



**Newton County  
Comprehensive Transportation Plan**

**Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2007**

***The Center for Community Preservation and Planning***

**Covington, Georgia**

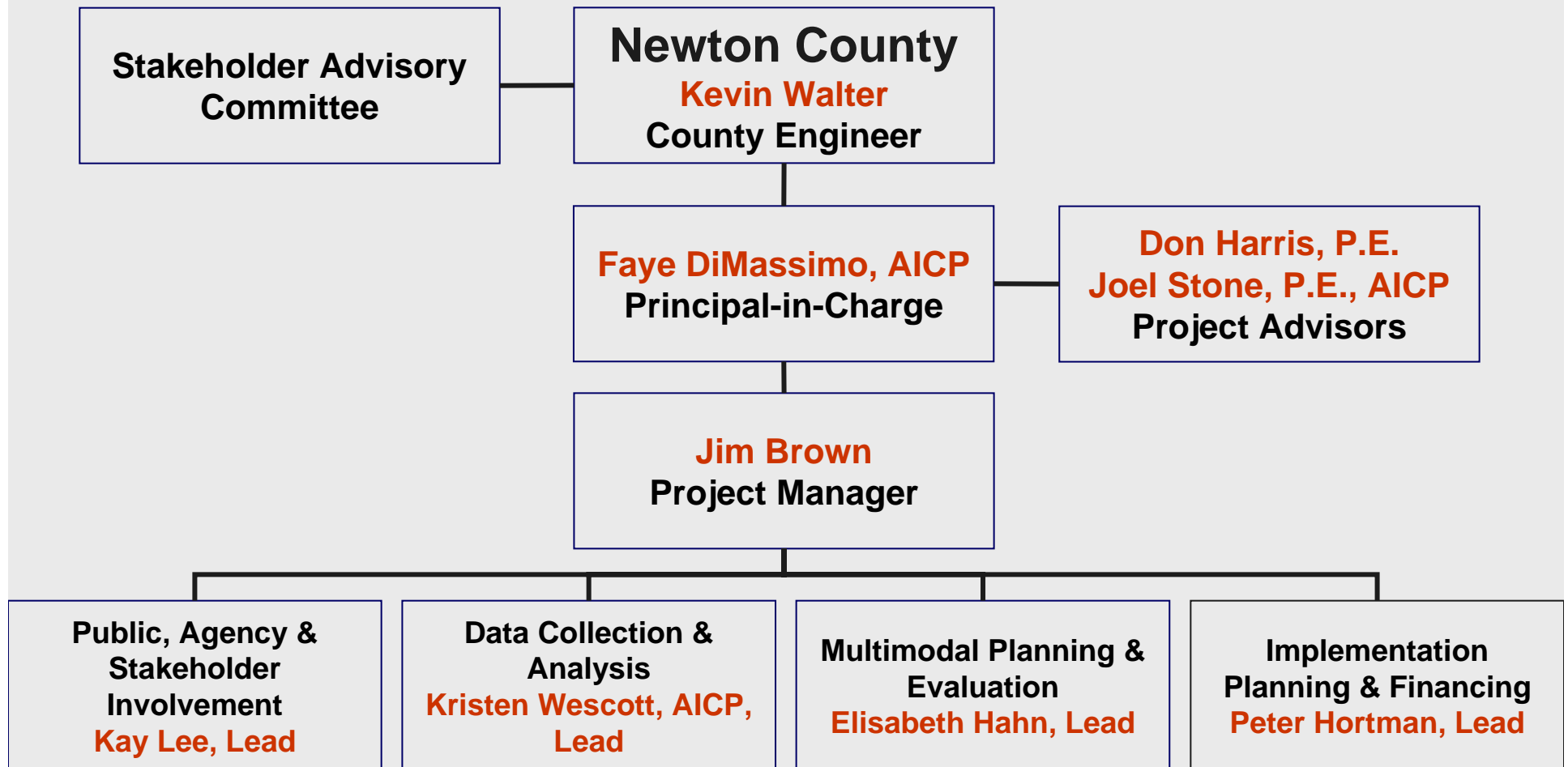


# Agenda

- ◆ **Introductions**
- ◆ **Project Team Organization**
- ◆ **CTP Overview**
- ◆ **Public Outreach**
- ◆ **Community Issues**
- ◆ **Group Discussion**
- ◆ **Next Steps**



# Project Team





## CTP Overview

- ◆ Purpose and Process
- ◆ Tasks and Schedule
- ◆ Public Involvement
- ◆ Opportunities and Challenges



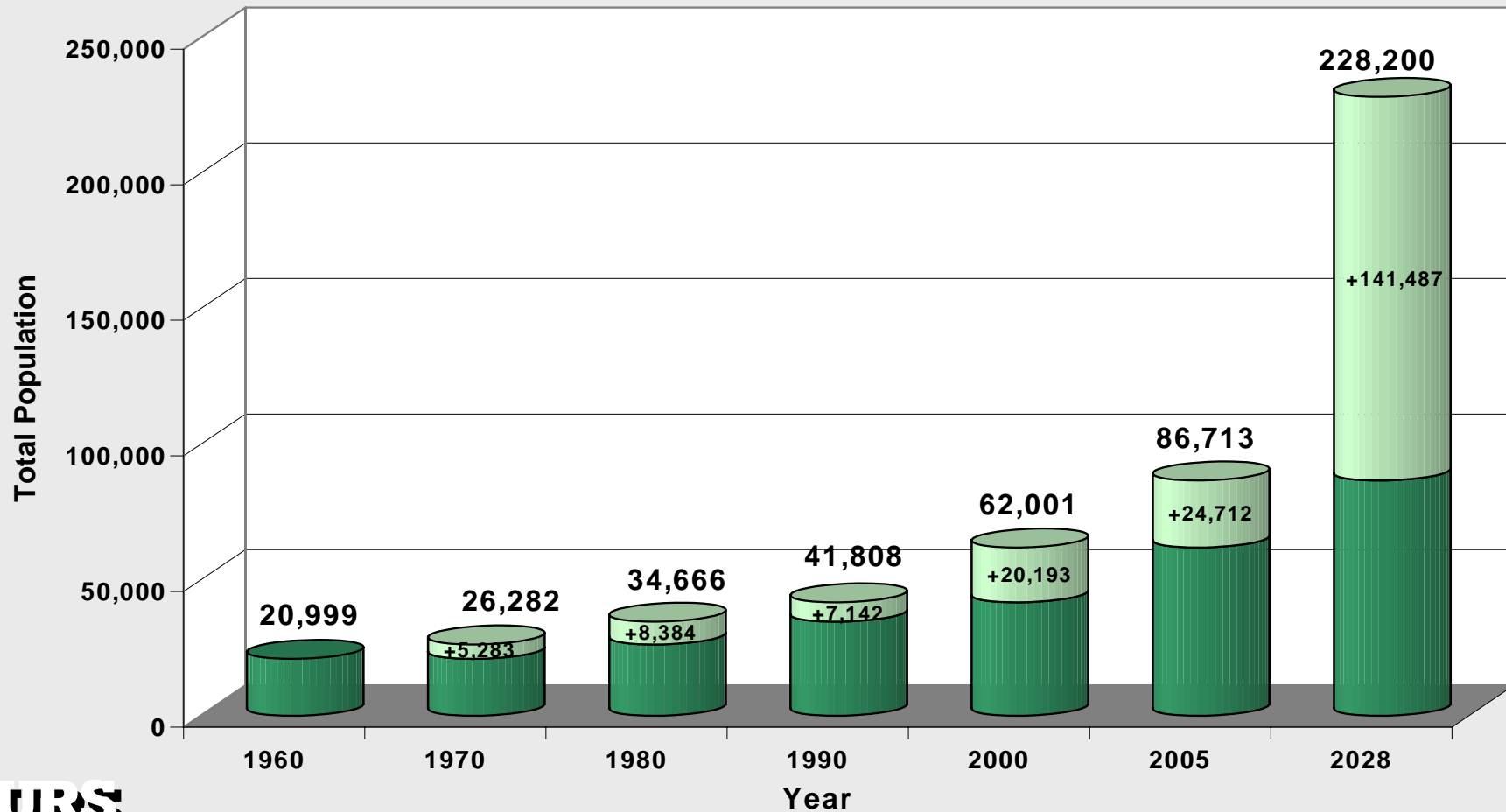
## Background

- ◆ In 2000, Countywide Thoroughfares Plan was completed
- ◆ Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) established a CTP funding assistance program for counties within the 18-county region to utilize for developing/updating transportation plans
- ◆ Newton County recently received approval and funding from ARC to conduct the CTP and selected URS Corporation to develop the plan
- ◆ The CTP will support decision making and subsequent updates of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)



# Growth Trends

Newton County Population Growth - 1960 to 2028





## CTP Purpose

- ◆ Understand existing and future multimodal transportation needs
- ◆ Establish Newton County's priorities for mobility, safety, connectivity, and accessibility
- ◆ Provide long-range guide for efficient transportation system investments
- ◆ Develop transportation policies and program of projects

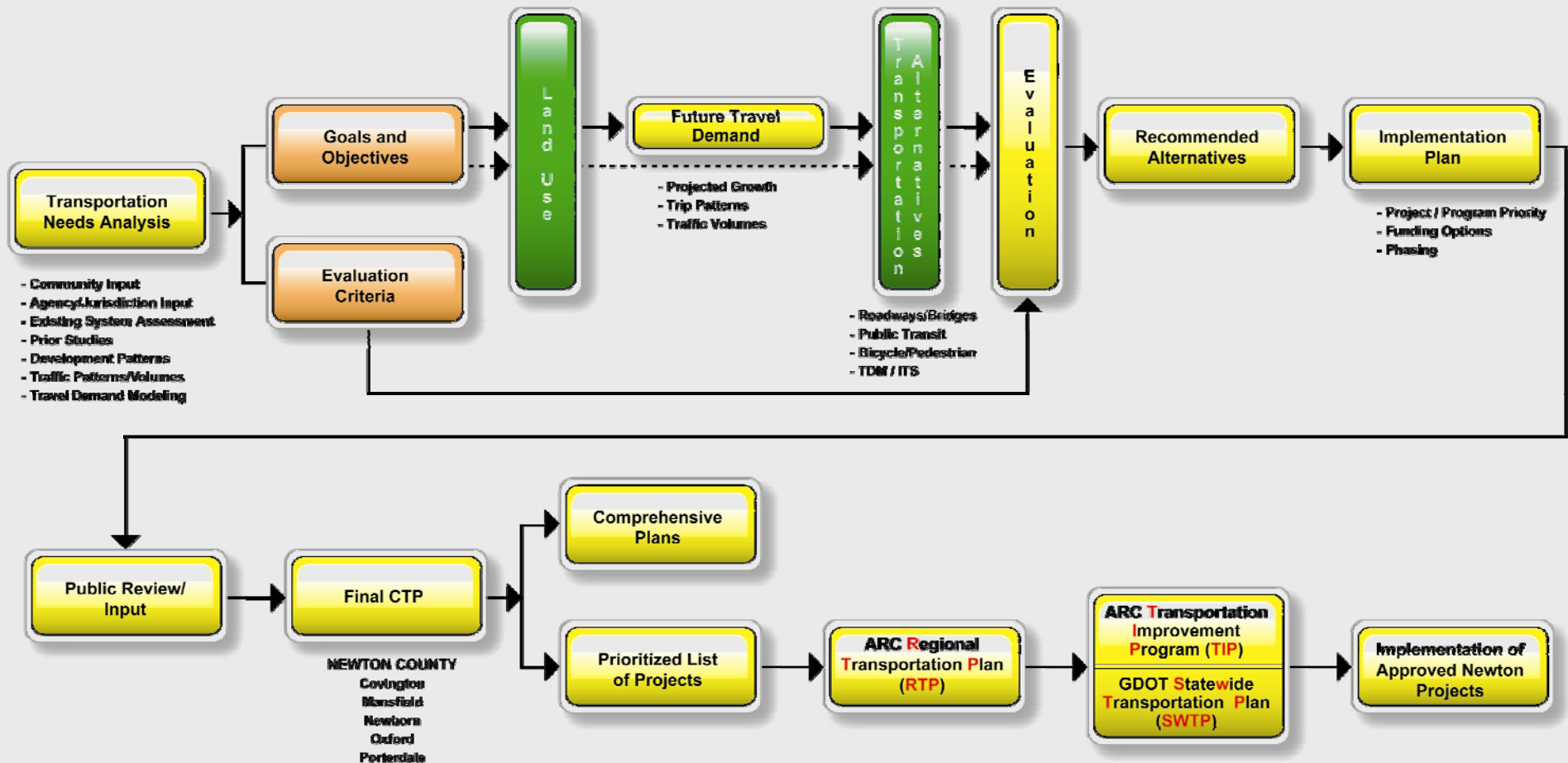


## Major Tasks

- ◆ Stakeholder / Public Involvement and Project Management
- ◆ Inventory of Existing Conditions
- ◆ Assessment of Current and Future Needs
- ◆ Recommendations
- ◆ Final Documentation



# CTP Process





# CTP Tasks & Schedule

★ Major Deliverable   ● Public Meeting   ◆ SAC Meeting

Tasks	2007			2008		
	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sept	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sept
1: Public Outreach Project Management	◆ ●	◆ ●	◆ ●	◆ ●	◆ ●	
2: Existing Conditions	■					
3: Needs Assessment		■				
4: Recommendations				■		
5: Documentation	★		★	★	★	★





# Vision, Goals & Objectives

## Newton County Comprehensive Plan Transportation Goal

Maintain an efficient and reliable multi-modal transportation network to support efficient land use, minimize traffic congestion, and facilitate community-wide and regional circulation.

*Newton County Community Agenda (3/16/07 Draft)*

## Regional Transportation Plan Goals

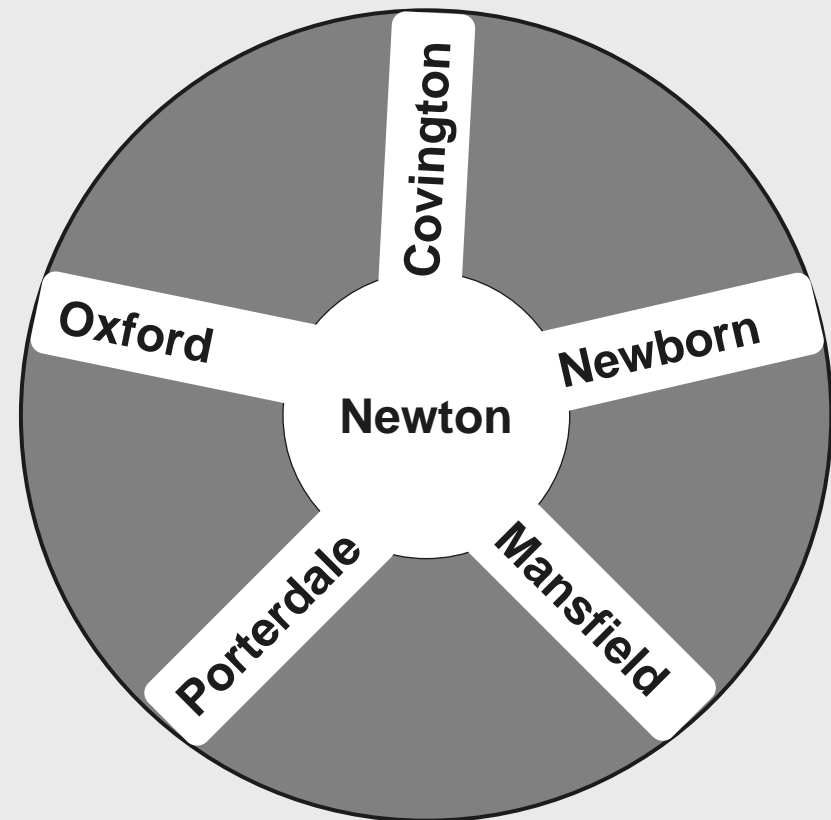
- Improve Accessibility and Mobility for People and Goods
- Provide the Most Cost Effective System Performance Given Available Funding
- Enhance Environmental Quality and the Quality of Life for the Region's Citizens
- Enhance the Safety and Security of the Transportation System

*ARC Envision6 Needs Assessment Report*



## City-County Coordination

- ◆ Provides forum for jurisdictional participation
- ◆ Promotes unified approach to planning process
- ◆ Ensures all jurisdictions are represented in the CTP





# Public Outreach

- ◆ Guided by a public involvement plan (PIP)
- ◆ Includes community participation activities and communication tools such as:
  - Public information meetings
  - Stakeholder Advisory Committee
  - Project website
  - Informational materials
  - Media materials

## Target Public Meeting Dates

**July/August 2007**  
*Community Issues*

**November 2007**  
*Identified Needs*

**May 2008**  
*Draft CTP*



## **Stakeholder Advisory Committee**

- ◆ **What - Committee to advise and guide the CTP process and provide ongoing input to the study team**
- ◆ **Who - Elected and appointed Newton County officials, interested organizations, major planning partners, and business and community leaders within the County**
- ◆ **How**
  - **Attend committee meetings**
  - **Review information and provide input on study process**
  - **Help build consensus on project goals and issues**
  - **Share information and promote awareness of CTP**
- ◆ **When - Meets 4 times during the study**



# Opportunities and Challenges

## ◆ Opportunities

- Establish joint county and city priorities for transportation improvements
- Define transportation plan for inclusion in regional process
- Increase awareness of transportation planning and funding process

## ◆ Challenges

- Attaining meaningful public involvement and agency coordination
- Accurately identifying needs and opportunities
- Moving projects to implementation



# Community Issues

Issues	Low	Medium	High
Mitigating Increasing Congestion			X
Lack of Adequate Traffic Signals			X
Lack of Public Transportation	X		
Poorly connected/incomplete sidewalks		X	
Improving Street Connectivity		X	
More Mixed Use Development			X
Access to Greenway/Bicycle Facilities		X	
Other: Maintenance of Roads, Signage, and Trucks	X		



## Group Discussion

- ◆ What needs and deficiencies currently exist on the transportation system?
- ◆ What are the major transportation related issues that must be addressed over the next 30 years?
- ◆ What should the Comprehensive Transportation Plan accomplish?
- ◆ Are there any obstacles that you foresee in developing and implementing the Plan?



## Next Steps

- ◆ Stakeholder Interviews
- ◆ Complete Project Goals and Objectives
- ◆ Complete Baseline Conditions Assessment
- ◆ Conduct Public Meetings
- ◆ Next Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting  
- **late September**



**Thanks for your input  
and participation!**