> (synchronize lights)</p>
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**Goal Statements**

<p>Prepare a bicycle and pedestrian plan</p>	<p> (Mt. Vernon in particular, connect to the river)</p>
<p>Explore trade-offs and implications of roadway capacity along high demand corridors</p>	<p></p>
<p>Improve two lane roads for efficient operations and safety, but maintain two-lane roads as integral to City character</p>	<p></p>
<p>Prepare appropriate local ordinances to allow bicycle use of sidewalks , as provide by State of GA law</p>	<p>  (opposition to the use of bikes on sidewalks)</p>
<p>The City will promote a grid network of streets and multiple connections between subdivisions when re-development opportunities arise</p>	<p></p>
<p>Find appropriate mechanisms for traffic mitigation along Womack Road</p>	<p></p>
<p>Consider innovative, long range schemes for relieving congestion in the Dunwoody Village area</p>	<p></p>
<p>Explore feasibility of golf-cart use as transportation mode and identify needs for roads determined appropriate for this potential</p>	<p></p>
<p>Bikeways along streets should be separated from the automobile lanes. At signalized intersections, provide a separate pedestrian-bicycle phase and 'no turn on red' restrictions to avoid conflicts with motor vehicles</p>	<p></p>

Where possible, demarcate pedestrian and bikeway crossings at all intersections with contrasting roadway materials	● ●
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Participants were asked to add other issues and opportunities missing from the list. Using a dot, participants were asked to indicate if they agreed with the issues and opportunities

Off-street (greenway) walk/bike trails	● ● ● ●
Support east-west light rail transit	● ● ●
Fund sidewalks	● ● ● ●
Local public transit (for example, with S. Springs)	● ●
Establish policy for access for all users (ie visually impaired, youth, ADA standards, aging, etc)	●
<p>Look at the whole picture – even for small projects. Example: ped. crossing sign located at the west county link of Mt. Vernon- it is between two street lights. Lighting is therefore poor. Add tree shadows and it is hard to see pedestrians. Floppy sign in the middle of the crossing dangerous to bikes because of cars trying to pass narrow areas. Another example- City placed 'Share the Road' sign in the middle of the pedestrian path on the south side of Mt. Vernon near Ashford-Dunwoody,</p>	

**Transportation Issues and Opportunities**

Participants were asked to review issues and opportunities identified either in the city's comprehensive plan, by the Advisory Committee, or by the Project team. Using a dot, participants were asked to indicate which issues and opportunities they felt should be top priority for the city to address in the comprehensive transportation plan.

**General Issues and Opportunities**

Walking	
Biking	 (safely)
Complete Streets	
Traffic Congestion & Safety	
Transit Service and Facilities	 (Perimeter Mall- seems like all improvements benefit traffic coming and going to the mall to the detriment of other traffic. Need to address non-mall traffic.)
Perimeter College Traffic	
Cut-through Traffic	
Project Prioritization	
Connectivity between Neighborhoods	
Future Growth & Long-term Mobility Needs	
Traffic Circulation in Dunwoody Village	

**Specific Issues and Opportunities**

Support Safe Routes to School	
Fill in the sidewalk gaps, improve safety and lighting	

Consider utility easements for trails/paths	 (Colonial Pipeline ROW would make a good bike/ped path)
Lack of sidewalks on Happy Hollow Road	
Implement bike-friendly re-striping efforts	 (critical)
Engage PATH Foundation and consider connections to surrounding cities	
Identify bike corridors and where bike lanes are appropriate	 (Mt. Vernon)
Park connectivity	
City should consider a Complete Streets Policy	
Road diets should be considered on Tilly Mill Road and Ashford Center Parkway	
There are existing lanes with excess storage, and travel lane widths that could be used for other uses	
Consider 3-lane segments	
Do not want more 4-lane roads	
Round-a-bouts	
Look at traffic light synchronization	
Transit to/from the College	

Bus routes should be oriented to moving people around Dunwoody, not just to the rail stations	● ● ● ●
Use golf carts- low emission vehicles as alternative mode	● ● ●

Curve and safety of Happy Hollow Road were both identified as an issue by participants at the meeting.

### Health Impact Assessment

Participants were asked to review key transportation issues that could impact health. Using a dot, participants were asked to indicate if they agreed that the transportation issue could have an impact on their health.

Balance between Transportation Modes	
Safety for Children	● ●
Bike and Pedestrian Crashes	
Bike and Pedestrian Safety	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● (imperative on Mt. Vernon)
Safety and Mobility for Older Generations	● ● (visually impaired)
Air Quality	● ● ● ● ●
Connectivity	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Infrastructure that Encourages Active Living	
Alternatives Modes for Commuting	● ●

Participants were asked to review health and social issues. Using a dot, participants were asked to indicate which health issues are important to them.

Physical Activity	
Childhood Obesity	
Emotional Health	
Community Cohesion	
Exercise	
Diet	 (bring in local farmers with produce for the Farmer's Market)
Access to health care services	
Substance abuse	
Preventive services	
Education	
Recreation opportunities	
Air Quality	

## Mapping Stations

### Bike Suitability

- Most roads not suitable for cycling. They should be good for:
  - Health
  - Environment
  - Children
- Blue routes are really yellow or red (suitability map)
- Pedestrian crossings with signs in the middle of the street are deadly for bicyclists because cars crowd bikes while passing between the sign and bicyclists.
- The biking is not 'difficult' – it is nerve wracking because cars don't give you enough space or see you.



- Create comprehensive bike path, route, and lane systems that connect to our neighbors.
- Gas-line through Branches as a possible connection.

### **Roadway Improvements**

- Signal upgrade at Ashford Dunwoody & Mt. Vernon- a total waste of money, nothing has changed. Signage on NB Ashford Dunwoody still confusing. People still turn from wrong lanes and ignore traffic from Trail Ridge Way.
- Lights around Ashford-Dunwoody, Chamblee-Dunwoody, and Roberts badly need synchronization
- People are incorrectly making an automatic left turn onto Mt. Vernon at Ashford Dunwoody sub. Very dangerous for the cars coming out of the neighborhood who have the right of way.
- Throughout the city, left turn storage is inadequate for the queues that form.
- Round-a-bouts should be considered in Dunwoody
  - Jett Ferry and Dunwoody Club Drive
- Signal timing
- Improve signage at Trailridge @ Mt. Vernon
- Signal needed at Peeler
- Curve sign on Happy Hollow Road

### **Sidewalk Improvements**

- Finish one side first throughout the City before double siding (agree!)
- And the first thing to double-side is Mt. Vernon (people are trying to get to the Village to shop).
- Sidewalks needed on Happy Hollow
- Crosswalk needed at Peeler

### **Key Summary Points**

Based on the input received to date, key issues and opportunities are emerging that relate to improving mobility in the City of Dunwoody. Participants responded strongly to the following transportation notions, whether they were policy or goal statements or issues and opportunities:

- There is a strong desire to create a community-wide pedestrian and bicycle network and culture.
  - Programs
  - Road standards
  - Planning
  - Develop appropriate local ordinances
  - Safety
  - Complete Streets
- Increasing network connectivity between neighborhoods and developments is important.
  - Avoid the major thoroughfares
  - Create a grid system (when development/redevelopment opportunity arises)
  - Complete Streets
- Improving traffic safety and operations is pertinent.
  - Traffic light synchronization
  - Crosswalks
  - Signage
  - ADA accessibility



- Lighting

When asked about the impacts of the transportation system on one's health, responses were consistent focusing on the benefits of walking, biking, connectivity, exercise, and safety to one's health.