

I-20 @ SR 5/Bright Star Road Transportation Study

Project Newsletter #1

July 2014

Project Purpose

- The purpose is to determine the improvements that can be implemented at the I-20 and SR 5 (Bill Arp) interchange, and along the interstate corridor to improve safety, relieve congestion, and support economic development.

Project Status

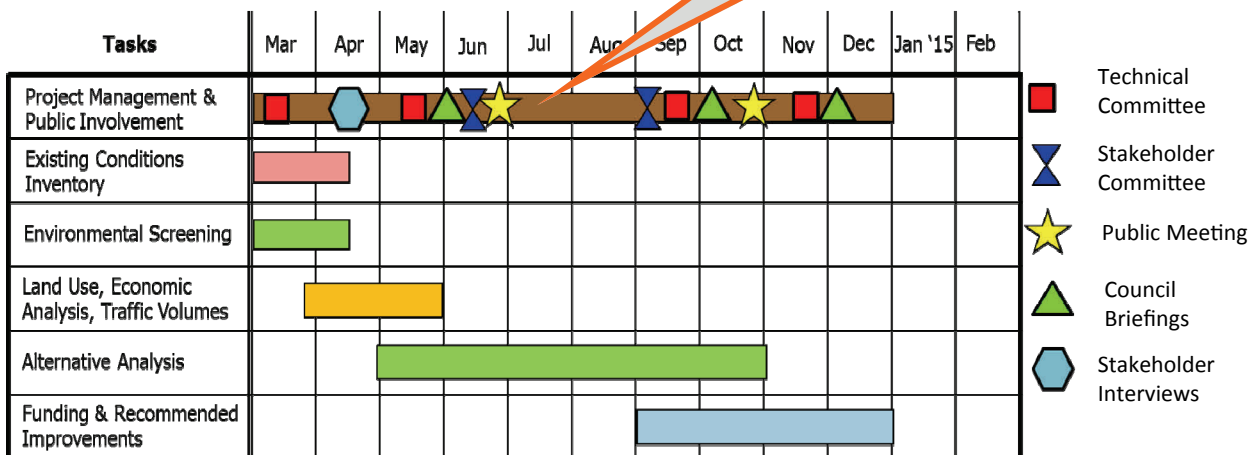
- Obtained necessary data, began collecting input
- Completed review of existing conditions including traffic, demographic data, environmental screening, and land use and economic analysis
- Conducted Stakeholder and Technical Committee meetings on June 4, 2014
- Created long list of issues and opportunities
- Briefed City Council on progress at June 16, 2014 meeting
- Held Public Meeting to determine top issues and opportunities and begin brainstorming solutions



Public Meeting. Photo credit: Chris Dixon.

We are here! The next steps are to identify potential strategies and alternatives and then to screen and evaluate them. Also, stakeholder and technical committee meetings early this fall to discuss the alternatives analysis!

Schedule



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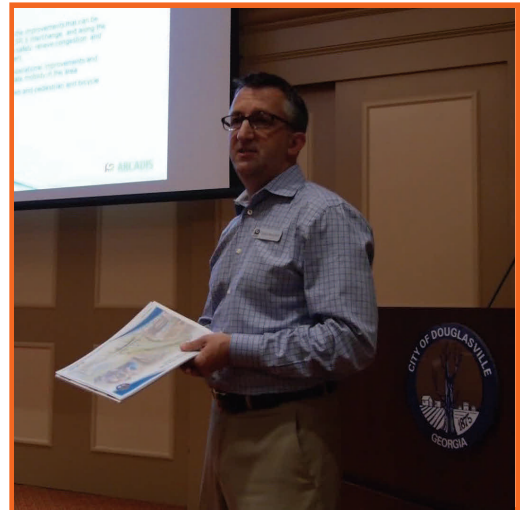
The project team, stakeholder and technical committees, and the public have all given input to determine the most significant issues and opportunities in the study area:

Issues

- SR 5 congestion levels are high with extreme delays observed at I-20 ramps (queuing onto I-20 in PM), Douglas Blvd., Concourse Pkwy., and Stewart Pkwy. Chapel Hill Rd. at Douglas Blvd. congestion also high.
- Funding for improvements at federal, state, and local levels is limited.
- ROW costs and availability for future improvements.
- Above and below ground utilities, particularly pipeline running parallel between I-20 and Bright Star Connector.

Opportunities

- Development and redevelopment opportunities on Bright Star Connector and Douglas Blvd.
- Collector-distributor system between Bright Star Rd. and Chapel Hill Rd. including SR 5.
- SR 5 is part of the GDOT RTOP program so signals are coordinated and actively managed and Douglas County has active management of Douglas Blvd. during the holidays. SR 5 is also designated a Regional Thoroughfare.
- Operational improvements to existing roadways and intersections.



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