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CONNECTING SAVANNAH

Citizens Review Potential Solutions and Recommend Priorities

Through a series of community work sessions, the Connecting Savannah process developed and is focusing on five priority issues:

- Lack of East-West Connectivity
- Bay Street Traffic Issues
- DeRenne Avenue Congestion
- Policies to Become More Pedestrian- and Bicycle-Friendly/Opportunities for People with Special Needs
- Opportunities for Improved Transit Corridors

At the February 24th working session, the Connecting Savannah process focused on three priority issues: Lack of East-West Connectivity, Bay Street Traffic Issues, and DeRenne Avenue Congestion. A work station was provided for each issue where members of the consultant team presented technical summaries, renderings and proposals for several major travel corridors. Citizens asked questions, offered comments and provided insights to the benefits and impacts of each proposal. At the end of the session, participants were asked to prioritize the potential transportation concepts. The results indicate four preferred concepts (in rank order):

- #1 DeRenne Avenue intersection improvements and signal timing
- #2 Bay Street intersection and signal improvements
- #3 Hampstead Avenue improvement
- #4 Overall traffic control improvements

An information packet describing the technical and financial impacts of each concept is provided on the study website at www.thempc.org. At the March 22nd working session, the team will present and prioritize improvements to the pedestrian, bicycle and transit issues.

NEXT MEETING: *Connecting Savannah Working Group Session*

Tuesday, March 22, 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.

*Study team will be available at 4:30 p.m. for participants who are blind/visually impaired.

