



Comprehensive Transportation Plan Fact Sheet Autumn 2006

Over the next year, Spalding County, along with the Cities of Griffin, Sunny Side and Orchard Hill, will be working on a Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The plan is a process for Spalding County to map out its transportation goals and needs for the next 25 years, and then figure out the best way to meet them. Members of the community are encouraged to participate in the process to help shape those goals.

The Comprehensive Transportation Plan will:

- Provide the citizens of Spalding County with choices to enhance quality-of-life and address growth
- Ensure that your choices are feasible and sustainable
- Improve air quality
- Address traffic safety and congestion problems
- Enhance the livability of Spalding County
- Increase Spalding County's economic competitiveness

Transportation Goals

In 2004, Spalding County's general Comprehensive Plan listed the following goals for transportation:

1. Improve access to and from the County.
 - Develop a new interstate exit at the intersection of Jenkinsburg Road and I-75.
 - Assess the need for the Griffin-Spalding Airport to accommodate corporate fleets and shuttle services.
 - Develop commuter rail service linking Griffin to Hartsfield International Airport and Atlanta.
2. Improve bicycle and pedestrian ways as a means to offer recreational opportunities for residents and tourists. Support the local rails-to-trails efforts to construct a trail network that would provide connections to a larger regional system.
3. Provide sidewalks and multi-purpose paths within and between community centers, thus offering greater mobility and a choice of transportation options.



How do you envision Spalding County in the future?

Public Meeting

Come to the first public meeting and help us kick off the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

The meeting will be held Tuesday October 17 at 6:30 PM in the Spalding County Courthouse Annex, 119 East Solomon Street in Griffin.

For more information, visit www.spaldingcounty.com

Transportation Choices

Nearly half of working people in Spalding County work outside of the county, up from only 37% in 1990. Spalding's commuters have limited transportation choices; the following table shows how are people getting to work today. *What can the County do to give commuters more transportation choices?*

Primary mode of travel to work for Spalding County commuters:

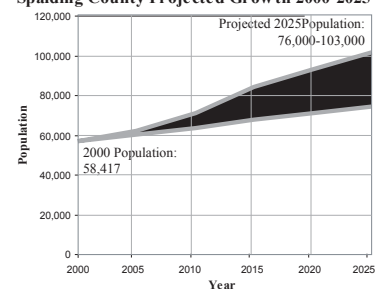
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| Drive alone | 76.1% |
| Carpool | 9.2% |
| Public Transit | 1.1% |
| Walk | 1.4% |
| Work at home | 1.3% |
| Mean travel time to work (minutes) | 27.5 |

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2000

Growth

Look who's coming to Spalding County! Planners estimate that the population of Spalding County may grow by up to 76% over the next 25 years. What impact will that have on our roads? What can we do to be ready for it?

Spalding County Projected Growth 2000-2025



Parts of Spalding County are now part of the Atlanta Regional Commission's jurisdiction. This means that while the County is now eligible for more transportation funding opportunities, it must maintain more rigorous air quality and planning standards. This plan will help Spalding County identify and prioritize transportation projects and enable the county to compete for state and federal resources.

Project Schedule

The Spalding County Comprehensive Transportation Plan will take approximately one year to complete. Input from the public will be welcomed throughout the process, and every phase of the project will be presented at a public meeting for review and comment.

| General Project Schedule | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May. | Jun. | Jul. | Aug. | Sep. | Oct. |
| Task 1 - Public Involvement (* Public Meeting) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Task 2 - Existing Conditions Inventory and Assessment | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Task 3 - Needs Assessment and Goal & Objectives | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Task 4 - Alternative Improvement Strategies | | | | | | | | | |
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Land Use and Transportation: Village Nodes

Spalding County's Comprehensive Plan envisions future growth concentrated into "village nodes".

The village nodes are intended to be pedestrian-friendly, neighborhood centers. Most of these villages are located at historic crossroads communities with historic structures that could be incorporated into the new villages, which would add such uses as grocery stores, drug stores, barber shops, restaurants, and dry cleaners. Appropriate civic uses might include elementary schools, parks, fire stations, libraries and community centers.



The Village Node concept will focus development and growth.

The village node plan also includes five existing or emerging commercial centers. These areas are similar to the villages in terms of design, but their larger size accommodates a balance of housing, services, and employment. Additional uses such as town halls, office space, and larger retail establishments would be allowed.

The plan also calls for one Regional Commercial Center. This site is close to the Interstate and would be a more auto-oriented commercial area, similar to what is currently being developed throughout the county. Most commercial, office and institutional uses would be allowed in this area.

The final level of commercial areas is the smallest of all. Crossroads commercial areas are scattered throughout the county at intersections where goods can be provided to the most rural areas of the county.

How should these nodes be connected? What can we do to make travel to, and within these village nodes accessible, safe, and efficient? These are some of the questions that will be asked and answered through the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Transportation Safety

In 2005, there were 2,198 vehicle collisions in Spalding County, resulting in 1,192 injuries and 19 deaths. The Comprehensive Transportation Plan will look for ways to make the County's roads safer for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Public Outreach

Only participation from citizens like you can make this plan truly comprehensive. We will be hosting six public meetings, workshops and open houses over the next year to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to contribute to the Plan. The first of these meetings will be Thursday October 17, at 6:30 PM in the Spalding County Courthouse Annex, 119 East Solomon Street in Griffin.

Would you like someone from the Comprehensive Transportation Planning team to come speak to your group? Let us know and we can arrange a presentation.

Please visit our website at www.spalding-county.com to learn about the plan's progress or to leave comments or suggestions.

For More Information

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