

Appendix A. Linkage to the Henry County/Cities Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Henry County and its Cities utilized a collaborative and inclusive approach to complete its long-term planning efforts. As referenced earlier, both the Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) were completed simultaneously between 2005 and 2007. The Joint Consultant Planning Team consisted of three collaborative groups, spearheaded by three lead firms: the Comprehensive Planning Team, led by Jordan, Jones & Goulding (JJG); the Comprehensive Transportation Planning Team, led by Parsons Brinkerhoff (PB); and Public Input/Communication for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, led by Dovetail Consulting, as well as County/Cities staff and officials.

This joint effort facilitated a collaborative public participation effort as well as a cohesive strategy to both land planning and transportation planning, allowing for combined public participation efforts. These efforts resulted in two separate documents: the Comprehensive Plan (including this Agenda, the Community Assessment, and the Community Participation Program) and the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The intention of this chapter is to address the relationship between the CTP and the Comprehensive Plan. The linkage between these documents is a critical element for establishing a foundation for sustainable growth in Henry County.

Joint public involvement efforts for the two plans are discussed in detail in Chapter III.

DCA Local Planning Requirements

The Comprehensive Plan is regulated through standards established by the Georgia Planning Act and expanded upon by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Under these regulations, Henry County and its cities have been identified as localities that must follow “advanced” planning guidelines. An element of these advanced guidelines includes a transportation component. Henry County and its Cities have completed these required transportation elements in conjunction with its Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP).

The CTP is an extensive document that exceeds state planning requirements and provides an in-depth analysis and set of recommendations for transportation needs within the County and its cities, meeting regional requirements for local transportation. The purpose of this section is to establish the location of required DCA transportation planning elements within the CTP that are not included in this document. The following chart should help guide readers of the Comprehensive Plan to critical transportation elements available in the CTP.



Community Assessment		
DCA Requirement	CTP Section	Comments
List of potential transportation issues and opportunities the community may wish to address	Chapters IV and V include a summary of transportation needs and issues identified both prior to and during the community visioning process.	An initial list of issues and opportunities were included in the Community Assessment submitted to DCA in 2006.
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 . . ."	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 are expected. This chapter also identifies existing transportation issues and needs identified by citizens. These areas are also mapped.	
Community Participation Program		
DCA Requirement	CTP Section	Comments
110-12-1-.04 (2)- List of stakeholders; identification of participation techniques; and schedule for completion of the Community Agenda	A comprehensive list of community stakeholder was created in the Fall of 2005 and was modified as appropriate during the planning process. A Public Involvement Plan for the CTP was developed in late 2005. The schedule for finishing the Community Agenda was established by Henry County, its cities, and the Comprehensive Planning Team.	This effort was completed by both the CTP team and Comprehensive Plan team.



<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>Please see the Community Participation Program for a detailed description of the public involvement process</p>
Community Agenda		
DCA Requirement	CTP Section	Comments
<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>Community Issues and Opportunities</p>	<p>Transportation issues and opportunities can be found in Chapter V: Community Vision and Chapter IV: Needs and Issues.</p>	
<p>Implementation Program</p>	<p>Short and long-term transportation implementation program elements can be found in Chapter XII: Plan Recommendations and Implementation.</p>	
<p>Short-Term Work Program</p>	<p>Information related to the short-term implementation of the Transportation element of the Plan can be found in Chapter XII: Plan Recommendations for Implementation.</p>	<p>The Transportation portion of the STWP reflects currently programmed projects identified by Henry County. Major concern exists regarding funding availability 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.</p>



Long-Term and Ongoing 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 Recommendation s 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 the 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)		
DCA Requirement	CTP Section	Comments
(g) Transportation System	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 compilation of data and information as well as an index of maps related to transportation. The link between transportation and land use is articulated in Chapter VIII of the CTP.	Chapter VI describes current mobility needs and the extent to which they are being met. No significant areas of parking deficiencies were identified in the CTP process.

Summary

The state requirements set forth for comprehensive planning include several transportation elements. The CTP has been completed to meet and exceed these transportation requirements, providing a wealth of information for addressing needs and issues, opportunities, existing and future short-comings, potential system improvement projects, and comprehensive strategies. The CTP is a separate project from the Comprehensive Plan. The preceding table should assist community members in locating DCA transportation requirements within the CTP. All other requirements for the Comprehensive Plan are contained within the Comprehensive Plan documents. Dual consideration of both plans is necessary to help guide smart, compatible growth over the coming decades.



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