City of Auburn Traffic Study

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### Comprehensive Transportation Plan

- Automobile needs
- Pedestrian needs
- Cyclist needs
- Transit / Buses needs
- Parking needs
- Way-finding (signage) needs
- Bridge needs

### Comprehensive Transportation Plan

- Traffic Study addresses many of the elements of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan
  - Intersection improvements to improve traffic movement
  - Crash Study to identify areas of improvements to reduce crashes
  - Traffic Circulation Standards to maintain existing capacity of the street network

### Comprehensive Transportation Plan

### Application of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan

- Identify future transportation projects
- Prioritize projects based on an overview of the transportation needs
- Develop a Transportation Capital Improvement Plan

# Auburn Traffic Study

Overview

- Corridor Traffic Operational Evaluation
- **D** Traffic Signal System Timings
- Isolated Intersections Study
- City-wide Crash Study
- Revised Long Range Transportation Plan
- Traffic Circulation Standards and Development Traffic Impact Study Requirements
- School Traffic Congestion Evaluations

# Auburn Traffic Study

#### **D** Timeline

- May 2005 Council approves study
- Little work during the summer months due to students being gone
- September 2005 traffic counts taken
- February 2006 school traffic study completed
- April 2006 crash study completed
- June 2006 updated Long Range Transportation Study completed
- August 2006 signal coordination study completed
- September 2007 additional traffic counts taken
- January 2008 corridor operational evaluation completed
- January 2008 circulation standards completed

## Corridor Traffic Operational Evaluation

College Street Corridor
Gay Street Corridor
Samford Avenue Corridor
Glenn Avenue Corridor
Donahue Drive Corridor

## College Street Corridor Traffic Operational Evaluation

Study Area

- North College and Shug Jordan to I-85
- Areas of Study
  - Individual Intersections
  - Segments Between Intersections
  - Crash Data
- Recommendations































## Gay Street Corridor Traffic Operational Evaluation

Study Area

- Samford Avenue to Opelika Road
- Areas of Study
  - Individual Intersections
  - Segments Between Intersections
  - Crash Data
- Recommendations















## Samford Avenue Corridor Traffic Operational Evaluation

### Study Area

- South College Street to East University Drive
- Areas of Study
  - Individual Intersections
  - Segments Between Intersections
  - Crash Data
- Recommendations












# **Glenn Avenue Corridor Traffic Operational Evaluation**

Study Area

- Donahue Drive to College Street
- Areas of Study
  - Individual Intersections
  - Segments Between Intersections
  - Crash Data
- Recommendations







## **Glenn Ave Corridor**



# **Donahue Drive Corridor Traffic Operational Evaluation**

## Study Area

- Magnolia Avenue to Bragg Avenue
- Areas of Study
  - Individual Intersections
  - Segments Between Intersections
  - Crash Data
- Recommendations









## **College Street: Interstate 85 to Donahue Drive Traffic Signal System Feasibility Study**

### Recommendations

- Upgrade controllers at College and Longleaf
- Implement a time based coordination traffic signal system on South College between Longleaf Drive and East University Drive
- Implement a time based coordination traffic signal system on South College between Interstate 85 northbound ramp and Veterans Blvd

# **Isolated Intersections Study**

Opelika Road at East University Drive
Opelika Road at Ross Street
Shelton Mill Road at East University Drive

## **Opelika Road at East University Drive**

# Alternative 1



## **Opelika Road at East University Drive** Alternative 2

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- Basic Evaluation Principles
- City Crash Statistics
- Detailed Crash Analysis
- Intersection Crash Analysis
- Roadway Segment Crash Analysis

#### Basic Evaluation Principles

- Determine the total crashes at a location over a given time period
- Examine the crashes experienced at the given location to determine how many (if any) were similar in character
- Examine existing roadway conditions along with crash patterns at the given location to determine if roadway conditions may have contributed to the cause of the crashes experienced
- Determine possible roadway improvements to help drivers reduce the number of crashes

## City Crash Statistics for 2004

Total Crashes	1911
Crashes with injuries	361
Crashes with fatalities	4
Crashes involving pedestrians	11

- 33% all crashes occur from September to November
- Largest portions occur on Tuesday and Friday
- 45% of all crashes occur with drivers age 19-24
- 5% of all crashes involve alcohol and/or drugs

**Alabama City Crash Statistics Comparison** 









## Results

- 37 intersections studied
  - B location were identified for possible improvements to reduce crashes
    - Dean and Harper
    - Magnolia and Donahue
    - South College and Donahue
    - South College and Longleaf
    - South College and Samford
    - South College and Shug Jordan/EUD
    - South College and South Park Drive
    - Shug Jordan Parkway and Martin Luther King Drive

## Results

- 24 roadway segments studied
  - One location noted for possible improvements to reduce crashes
    - Donahue Drive from Crescent Boulevard to Miracle Road

- Long range look at the City in year 2030
- Determine the roadways that are likely to be over capacity
- Recommend future roadway cross-section





#### Revised

### Long Range Transportation Plan

Shug Jordan Parkway — from Donahue Drive to Opelika Road the current cross-section is adequate. Require the construction of left and right turn lanes at all access points. Additionally, at public streets within the section, construct left turn and right turn lanes. Construct lanes at those locations where required to ensure two through lanes in both directions (Shelton Mill Road).

 Shelton Mill Road — reconstruct as three lanes from Shug Jordan Parkway to U.S. Highway 280. Require right turn lanes at all access points and public streets and exercise access management.

#### East University Drive

 Opelika Road to Glenn Avenue — five lane cross section with access management
Glenn Avenue to South College Street — three lane cross section with access management

### Opelika Road

 Auburn city limits to East University Drive six lane cross section with median
East University Drive to Dean Road construct or require right turn lanes at all access points and public streets and exercise access management.

#### Glenn Avenue

1. Donahue Drive to College Street — three lane cross section with application of access management.

2. College Street to Gay Street — no change from current cross section

3. Gay Street to Dean Road — construct left turn lanes required to ensure two through lanes are continuous through this section. Employ access management.

4. Dean Road to Bent Creek Road — no change from current cross section

### Magnolia Avenue

1. Donahue Drive to College Street — three lane cross section with access management.

2. College Street to Ross Street — no change required.

### Alabama Highway 14

1. Donahue west to Shug Jordan Parkway — three lane cross section

2. Donahue from Alabama Highway 14 north to Bedell Avenue — three lane cross section

### College Street

1. Bragg Avenue to Glenn Avenue — three lane cross section

2. Glenn Avenue to Magnolia Avenue — no change
# Revised Long Range Transportation Plan

#### Gay Street

1. Opelika Road to Glenn Avenue — three lane cross section

2. Glenn Avenue to Magnolia Avenue — three lane cross section

3. Magnolia Avenue to Samford Avenue — three lane cross section

# Revised

## Long Range Transportation Plan

#### Dean Road

1. Opelika Road to Annalue Drive — current cross section acceptable

 Annalue Drive to Glenn Avenue — current cross section acceptable. Add a northbound right turn lane on Dean Road at Annalue Drive
Glenn Avenue to north of Dean Road Elementary School — current cross section acceptable

4. North of Dean Road Elementary School to South of Auburn High School — reconstruct as five lane cross section with reconfiguration of high school access points.

5. South of Auburn High School to Moore's Mill Road - no change recommended

# Revised Long Range Transportation Plan

#### Moore's Mill Road

1. Dean Road to East University Drive — five lane cross section recommended with access management

 East University Drive to Hamilton Road/Ogletree Road - five lane cross section recommended

#### General Information and Purpose

Develop standards to appropriately regulate and balance the increased traffic flow generated by new development with the need to preserve the quality of life and the environment within our community and ensure pedestrian and bicycle safety as alternative modes of transportation.

#### **Traffic Circulation Standards**

#### Street Definitions and Classification

- Traffic Circulation Standards by Classification
- Streets and Circulation
- Access Management Guidelines

#### Street Definitions and Classifications

- Interstate
- Arterial
- Collector
- Residential Collector Street
- Local Commercial Street
- Local Residential Street
- Marginal Access Roadway
- Cul-de-sac
- Alley

	Two Lane		Three Lane		Four Lane		Four Lane Divided (Five Lane)		Six Lane	
Classification	Max. Peak Hour Volumes	Max. Daily Volumes	Max. Peak hour Volumes	Max. Daily Volumes	Max. Peak Hour Volumes	Max. Daily Volumes	Max. Peak Hour Volumes	Max. Daily Volumes	Max. Peak Hour Volumes	Max. Daily Volumes
Alley*	30 vph	300 vpd	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Local Residential/Cul- de-sac Street*	200 vph	2,000 vpd	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Local Commercial Street**	1,030 vph	10,300 vpd	1,290 vph	12,900 vpd	1,520 vph	16,200 vpd	1,770 vpd	17,700 vpd	N//A	N//A
Residential Collector***	500 vph	5,000 vpd	630 vph	6300 vpd	790 vph	7,900 vpd	860 vpd	8,600 vpd	N//A	N//A
Collector **	1,030 vph	10,300 vpd	1,290 vph	12,900 vpd	1,620 vph	16,200 vpd	1,770 vpd	17,700 vpd	2,600 vph	26,000 vpd
Arterial **	1.330 vph	13,300 vpd	1,570 vph	15,700 vpd	2,050 vph	20,500 vpd	2,540 vpd	25,400 vpd	3,750 vph	37,500 vpd
Expressway**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,100 vpd	51,000 vpd	7,650 vph	76,500 vpd

#### Table 1 Maximum Roadway Volumes by Classification

\* based on maximum daily volumes from standards of other communities in Southeast
\*\* Alabama Department of Transportation Approved Capacities and LOC Criteria

\*\*\*Based on trip generation for 500 detached residential dwelling units from ITE

#### Streets and Circulation

Reinforces the need to provide for the continuation and connection of streets between adjacent properties

#### Access Management Guidelines

- Requires multiple driveways to be justified by the developer.
- Driveway spacing based on speed and classification.

	Minimum Driveway Spacing (ft) *									
Classification	Posted Speed Limit (MPH)									
	55	50	45	40	35	<30				
Commercial	N/A	N/A	N//A	200ft	150ft	150ft				
Residential Collector	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	150ft**	150ft**				
Collector	350ft	300ft	250ft	200ft	150ft	150ft				
Arterial	500ft	450ft	400ft	350ft	300ft	300ft				
Shug Jordan/EUD	600 ft. **									
Auburn Outer Loop	600 ft. **									

Table 3Driveway Spacing Standards

\* measured from edge of access to edge of access (Auburn Zoning Ordinance Section 437.01)

\*\* On average

#### Access Management Guidelines

- Restrict the number of driveways or access points to one per property frontage or provide justification for additional driveways as applicable.
- Shared driveways between two parcels at the property lines should be used where practical.
- Driveways shall not be permitted for parking or loading areas that require backing maneuvers in a residential collector, collector or an arterial street.
- Driveways shall be located so as not to interfere with safe intersection sight distance as determined by the City of Auburn.
- Direct access for single family residential lots or parcels shall not be permitted onto arterial roadways.

# Vehicle Stacking and Storage Space Recommendations



# Development Traffic Impact Study Requirements

- Traffic Impact Study Requirements
- Traffic Impact Study Procedures and Criteria
- Traffic Impact Study Report Conclusions
- Traffic Impact Study Report Outline

## Table 4Traffic Impact Study Thresholds by Land Use\*

Land Use	Size (units)		
Residential – Single Family	70 dwelling units		
Residential – Townhomes/Condos	120 dwelling units		
Residential – Apartments	100 dwelling units		
Residential – Assisted Living	285 beds		
Shopping Center	17,500 sf		
Fast Food Restaurant w/drive-thru	1,500 sf		
High-Turnover Sit-Down Restaurant	5,900 sf		
Quality Restaurant	8,300 sf		
Gas/Service Station w/Convenience Market & Car Wash	5 fueling positions		
Bank w/drive-thru	2,200 sf		
Pharmacy w/drive-in	8,500 sf		
Hotel/Motel	95 rooms		
General Office	45,500 sf		
Medical/Dental Office	21,000 sf		
General Light Industrial	102,000 sf		
Manufacturing	137,000 sf		

\*Institute of Transportation Engineers

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- 1. Additional parking for faculty/staff is needed.
- 2. Northbound traffic on Dean Rd. entering the school drop-off/pick-up drive does back out onto Dean Rd. in the morning and afternoon peak hours but does not cause any congestion problems to the through traffic on Dean Rd. In addition, a drainage structure on the east side of Dean Rd. would make adding a right turn lane into the school driveway costly.
- 3. The signal timings at Dean Rd. and Samford Ave. need to be retimed during the morning and afternoon peak hours becasue the maximum green times are too short (extend cycle length).
- 4. Re-configure and expand Rec Center parking lot to accomodate a bus loop and additional parking as shown.

GRAPHIC SCALE

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PROPOSED ACCESS PLAN

DEAN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AUBURN, ALABAMA

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- 5. Segregate car loading zone and bus loading zone as shown. Add right turn lane northbound along Dean Road into car loading zone as shown.
- 6. Extend the car loading zone further around the loop as shown.
- 7. Modify the existing Rec center driveway intersection with Dean Road to provide a three (3) lane cross section.



#### 1. The southbound left turn lane should be extended back to the intersection

- on Wrights Mill Rd.
- 2. The northbound right turn lane should be extended to the corner on Wrights Mill Rd.

PROPOSED ACCESS PLAN

WRIGHTS MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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- 3. The police officer should be retained at the exit.
- 4. Expand southern parking lot (FUTURE).

# Questions?



# Comprehensive Transportation Plan

- Traffic Study one piece of the big puzzle
- Traffic Study should be updated every five years
- Results will be reviewed again during the budgeting process

# Traffic Study Summary

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