

# Summary of MACORTS 2005-07 Transportation Improvement Program (“The TIP”)

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Following projects are generally approved for funding and likely to be built. Where description of bike or pedestrians facilities is specific, they should be included in the plan. However when the description is general (as in “may include” or “should be added”), the design or nature of facilities remains uncertain, according to Transportation Planner Sherry Moore.

**PROJECT NAME:** Jefferson Road (US 129 / SR 15)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Widen/reconstruct Jefferson Road from 2 to 4 lane divided roadway, with additional turn lanes as needed, from Lavender Rd. to SR 330 in Jackson County. Project includes a 44' median. Bicycle facilities have not been included in this project since the corridor is not included in the State Bike Network. However, there will be 'bike shoulders' - 8 ft paved shoulders with offset 1 & 2 ft. rumble strips between the vehicle lane and rest of shoulder.

**PROJECT NAME:** Danielsville Road

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Widen Danielsville Rd. from SR 10 Loop to Walker Dr.

A shared path for cyclists will be included on the east side of the roadway, and sidewalks are included on the west side of the roadway.

**PROJECT NAME:** SR 53 & Mars Hill Rd/CR 264 FROM SR 15 TO SR 316 & OCONEE CONN.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Widen to four lanes and construct turn lanes as needed from SR 15 in Watkinsville to GA 316. Sidewalks and bicycle lanes are planned for this corridor. Sidewalks at Butler's Crossing are included in the project.

**PROJECT NAME:** Macon Highway

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Widen/reconstruct Macon Highway and add turn lanes as needed from US 441 to Milledge Avenue. Bicycle facilities are planned for this corridor.

**PROJECT NAME:** Lexington Road (US 78, SR 10)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Widen Lexington Road (US 78, SR 10) from 2 to 4 lanes from Whit Davis Road to Smokey Rd. in Crawford (Oglethorpe County). Total project length is 12.4 miles with approx. 4.6 mi. in Clarke Co. Bike lanes and sidewalks should be added where appropriate along corridor.

**PROJECT NAME:** Athens Perimeter at Olympic Drive/Peter Street

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Replace at-grade signalized intersection with bridge and reconfigure interchange. Project would likely reconstruct Olympic Drive to pass over the Athens Perimeter.

**PROJECT NAME:** Athens Perimeter Interchange at US 78/Lexington Rd.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Widen Lexington Rd. to 3 lanes in each direction.

Add on/off ramps for northbound traffic at the Athens Perimeter and improve turning lanes to and from existing ramps. Also relocate Old Winterville Road. Project includes pedestrian/ bicycle facilities for connection with proposed/existing bike facilities including potential rail-to-trail corridor.

**PROJECT NAME:** Reconstruct Atlanta Highway/SR 10 Loop Interchange

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Add additional off-ramps from the Athens Perimeter/Paul Broun Pkwy (SR 10 Loop) to Atlanta Highway (SR 10, US 78 Bus.) and relocate Jennings Mill Road. Pedestrian facilities will be included in this project. Bicycle facilities are not included in the project.

**PROJECT NAME:** US 441 / SR 24 South

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Widen US 441 to 4 lanes from the Watkinsville Bypass south to the MACORTS boundary at SR 186, project continues to north of the Apalachee River. This project includes a new location portion to avoid the city of Bishop. Total project length is approximately 10.9 miles, with 1.9 miles in MACORTS area.

**PROJECT NAME:** Indian Hills Road / Winterville Road

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project will provide intersection improvements and intersection realignments. This intersection provides access to the Athena Industrial Park and is subject to heavy truck traffic.

**PROJECT NAME:** Athena Drive / Spring Valley Road Intersection

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Provide miscellaneous intersection improvements for intersection and Moss Road. This roadway provides access for the Athena Industrial Park and is subject to heavy truck traffic.

**PROJECT NAME:** Cedar Shoals Road / Gaines School Road Intersection

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Provide intersection improvement to this location which experiences high peak hour traffic congestion.

This project will be coordinated with the other intersection project along Barnett Shoals Rd./Gaines School Rd

Pedestrian facilities will be provided on the north side of the intersection.

**PROJECT NAME:** Hawthorne Avenue / Old West Broad Street Intersection

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Project to improve the intersection of Hawthorne Avenue and Broad Street. Due to high peak hour traffic, safety improvements are needed at this location. A pedestrian crossing will be provided.

**PROJECT NAME:** Simonton Bridge Road - CR 266

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Widen Simonton Bridge Road from SR 15 to the Clarke County line. This project would include 4-ft. bike lanes.

**PROJECT NAME:** SR 8 Median Turn Lanes

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Lengthen existing median turn lanes along SR 8 from NE of Athens to SR 106 in Madison County.

**PROJECT NAME:** Jennings Mill Parkway - Phase 1

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Construct new two-lane collector road with turn lanes as needed from Epps Bridge Parkway to Jennings Mill Rd. This project will include construction of a half diamond interchange on SR 10 Loop. Project will include bicycle facilities.

**PROJECT NAME:** SR 316 Interchanges in Barrow & Oconee Cos.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Upgrade 26 currently at-grade crossings along SR 316 in Barrow and Oconee Counties convert SR 316 to a limited access roadway.

**PROJECT NAME:** Macon Highway Bridge (over Middle Oconee River) **TIP #:** B-3 **FUND:** Q10  
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Estimated Cost: \$826,000  
Reconstruct/improve bridge over the Middle Oconee River. *County:* Clarke  
*Length (miles):* 0.1 # of existing lanes: 2 # of lanes planned: 4

**PROJECT NAME:** College Station Road Bridge(s) over North Oconee River **TIP #:** B-7 **FUND:** Q10  
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Estimated Cost: \$1,960,000  
Reconstruct/improve bridges to improve vehicular safety and to accommodate the *County:* Clarke  
development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. *P.I. #:* n/a *Prj. #:* BR-1  
*Length (miles):* 0.1 # of existing lanes: 4 # of lanes planned: 4  
**COMMENTS/REMARKS:** Funding is requested in the A-CC Capital Budget for FY 2007 to match the State Bridge Program funding. The 2 bridges at this location are currently narrow and pose problems for motorists. The narrow width also precludes the placement of bicycle lanes on the bridge. Bicycle facilities are planned for the bridges in order to connect already existing bicycle facilities. State funds are programmed for FY 2005, 2006, & 2008.

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***[Selected additional projects:]***

**PROJECT NAME:** Lump Sum, Surface Transportation Program - Q24 **TIP #:** Lump24 **FUND:** Q24

**COMMENTS/REMARKS:**  
These funds provide funds for wetland banking as necessary for projects within the MACORTS area  
*FY2005 FY2006 FY2007*  
\$130,000 \$130,000 \$130,000

**PROJECT NAME:** Lump Sum, Surface Transportation Program - Q24 **TIP #:** Lump24 **FUND:** Q24

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Estimated Cost: varies  
Federal and state funds are available for protective R/W purchase. *County:* Clarke/Oconee  
*FY2005 FY2006 FY2007*  
\$65,000 \$65,000 \$65,000

**PROJECT NAME:** Lump Sum, Surface Transportation Program - Q24 **TIP #:** Lump24 **FUND:** Q24

**COMMENTS/REMARKS:**  
These funds are available to purchase protective rights-of-way along State Routes in the MACORTS area.  
*FY2005 FY2006 FY2007*  
\$65,000 \$65,000 \$65,000

**PROJECT NAME:** DNR TRAILS - Q94 **TIP #:** Lump94 **FUND:** Q94

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Estimated Cost: varies  
State funds are available for recreational trails. These funds pass through GDOT to *County:* Clarke/Oconee

the Dept. of Natural Resources and are distributed through a competitive grant program. *P. I.* #: n/a Prj. #: Lump94  
In ACC, typically these funds are applied for through Leisure Services. Only one application is accepted per community.  
*FY2005 FY2006 FY2007*  
\$163,000 \$163,000 \$163,000

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[Locally funded road projects. These are, or should be, of real importance to the community since they must be paid entirely with local tax money. Several airport projects also involve significant local funds.]

**PROJECT NAME:** Lumpkin Street Improvements

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Reconfigure Lumpkin Street to three lanes (including center turn lane) with bicycle lanes and wider sidewalks. Objective is to increase safety and provide access for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

**PROJECT NAME:** Jennings Mill Parkway - Phase 2 *TIP #:* R-16c

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** *Estimated Cost:* \$522,500

This section of the Jennings Mill Parkway is completely within Athens-Clarke Co. and *County:* Clarke

complements the 1st phase of the project which lies completely within Oconee Co. This *P. I.* #: n/a Prj. #: R-

section will be constructed as a 2-lane roadway. The project *GDOT Proj. #:* n/a will include pedestrian and bicycle facilities. It will be constructed in three separate segments: **A.** Between New Jimmie Daniel Rd.

and Huntington Rd. **B.** Between SR 10 Loop and Jennings Mill Rd., and **C.** The construction of a bridge over SR 10 Loop that connects segments A and B.

**COMMENTS/REMARKS:** The project is needed to alleviate congestion on the existing SR 10 Loop interchange @ Atlanta

Highway and provide an alternative parallel route to the Atlanta Highway corridor. At this time only segment A. has been approved

for the necessary preliminary engineering and design activities by the A-CC Mayor and Commission. SPLOST 2000 funds would be

utilized as local match for requested federal/state assistance for construction of segment **A.** The additional \$3,000,000 needed for

construction has been requested in SPLOST 2005. Any future segments

**PROJECT NAME:** Athens-Clarke County Right-of-Way Protection Program *TIP #:*

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** *Estimated Cost:* varies

Protective purchase of transportation corridors which are identified as vital to *County:* Clarke the community.

**COMMENTS/REMARKS:** Funding requested in the A-CC Capital Budget. Projects will be selected based on the

threat of the encroachment of land development on the future right-of-way corridors for future projects on a case-by-case basis.

Right-of-way will be purchased using local funds.

**PROJECT COST**

*FY2005 FY2006*

Local

*FY2007*

\$100,000

**PROJECT NAME:** ATMS Expansion **TIP #:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** *Estimated Cost:* \$450,000

Expand the transportation management system in Athens-Clarke County. *County:* Clarke  
Currently, ACC is linking traffic signals to the Traffic Engineering office so that they can be  
remotely *P.I. #:* 2005 **FY2006** **FY2007**

\$150,000

\$150,000

\$150,000

**PROJECT NAME:** Athens-Clarke County Sidewalk Improvement Program **TIP #:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** *Estimated Cost:* varies

Continuing program to construct additional sidewalks at needed locations throughout *County:*  
Clarke

Athens-Clarke County.

**COMMENTS/REMARKS:** Funding is requested in the A-CC Capital Budget. Some funds will be  
from SPLOST.

Due to the large amount of pedestrian traffic in Athens-Clarke Co., providing a safe walking  
environment is a key component

in transportation planning efforts. Projects will be identified by the A-CC Transportation and Public  
Works Department

and approved by the ACC Mayor and Commission.

**FY2005** **FY2006** **FY2007**

\$302,700 \$160,000 \$320,000

**PROJECT NAME:** Athens-Clarke County Bicycle Facilities System Improvements

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** *Estimated Cost:* varies

Continue to develop the bicycle facilities network within Athens-Clarke County. *County:* Clarke

**COMMENTS/REMARKS:** Funding is requested in the A-CC Capital Budget. Due to the large  
amount of

bicycle traffic in Athens-Clarke county, providing safe bicycle facilities is a key component in  
transportation

planning efforts. Projects will be identified by the A-CC Transp. And Public Works Dept. and  
approved by

ACC Mayor and Commission.

**PROJECT PHASE SOURCE TOTAL**

*Preliminary Engineering (\$)*

*Right-of-Way (\$)*

*Construction Costs (\$)* Local

**PROJECT COST**

**FY2005** **FY2006** **FY2007**

\$341,100 \$140,000 \$350,000

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bicycle traffic in Athens-Clarke county, providing safe bicycle facilities is a key component in  
transportation

planning efforts. Projects will be identified by the A-CC Transp. And Public Works Dept. and  
approved by

ACC Mayor and Commission.

**FY2005** **FY2006** **FY2007**

\$341,100 \$140,000 \$350,000

**PROJECT NAME:** Mitchell Bridge Road Widening **TIP #:** R-45  
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Estimated Cost \$240,000  
Widen Mitchell Bridge Road to 3 lanes including a left turn lane from County: Clarke  
Atlanta Highway to Perimeter Bridge and provide for pedestrian and bicycle P.I. #: n/a Prj. #:  
R-25  
facilities.  
**COMMENTS/REMARKS:**  
Project is needed to accommodate increasing traffic volume and remove turning vehicles from the  
traffic stream.  
Includes bicycle facilities and drainage improvements. Project is not in the GDOT Construction  
Work Program.  
**FY2005 FY2006 FY2007**  
\$100,000 \$140,000 \$0

**ACC Bus Transit.** [Expect continued funding at current levels. Three rubber-tired  
trolleys may be purchased.]

**[I have not included the “second tier” projects scheduled (or proposed) for  
2008-10 funding. Very few of them have confirmed funding so far. Here is  
the table of contents of the entire TIP, so you can see what you’ve missed.  
Entire report (178 pages available at  
[http://www.athensclarkecounty.com/%7Eplanningdept/acorts/fy20052007tip  
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*note: The FY 2008-2010 Second Tier of Projects lists transportation projects that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has programmed for the period from FY 2008-2010. Also, projects that are priority projects from a local standpoint but not currently programmed by the GDOT are listed in the FY 2008-2010 Second Tier of Projects. Potential transportation projects for which federal-aid or state funding is sought but which are currently not programmed by the GDOT cannot be included in the FY 2005-2007 TIP - but can be included in the FY 2008-2010 Second Tier of Projects.*

John Huie 6/24/04