



Key Public Comments Received to Date

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Over 100 individual meetings plus two online public meetings since February, 2010 have provided much public comment. Below is a condensation of the most prevalent thoughts received to date. To view more detailed public comment reports, connect to <http://www.atlantaregional.com/transportation/plan-2040/what-weve-heard>

Policy:

- Provide incentives to implement public policy decisions.
- Put into place supports to grow the economy/jobs.
- We need to do better with what we have.
- Connect across jurisdictional, modal, geographic, economic, and system boundaries.
- Ensure that local plans are reflected regionally.
- Those with disabilities must have more access alternatives.
- *Lifelong Community* principles tie directly into housing and transit options.
- Emphasize less cost to build and maintain, reduced emissions, increased connectivity, greater efficiency in all aspects of development and impact on the environment.
- Transit-oriented development should include all kinds of uses except industrial .
- Focus the plan on results for people, places, and opportunity - together.

Development:

- How do we focus investments on already developed areas versus outlying areas of the region?
- Density in land development only works in certain areas.
- Include affordable housing and education assets in land use plan considerations.
- Where is the water and energy conversation?
- Decision-makers need to understand how sustainable development contributes to the region in order to advocate and implement.
- Concern over housing affordability in transit-oriented developments.
- The safety provided in cul-de-sac development is important for families with children.
- Keep industrial and freight uses along interstates and at margins of the region away from living and green spaces.
- Greenspace protection should be focused on all waterways, as well as in connections to activity centers, schools, public buildings, and sensitive areas.

Travel:

- Focus on moving people, not cars.
- Increase the plan's emphasis on walkability.
- Provide transit options in many forms, including support for a regional transit system.
- Safety is a primary concern from both a travel perspective and in our neighborhoods.
- Reduce traffic congestion.
- Include the *Complete Streets* policy in *PLAN 2040*.
- Recognize that infrastructure is not free – transportation is a major expense for a modern society.
- Efficiency of roadway travel is not always good for movement within town/city centers in terms of safety and mobility.
- Expand connections between major interstates and highways.
- Suburb-to-suburb connections are essential to servicing transit needs of the currently built areas.
- Enhanced rail capacity for freight and people movement should be emphasized – commuter rail to other Georgia locations is important.