

## Transit alternatives study underway

The Gwinnett Board of Commissioners set up a policy advisory committee in early January to study transit alternatives for the Interstate 85 corridor. Citizens on the committee are working with County staff and consultants to offer recommendations based on feedback received at the initial public information meetings in early February.

"With 467,000 commuters passing through the I-85 corridor daily, it is important that we study ways to help movement in the corridor," explains Commission Chairman Charlotte Nash. "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."

Gwinnett County, in collaboration with Gwinnett Place and Gwinnett Village Community Improvement Districts and the Federal Transit Administration, are undertaking the study to analyze I-85 corridor traffic in Gwinnett County. In concert with evaluating traffic congestion, economic development and demographic information within the Gwinnett County portion of the I-85 corridor, the study will identify effective, sustainable and locally preferred solutions. It will also explore transit options such as express bus, heavy rail, light rail, commuter rail and bus rapid transit. Last July, the Board contracted with national transit planning and engineering firm Atkins North America, Inc., to lead the study.

"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."

Gwinnett Place CID executive director Joe Allen agrees citing the study as an important part of the future success of the greater Gwinnett Place area.

"We must support the continued economic viability of this vital corridor and meet the needs of residents, employees and businesses that use it," adds Chairman Nash.

For more information about the study, please visit [www.gwinnettcounty.com](http://www.gwinnettcounty.com).



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