Transportation Project Delivery

Community Workshop

February 10th, 2026



Cherokee County 1831 GEORGIA

BELLS FERRY
LCI PLAN UPDATE

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Agenda

I. Transportation Delivery Process

II. Cherokee County Overview
- Planning Division Overview
- SPLOST/Roadway Department Overview

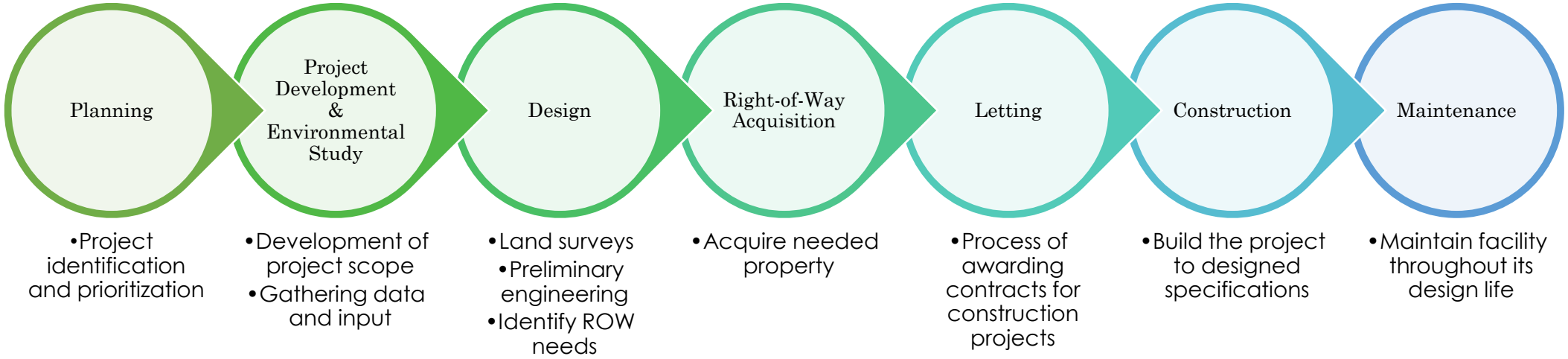
III. Transportation Funding Streams

IV. Bells Ferry Area LCI Plan
- LCI Program Background
- LCI Plan Overview
- Ongoing Projects in the Bells Ferry LCI Area

Transportation Project Delivery Process

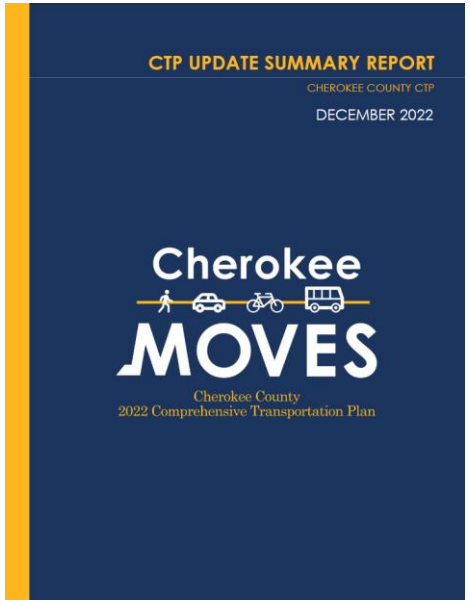
Primary Cherokee County Department

Planning and Zoning → Roadway/SPLOST → Public Works



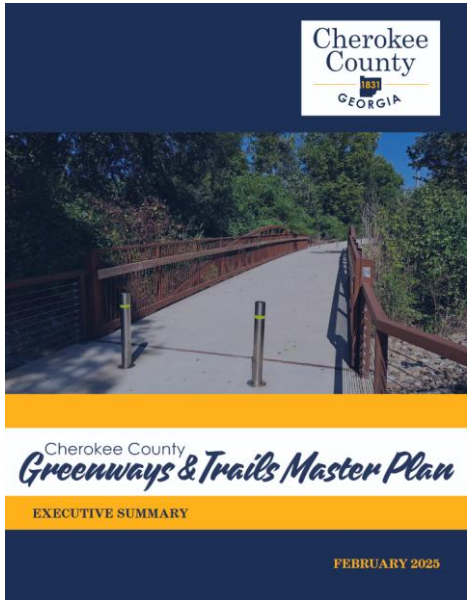
Cherokee County Planning Division

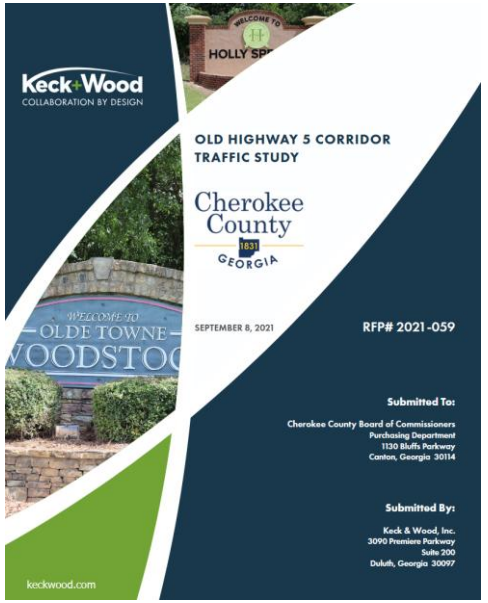
Responsible for comprehensive and small area plans, intergovernmental coordination, and more



Cherokee Moves CTP (2022)

Greenways and Trails Master Plan (2025)



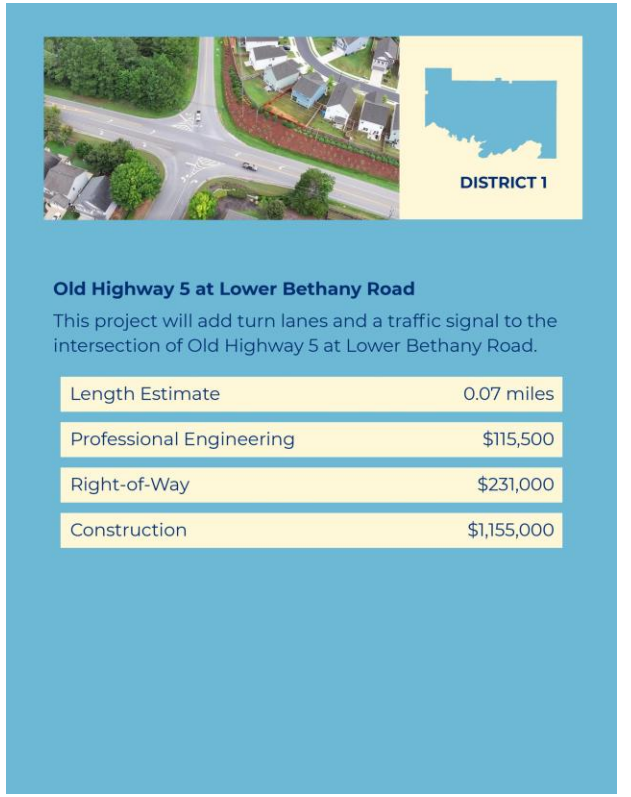


Old Highway 5 Corridor Traffic Study (2021)

Cherokee County SPLOST / Roadway Department

Responsible for managing **Roadway Capital Improvement Program** for Cherokee County's transportation system

Handles projects from the concept phase, through engineering design and construction

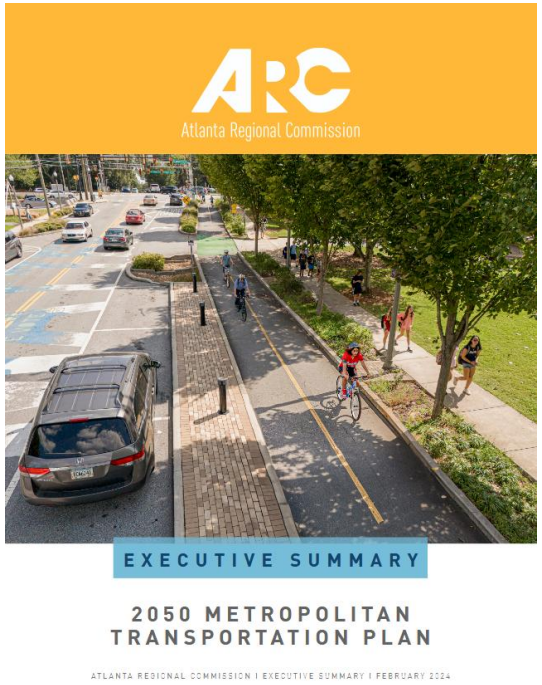


Ongoing T-SPLOST project

Scan the QR code below for more information about proposed and ongoing T-SPLOST projects

Transportation Funding Streams

Funding can come from federal, state, and local agencies and other sources. Federal funding flows through ARC.

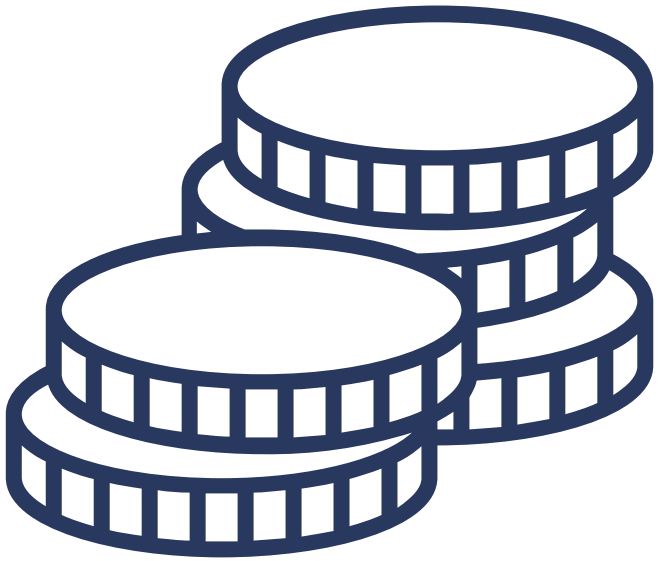


ARC's ***Transportation Improvement Program*** *(TIP) allocates federal funds for use in the construction of the highest-priority projects in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).*



Cherokee County funds local transportation projects primarily through a 1% ***Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax****, or T-SPLOST.*

Pop Quiz: Who pays for T-SPLOST?



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Answer: Anyone who makes purchases in Cherokee County, including visitors. It is estimated that one-third of sales tax is paid for by out-of-county residents.



Background: LCI Program

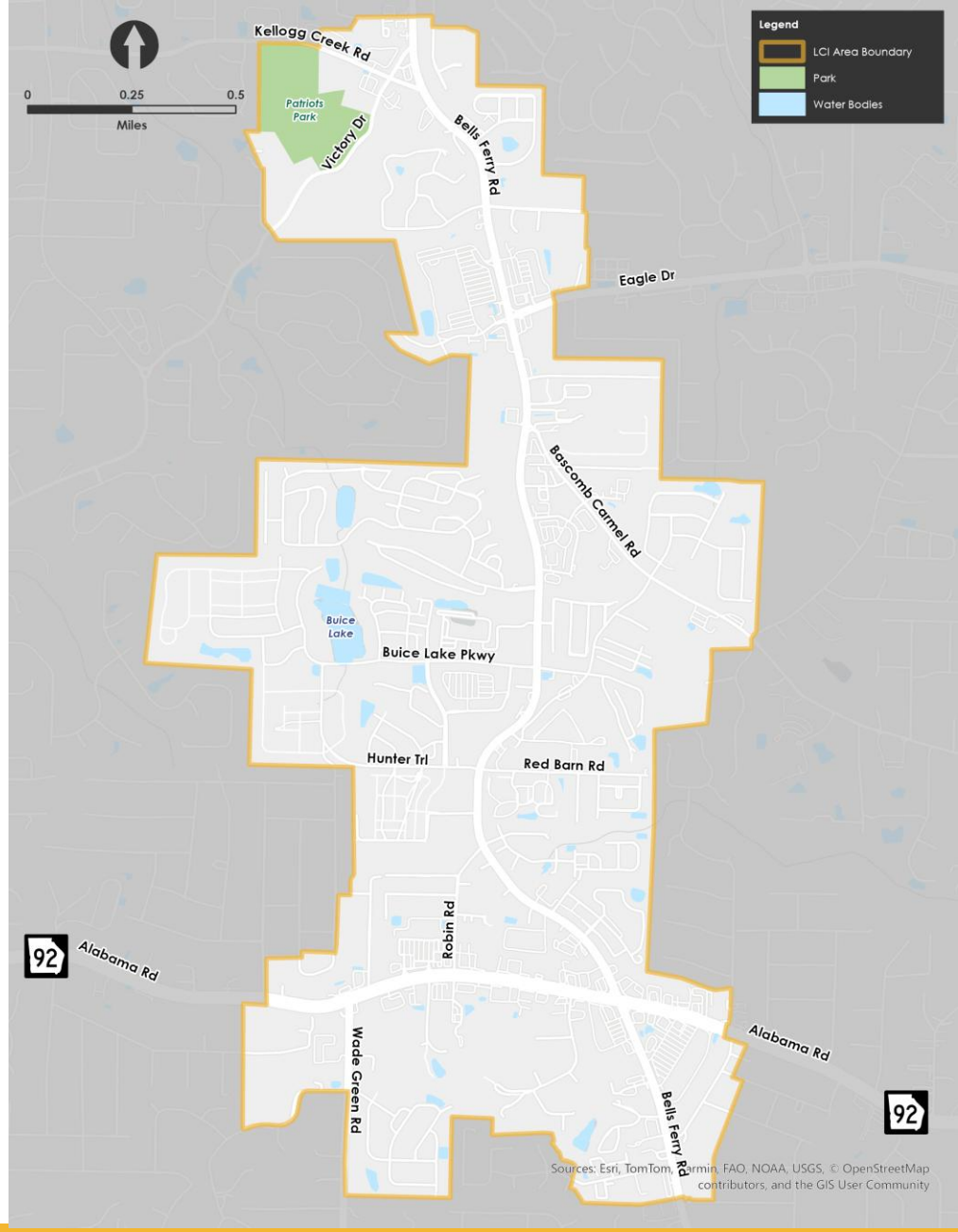
- Federally funded program of the **Atlanta Regional Commission**
- Originally created, in 1999, to **improve air quality**
- Provides funding to local jurisdictions to re-envision communities as **vibrant, walkable communities** that offer **increased mobility options**, encourage **healthy lifestyles**, and provide **improved access to jobs and services**



Bells Ferry Area LCI Plan

This plan is an update to the 2006 plan. It is locally funded, by Cherokee County.

The goal is to develop and prioritize project recommendations, policies, and strategies geared towards providing **diverse opportunities** to work, live, and play in the area; offering **alternative modes of transportation**; and creating an overall **thriving, vibrant community**.



Ongoing Projects - Bells Ferry LCI Area

Project Name	Description	Location	Primary Sponsor	Status	Estimated Cost
Bells Ferry Road Multi-Use Path	Construct a 10-ft wide multi-use path along the road	Bells Ferry Rd from Victory Dr to Robin Rd (2.1 mi)	Cherokee County	Programmed (T-SPLOST)	$14.2M
Robin Road Reconstruction	Reconstruct the length of Robin Rd (from Bells Ferry Rd to SR 92)	Bells Ferry Rd to Hwy 92	Cherokee County	Programmed (T-SPLOST)	TBD *($1.5M Local Contribution)*
Bells Ferry Road Widening	Widen a portion of Bells Ferry Rd to four lanes – will include sidewalks and multi-use path	Bells Ferry Rd from Southfork Way to north of Victoria Rd (2.3 mi)	Cherokee County	Under construction	$95.2M

Ongoing Projects - Bells Ferry LCI Area (2)

Project Name	Description	Location	Primary Sponsor	Status	Estimated Cost
SR 92 at Wade Green Road Conceptual Study	Concept study to identify improvements, then design and construction of capacity and operational improvements	Hwy 92 and Wade Green Rd	Cherokee County	Programmed (T-SPLOST)	$175k
Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation	Safety and operational improvements at key intersections along Hwy 92	Hwy 92 Corridor from Northpoint Pkwy to Wiley Bridge Rd at various intersections	Cherokee County	Programmed (T-SPLOST; Federal funding awarded for implementation)	$8.5M

Any questions or comments?



THANK YOU!

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