

CHAPTER XIII: LINKAGE TO HENRY COUNTY/CITIES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

As mentioned previously, the CTP and the Joint Henry County/Cities Comprehensive Plan were developed concurrently during the latter part of 2005 and throughout 2006. Joint planning activities, including local officials, community stakeholders, citizens, planning committees, and the technical planning teams were held throughout that period. Chapter XIII will focus on the relationship between the CTP and the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan developed under a separate project by Henry County and its Cities.

DCA Minimum Standards and Procedures

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Georgia Planning Act and its requirements for regional and local government planning. DCA has established Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning for local governments throughout Georgia, including Henry County and its Cities. As part of the Metro Atlanta area, the County and Cities must conduct their planning activities consistent with the “advanced” planning level of DCA’s standards. A description of how the CTP addresses the transportation requirements of the standards follows.

Transportation Element Guidelines

The DCA planning guidance identifies key data, information, and maps which should be included in Transportation Elements of local plans. It should be noted that the Joint Henry County/Cities CTP includes a great deal more information on transportation than is currently required by DCA. The purpose of this section is to cross-reference the information from the CTP so that readers can identify where the required DCA item can be found. Table XIII - 1 provides a general summary of the requirements and how the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) addresses selected provisions of them.

Table XIII - 1: Cross-Reference Table for CTP and Transportation Element

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT		
DCA Requirement	CTP Section	Comments
List of potential transportation issues and opportunities the community may wish to take action to address	Chapters IV and V provide a summary of Needs and Issues and issues arising through the community visioning process related to transportation.	An initial list of issues and opportunities was provided to Henry County and JJG, the County/Cities’ Comprehensive Plan consultant for inclusion in the Community Assessment submitted to DCA in 2006.



<p>110-12-1-.03 Community Assessment (ii) "...Evaluate the existing land use patterns and trends within the jurisdiction of the local government (including areas that are likely to be annexed within the planning period) to identify any areas requiring special attention, including areas where the pace of development has and/or may outpace the availability of community facilities and services, including transportation..."</p>	<p>Chapter IV: Needs and Issues in the CTP identifies locations in the transportation system where current system capacity deficiencies (traffic congestion) and safety issues (crash locations) exist. This section also describes locations where future capacity deficiencies (2030) are expected. This chapter also identifies specific issues described by citizens where transportation issues and needs exist currently. These areas are also mapped.</p>	<p>--</p>
<p align="center">COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM</p>		
<p>DCA Requirement</p>	<p>CTP Section</p>	<p>Comments</p>
<p>110-12-1-.04 (2)– List of stakeholders; identification of participation techniques; and schedule for completion of the Community Agenda.</p>	<p>A comprehensive list of community stakeholders was created in the Fall of 2005 and was modified as needed throughout the planning process. A Public Involvement Plan for the CTP was developed in late 2005. The schedule for completion of the Community Agenda was accomplished through Henry County, its Cities, and its Comprehensive Planning Team.</p>	<p>This effort was undertaken under two separate contracts managed by Henry County/Cities.</p>
<p>Describe the local governments' strategy for ensuring adequate public and stakeholder involvement.</p>	<p>Community involvement related to transportation was conducted continuously throughout the development of the CTP. This topic is discussed in Chapter I: Introduction; Chapter IV: Needs and Issues; and Chapter V: Community Visioning.</p>	<p>The Comprehensive Plan Community Participation Program for Henry County and its Cities describes the public and stakeholder involvement process in detail.</p>
<p align="center">COMMUNITY AGENDA</p>		
<p>DCA Requirement</p>	<p>CTP Section</p>	<p>Comments</p>
<p>110-12-1-.05 - Must include three (3) major components, including (1) a community vision, (2) Future Development Map; and (3) Defining Narrative</p>	<p>Information related to the Transportation component of the Community Agenda can be found in Chapter V: Community Vision; Chapter IV: Needs and Issues; Chapter IX: Plan Development, and Chapter XIII: Plan Recommendations and Implementation.</p>	<p>The overall Community Agenda (Community Vision, Future Development Map and Defining Narrative) for Henry County and its Cities was developed under a contract separate from the CTP.</p>



Community Issues and Opportunities	Information related to the community issues and opportunities related to Transportation can be found in Chapter V: Community Vision and Chapter IV: Needs and Issues.	--
Implementation Program	Information related to the short- and long-term aspects of the Transportation element of the Plan implementation can be found in Chapter XII: Plan Recommendations and Implementation.	--
Short-Term Work Program	Information related to the short-term implementation of the Transportation element of the Plan can be found in Chapter XII: Plan Recommendations and Implementation.	The Transportation portion of the Short-Term Work Program should reflect currently programmed projects as identified by Henry County. At the date of this report (January 2007), there is significant concern about the availability of funding due to construction cost increases and other factors. Final decisions on changes to the transportation portion of the ARC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and GDOT Work Program have not yet been finalized.
Long-Term and On-going Activities	Information related to the long-term aspects of the Transportation element of the Plan can be found in Chapter XII: Plan Recommendations and Implementation.	--
Policies	Information related to the Transportation component of the Community Agenda can be found in Chapter V: Community Vision and Chapter IV: Needs and Issues. Transportation-related policies can be found in Chapter XII of the CTP.	--



STATE PLANNING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (Chapter 110-12-1-.06(2))		
DCA Requirement	CTP Section	Comments
(c) Community Facilities and Services Goal	Chapter IX: Plan Development and Chapter XII: Plan Recommendations and Implementation address this topic.	--
(e) Land Use and Transportation Goal	Chapter VIII: Transportation-Land Use Connection in the CTP addresses this topic.	--
(f) Intergovernmental Coordination	Chapter VI: Institutional Element addresses strategies for improving intergovernmental coordination.	--
QUALITY COMMUNITIES OBJECTIVES (Chapter 110-12-1-.06(3))		
DCA Requirement	CTP Section	Comments
(b) Growth Preparedness Objective	Chapter VII: Goals and Objectives; Chapter IX: Plan Development; and Chapter XII: Plan Recommendations and Implementation address this topic.	--
(i) Regional Cooperation Objective	Chapter VII: Goals and Objectives; Chapter VI: Institutional Element; and Chapter XII: Plan Recommendations and Implementation address this objective.	--
(j) Transportation Alternatives Objective	Chapter VII: Goals and Objectives; Chapter VI: Institutional Element; and Chapter XII: Plan Recommendations and Implementation address this objective.	--



DATA AND MAPPING SPECIFICATIONS (Chapter 110-12-1-.07)		
(g) Transportation System	<p>Chapter III of the CTP summarizes the primary features of the transportation system in Henry County and its Cities. The Data Analysis Report provides an extensive compendium to data and information as well as a catalog of maps related to the transportation. This report is included in the CTP Appendix.</p> <p>The Transportation –Land Use Connection is documented in Chapter VIII of the CTP.</p>	<p>Information on roads, highways, bridges, traffic control devices (signals) rail lines, aviation facilities, and alternatives modes of transportation are all described in detail in the Data Analysis Report. The entire Henry County area can be considered an area where mode choice is limited. Chapter IV: Needs and Issues (CTP) describes how current mobility needs are being met. Parking was not an issue raised during the public outreach process for the CTP. Parking areas are provided for in accordance with adopted local regulations. No significant areas of parking deficiencies were identified in the CTP process.</p>

Summary

The CTP contains a vast amount of data, information and maps related to community transportation needs and issues, opportunities, existing and future deficiencies, potential system improvement projects and comprehensive strategies, including policies to manage the transportation-land use connection. The CTP document together with the Comprehensive Plan documentation developed under a separate project should address all of the DCA and regional requirements for local transportation planning within the Metro Atlanta region.

