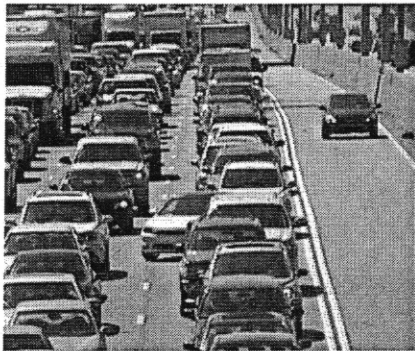


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Transit alternatives study underway



The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners has set up a policy advisory committee to study transit alternatives for the Interstate 85 corridor. Citizens on the committee will work with staff and consultants to provide advice and feedback before the draft final study documents are presented for consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

“In combination with community forums and other public events, this committee is aimed at facilitating a successful planning process and improved transportation to benefit many generations to come,” said Kim Conroy, Gwinnett’s Acting Transportation Director. Last July, the

Board contracted with Atkins North America, Inc., a national transit planning and engineering firm with offices in Atlanta, to lead the study.

To identify effective, sustainable and locally preferred solutions, the study will evaluate a wide range of transit options such as express bus, heavy rail, light rail, commuter rail and bus rapid transit. “The plan includes specific community outreach goals to give the public a voice in decisions that will affect their travel patterns and how public dollars are spent,” Conroy said.

Commission Chairman Charlotte Nash added, “We welcome comments, ideas, concerns and questions to help find sustainable transportation solutions, and I encourage everyone to stay informed and engaged in this process. We must support the continued economic viability of this vital corridor and meet the needs of residents, employees and businesses that use it.”

The Gwinnett Place and Gwinnett Village Community Improvement Districts and the Federal Transit Administration are partners in the transit alternatives study.

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