



Georgia Department of Transportation Fact Sheet

Interstate System Plan for Georgia

Background

GDOT has developed a *statewide* Interstate System Plan (ISP) that identifies improvements through a comprehensive and strategic assessment based on the system's future needs. This 18-month study focused primarily on the Interstate System outside of the 13-county Atlanta metro area and concluded in April 2004.

The study's products include a comprehensive list of recommended projects to improve safety; maintain the system; ensure access and mobility; protect the environment, and address increasing traffic volumes to the year 2035. The study addressed many issues that can affect the Interstate's many and diverse users including commerce; manufacturing; economic development; goods movement; tourism; trucking; hurricane evacuation; and military preparedness. Potential funding sources and strategies for implementing the recommended improvements were identified.

What's Happening Now?

The study is complete and final recommendations were submitted to GDOT. In the final phase, future deficiencies were identified and compared to projects currently programmed in GDOT's Construction Work Program. Based on this comparison, additional improvements were identified to improve the safety, efficiency, and operation of Georgia's Interstate System. The study analysis indicated substantial environmental and economic benefits as a result of GDOT programmed and ISP recommended projects. These findings were reviewed by the State Transportation Board and presented to stakeholders and the general public at a series of statewide meetings in February and March 2004. An Executive Summary of the Plan is available on the study website.

GDOT Program and ISP Recommendations

Improvement	GDOT Program	ISP Recommendations
Interstate widenings	I-85 Atlanta Metro to South Carolina I-95 South Carolina to Florida I-75 south Georgia I-75 Macon I-75 Chattanooga I-85 near LaGrange	I-75 Chattanooga Metro to Atlanta Metro I-75 Atlanta Metro to Macon I-20 and I-520 Greater Augusta
Operational Improvements	I-16 and I-85	Savannah Macon Columbus
Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement	215 bridges	269 bridges
Pavement Costs	\$2.7 billion	\$171 million
Upgrade Deficient Interchanges	32 interchanges	18 interchanges
Improve Safety Road Locations	17 locations	5 locations

Study website:

www.dot.state.ga.us/dot/plan-prog/planning/studies/interstate_study/index.shtml

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