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**CONNECTING SAVANNAH:
Community Dialogue Session To Identify Transportation Solutions
Set For January 6, 2005 At Coastal Georgia Center**

The Community Dialogue Session is a *significant* next step in what has been a series of discussions to listen and search for real understanding on what the transportation challenges and potential solutions are for the Savannah metropolitan region. The goal of the January 6th meeting is to develop a list of short-term and long-term transportation improvements that address specific problems previously identified by the community:

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES REQUIRING SOLUTIONS
1. Policies to Become More Pedestrian- and Bicycle-Friendly
2. Opportunities for Improved Transit Corridors
3. Opportunities for People with Special Needs
4. Lack of East-West Connectivity
5. Bay Street Traffic Issues
6. DeRenne Avenue Congestion

The discussions will be facilitated by staff from the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission and the *Connecting Savannah* consultant team of Wilbur Smith Associates, Dovetail Consulting, Lott+Barber Architects, and McMillan & Associates. Following the session, the recommended solutions will be narrowed to a list of 2-3 candidates that will be subject to additional technical analysis and screening by the consultant team.

While the meeting is open to the public, participants have been invited to represent a diverse set of interests including neighborhoods, trucking/transportation, business/commerce, local government, economic development, historic preservation, environmental, manufacturing and a host of others. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Alison Chumley at connectingsavannah@lottbarber.com or via telephone at (912) 234-5230. Requests will be accommodated based on availability of space.

MEETING DETAILS: *Connecting Savannah*
Thursday, January 6, 2005
Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Fahm Street
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Light refreshments will be provided beginning at 5:30 p.m.
The meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

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