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CONNECTING SAVANNAH

Citizens Engage in Interactive Process to Refine Transportation Solutions

At a January working session, citizens of Savannah identified a set of solutions to address the near and long term transportation problems facing the region. Recommendations included policies to encourage mixed-used developments, streetscapes, walkable communities, and increased transit services as well as specific projects to alleviate traffic problems on Bay Street, DeRenne Avenue and improve overall east-west connectivity. A detailed summary of the meeting is posted on the Metropolitan Planning Commission's website at www.thempc.org.

Over the past several weeks, the Connecting Savannah consultant team, led by Linda Carpenter of Wilbur Smith Associates, has focused its technical efforts on assessing specific solutions for Bay Street, DeRenne Avenue and East-West Connectivity identified at the January Working Group meeting. During the February 24th work session, members of the study team will describe, for review and comment by the community, technical summaries, renderings and proposals for major travel corridors. These corridors include Bay Street, Henry-Anderson Streets, Truman Parkway, DeRenne Avenue, Hampstead Avenue and a second bridge. Consultants will be on hand to answer questions, discuss options, and consider additional recommendations from participants. The pedestrian and transit policy issues developed at the January meeting are equally important and will be the addressed at a later time.

According to Carpenter, "the right package of improvements identified through the *Connecting Savannah* process can result in better traffic movement without significant impact on neighborhoods and other features that make Savannah special."

NEXT MEETING: *Connecting Savannah Working Group Session*

Thursday, February 24, 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.

