

I. NORTHWEST CONNECTIVITY STUDY

Project Sponsor

Georgia Regional Transportation Authority

Project Type

Alternative Analysis (AA)

Project Team

Parsons Brinckerhoff

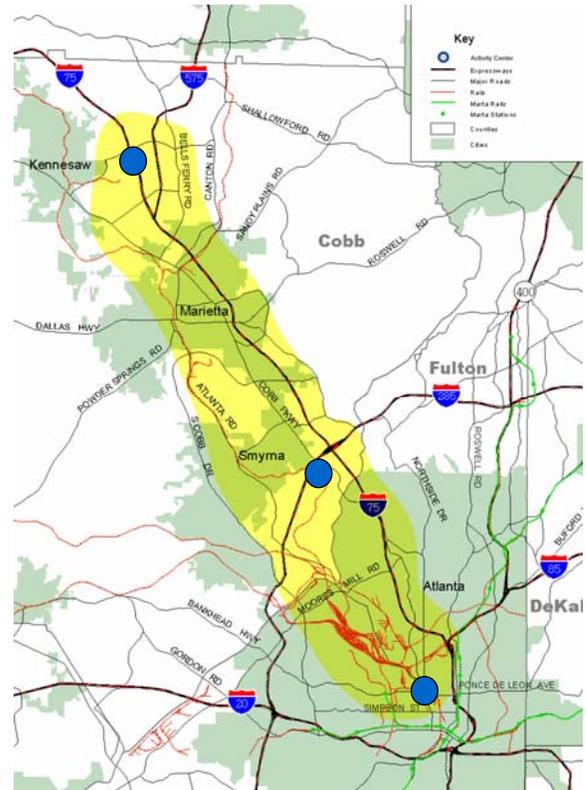
Purpose

Explore transportation connections among activity centers within the I-75 corridor. The corridor is centered on US41 and bounded by Midtown Atlanta on the south, Town Center on the north.

Background Information

GRTA, in collaboration with the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and GDOT completed the draft Alternative Analysis (AA)/DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement). The AA/DEIS defines the alternatives, identifies associated capital and operating costs, and describes potential transportation and environmental effects and mitigation measures. The AA/DEIS, a requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), will be used to 1) make a decision on whether to implement the project, and 2) to select one of the project alternatives as the preferred alternative.

Early in 2008, GRTA issued a stop work order to consultant (Parsons Brinckerhoff) until a source of financing, including public-private partnership, is identified to fund the project. Additionally, GRTA, in consultation with GDOT, are contemplating other design alternatives that include the addition of two lanes in each direction with tolling as well as two reversible lanes along I-75. The alternatives and the cost estimates are tabulated below:



Cost Estimates

Alternatives	Costs
High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV)/Toll	\$3,520,000
High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV)/Toll/TSM	\$3,920,000
High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV)/Toll/BRT	\$4,070,000
High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV)/Toll/Reduced BRT	\$3,800,000
Reversible Lanes	\$1,045,000

Occurrences during the third quarter of 2010

The Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Northwest Corridor project was signed by FHWA and published in the national register on September 7 and 16, 2010. Public comment period for the SDEIS will run from 9/17 - 11/03/10.

Next Steps

Public Hearing Open Houses are scheduled for October 21, 2010 and October 26, 2010.