

Ashford Dunwoody Road Corridor Study

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP - SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

Community and Stakeholder Input

Vision elements expressed by meeting participants and CAC:

- **Efficient** - flow of traffic, reduced congestion, turning movements, synchronized signals
- **Preserve** residential **neighborhoods** along the corridor
- **Accessible** – bike-able, walkable, improved bicycle access via trails or protected paths, trail connections, commuter friendly, improved school access
- **Safe** – reduced vehicle speeds, minimize neighborhood cut-through traffic, safety of bicyclists and pedestrians, continuous sidewalks, and improved crossings
- **Inviting** – visually appealing, context sensitive, street furniture, green space
- **Cost effective**



Corridor Vision

Ashford Dunwoody Road ... "should be a safe, efficient, inviting, and convenient multi-modal corridor that provides all users with access to a variety of destinations in a harmonious, cost-effective manner that enables neighborhoods and businesses to thrive. People are able to move safely and efficiently along, through, and within the corridor to connect with neighborhoods, workplaces, institutions, and activity centers on foot, bike, car, bus or other mode in a way that preserves and enhances surrounding neighborhoods, green space, and the community in general."

SUMMARY

In March 2016, the project team hosted two meetings for stakeholders and community members at Marist School and St. Martin's Episcopal School. The meetings were opportunities to learn about the project and provide input about issues and concerns about the Ashford Dunwoody Road corridor, as well as to help shape the vision for the future of the corridor. More than 120 people attended the two meetings, and completed 70 comment cards and more than 90 questionnaires.



Overall Key Themes

- Concern about vehicles traveling too fast on Ashford Dunwoody Rd. and in adjacent neighborhoods
- Better enforcement of speed limits and design elements to reduce vehicle speeds
- Mixed opinions about roadway capacity and how to address it
- Sidewalks are important – repair damage and fill in gaps to create continuous, connected sidewalks; some interest in wider sidewalks in certain areas
- Concerns about drivers that do not stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and the need for safer pedestrian crossings
- Mixed support for bicycle facilities and desire to provide bicycle access via separated paths
- Additional transportation services may help alleviate traffic congestion in the area
- Synchronized traffic signals or improved timing may help improve flow of traffic
- Turn lanes and additional turn lane storage may be helpful at key intersections
- Need more east-west connections to alleviate congestion on north-south corridors
- Important to preserve residential communities and green spaces or recreational areas, such as parks



Common Concerns:

- Traffic **signal timing**
- **Pedestrian safety** and **inadequate pedestrian facilities** in some areas (missing, too narrow)
- Street **crossings**
- Lack of **turn lanes**
- Important to **preserve residential neighborhoods** and natural areas
- **Cut-through traffic** in neighborhoods
- **Speeding** vehicles
- **Ability to safely turn** onto and off of Ashford Dunwoody Road from side streets
- **Traffic congestion** on Ashford Dunwoody Road
- **School traffic** on Ashford Dunwoody Road
- Volume, congestion, and confusion at the **intersection of Ashford Dunwoody Road and Johnson Ferry Road**



Bike Access



Synchronize Signals



Public Transportation



Pedestrian Facilities



Green Space



Preserve Neighborhoods

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Mapping Exercise: Common Themes

Peachtree Road to South of Johnson Ferry Road

- Tight right turn onto Ashford Dunwoody Rd. northbound from Peachtree Rd.
- Desire for more right-turn capacity southbound Ashford Dunwoody Rd. to Peachtree Rd.
- Vegetation blocks sight lines in some areas
- Difficult to turn from Windsor Pkwy. onto Ashford Dunwoody Rd. –need to make this intersection safer
- Limited visibility in curve and hills around Brookhaven Trace
- Concern about high vehicle speeds and a need for more/better enforcement
- Would like Johnson Ferry Rd. to extend to Peachtree Industrial Blvd. – alleviate congestion
- Consider bicycle access via separated path

Around Johnson Ferry Road Intersection

- Traffic regularly blocks Donaldson Dr. and there is a need for safer pedestrian crossings here
- Concerns about cut-through traffic around Cambridge Park, Hampton Hall, and other neighborhoods
- Consider prohibiting left turns into/out of Cambridge Square from Ashford Dunwoody Rd.
- Drivers do not stop for crosswalk at Kadleston Way
- Need for “transformation” of intersection at Johnson Ferry Rd. and Ashford Dunwoody Rd.
 - Congestion is an issue
 - Lane assignments/direction of travel are not clear
 - Turn lanes not long enough
 - Timing of traffic signals
 - Tight turn radius northbound to eastbound
- Consider additional police enforcement

Johnson Ferry Road to City Limits

- Concern about speeding, length/timing of signal, crosswalk, and length of turn lanes at Harts Mill Rd.
- Desire for improvements at W. Nancy Creek: address signal timing; mixed opinions on turn lanes; drivers reportedly run yellow/red lights
- School traffic is a major concern: suggestions range from turn lanes and/or relocating traffic to use of shuttles
- Traffic congestion – especially southbound in afternoon/evening – is major concern
- Concern about cut-through traffic Bubbling Creek, W. Nancy Creek, and other neighborhoods
- Desire for improvements to traffic patterns/lane assignments near Perimeter Summit Pkwy., especially a way to address the drop lane/merge on southbound Ashford Dunwoody Road

