

Input sought on transit options

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#LAWRENCEVILLE -- Commuters can give their thoughts on transit or

other options at two public information meetings this week.

#The meetings -- to be held Monday and Thursday -- are part of the Interstate 85 Corridor Alternatives Analysis Study, an 18-month look into how people will get around in the future in the crowded central corridor of Gwinnett.

#"With 467,000 commuters passing through the I-85 corridor daily, it is important that we study ways to help movement in the corridor," Chairwoman Charlotte Nash said. "Of course, we want to hear the thoughts and opinions of residents and businesses."

#The study will include analyses of traffic congestion, economic development and demographic information within the Gwinnett County portion of the I-85 corridor. A task force will also consider a variety of routes and transit options, such as bus rapid transit, light rail and commuter rail, to improve regional and local mobility and accessibility.

#"Mobility is important to Gwinnett's businesses and residents and the economic development of our community," said Chuck Warbington, Gwinnett Village CID executive director. "We are excited to partner in a study that will provide solutions for our future."

#The CID, along with the nearby Gwinnett Place CID and the Federal Transit Administration, are co-sponsoring the study with Gwinnett County's government.

#Gwinnett Place CID Executive Director Joe Allen said in a press release the study is an important part of the future success of the greater Gwinnett Place area.

#"We encourage every resident with a stake in the study corridor to join in one of these meetings and make their opinions known," Allen said.

#Monday's meeting will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Gwinnett Village CID office located at 5855 Jimmy Carter Blvd., Suite 122, in Norcross.

#On Thursday, a second session will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Gwinnett Place Marriott, 1775 Pleasant Hill Road in Duluth.