



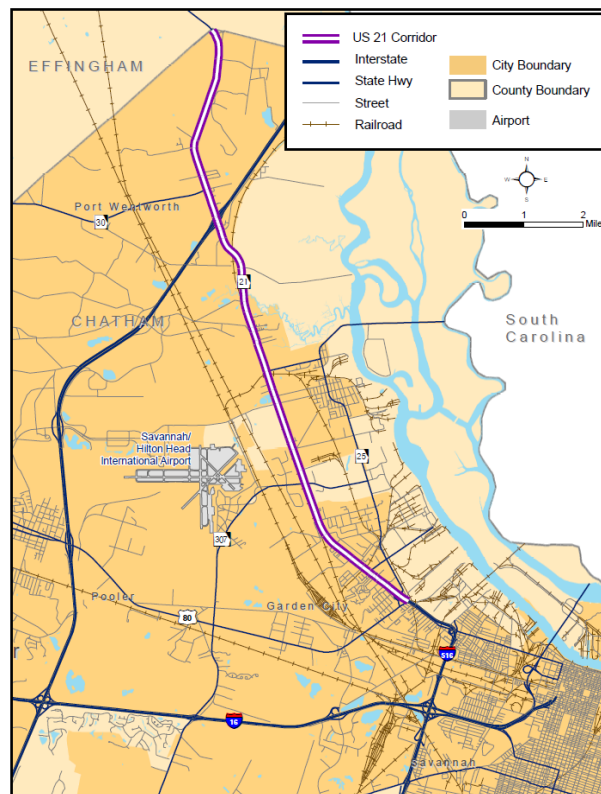
Project Fact Sheet

Study Overview

The SR 21 corridor is a key thoroughfare in Chatham County that serves commuter traffic between Effingham County and Savannah and provides a primary means of access to major industries and the Port of Savannah. SR 21 is vital to the local and regional economy and serves a strategic purpose as a hurricane evacuation route. The combination of high commuter traffic volumes and high truck volumes moving goods to and from the Port leads to significant congestion during peak periods as well as safety problems on the roadway.

As traffic volumes increase, congestion and safety issues are getting worse. A long-term solution to reduce congestion and improve safety is imperative to ensure continued growth and economic vitality, raise the quality of life, and serve all roadway users.

The Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) has secured funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to evaluate the corridor and determine the best ways to enhance mobility and livability. The study will result in comprehensive recommendations which address freight movement, congestion, safety, complete streets concepts, context sensitive design and funding options.



Study Objectives

The purpose of this study is to accommodate future travel demand, reduce delay, enhance mobility, and provide safer travel along SR 21 by:

- Improving operational levels of service during peak periods
- Separating trucks from passenger cars to the greatest extent possible
- Improving connectivity with major roadways, both existing and planned,
- Improving access to both Georgia Ports Authority terminals,

While:

- Minimizing environmental impacts
- Maintaining or improving access to existing businesses and industries,
- Minimizing impacts to the communities of Garden City and Port Wentworth,
- Accommodating future development/redevelopment by considering land use impacts.

Project Schedule

The SR 21 Corridor study will take approximately 16 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 21
- Identification and Evaluation of Potential Funding Options
- Environmental Screening and Land Use Analysis
- Definition and Selection of a Preferred SR 21 Alternative
- On-going and Proactive Public Participation Process

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