

Project Fact Sheet

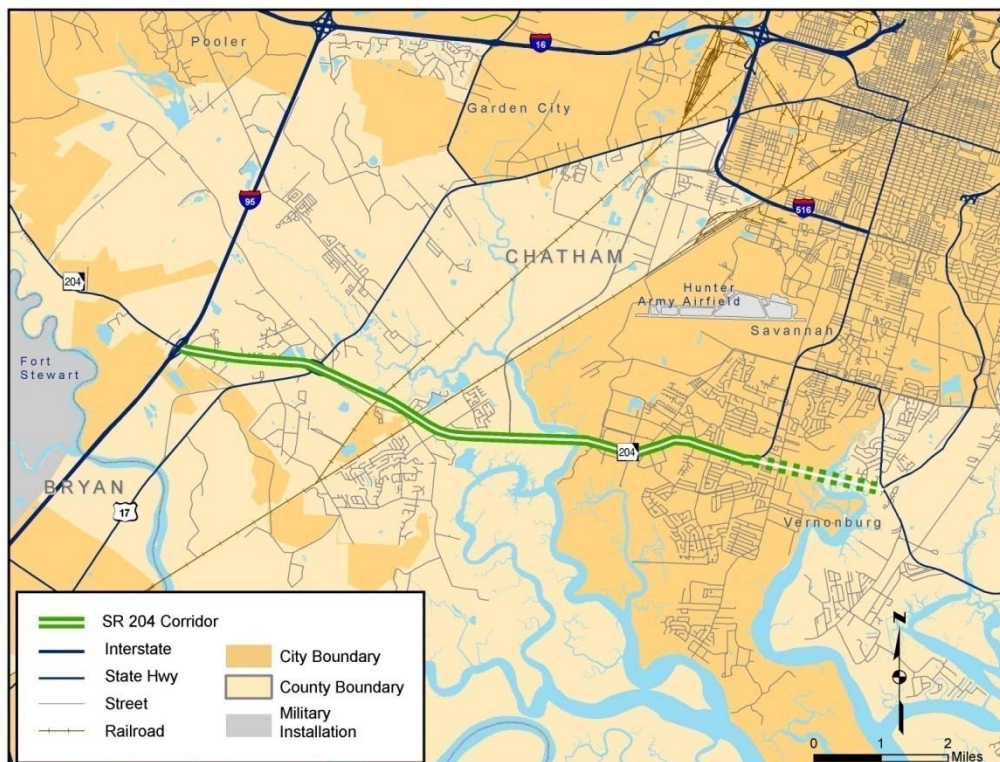


Study Overview

The SR 204 corridor is the key arterial connection across the southern part of Chatham County. The corridor links Truman Parkway and Veterans Parkway to US 17 and I-95. It is a primary commuter route and strategic route for access to the Hunter Army Airfield back gate. In addition, SR 204 serves a strategic purpose as a hurricane evacuation route. The SR 204 corridor accommodates through trips and provides access to regional activity centers such as the Savannah Mall, Armstrong Atlantic University and St. Joseph’s Hospital.

Increasing traffic congestion has deteriorated the ability of the SR 204 corridor to serve as an effective link between regional activity centers. Strong growth anticipated over the next twenty years creates the need to expand capacity along the corridor. Previous studies examined several alternatives improving mobility in the corridor. These alternatives range from widening SR 204 and adding grade separated intersections to construction of an elevated viaduct to accommodate through traffic.

The purpose of this study is to further refine alternatives to improve the carrying capacity along the SR 204 corridor and weigh the costs and benefits of each alternative against key considerations of environmental conditions, constructability, impacts to residents and businesses. This study will examine potential funding options with special focus on the commercial portion of the corridor between Wilshire Boulevard and Rio Road utilizing both a context sensitive and complete streets approach to the alternatives developed. This study will assess opportunities for redevelopment and assess impacts to land use and community resources.



Study Objectives

The study will look to improve capacity along the corridor, reduce congestion, and improve safety while maintaining the character and cohesion of the community. This study will:

- Develop a viable and constructible alternative that improves mobility along the corridor and meets the needs of the community.
- Obtain community input to develop and evaluate the alternatives to define a preferred alternative supported by the community.
- Identify a fiscally feasible funding plan for the construction and operation of the preferred alternative.
- Coordinate with and obtain support from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Project Schedule

The SR 204 Corridor study will take approximately 18 months and will include the following major tasks.

- Data Collection and Evaluation of Previous Studies
- Determination and Evaluation of Alternatives to Improve mobility along SR 204
- Identification and Evaluation of Potential Funding Options
- Environmental Screening and Land Use Analysis
- Definition and Selection of a Preferred SR 204 Alternative
- On-going and Proactive Public Participation Process

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