

PUBLIC NOTICE

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THE NEWTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN



PUBLIC MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 7PM

A public meeting for the Newton County Comprehensive Transportation Plan is being held at the Historic Newton County Courthouse on the evening of Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 7 pm.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners has commissioned a study to evaluate the performance of the various transportation modes in Newton County and make recommendations for improvements in safety, congestion mitigation, traffic flow, and improved land use to sustain economic development and quality of life. This study is currently at its half-way point.

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) maintains a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Funding Assistance Program to encourage counties and their municipalities in the 18-county Atlanta metropolitan area to develop long-range transportation plans. Due to growth trends and travel patterns in the eastern part of the area, ARC recognizes significant benefit in Newton County receiving funding assistance to create its own CTP.

It is a critical time to complete a CTP in light of other ongoing planning studies, diminishing transportation funds and increased competition for funds across the region. The CTP will help to position Newton County for regional and local funding sources to meet the transportation needs of our fast-growing county. Public input is crucial at this half-way point.

The purposes of a CTP are to:

- Understand existing and future multimodal transportation needs;
- Establish community priorities for mobility, safety, connectivity, and accessibility;
- Provide a long-range guide for efficient transportation system investments; and
- Develop transportation policies and a program of related and support projects.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners has contracted with the URS Corporation to create the CTP for Newton County. The County has also engaged The Center for Community Preservation and Planning to coordinate the community involvement portion of this project.

If you have questions about this project, please call The Center at 770-788-0484.

