

revive285 top end Citizen Input Summary

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The Citizen Input Summary is designed to provide the project team with an overview of the issues, concerns, and suggestions provided by the public during individual phases of the project. It provides key information that needs to be taken into account before the project team makes key decisions. During the Needs Assessment phase of the project, tools were geared toward receiving input on the project need and purpose and existing conditions that would help identify the alternatives to be evaluated in the next phase of the project. Additional input was also received regarding project impact issues/concerns, overall conduct of public participation activities, and potential solutions.

The following summary is organized by the different types of input received and includes:

- Perceived area transportation problems
- Project need
- Key project impact issues/concerns
- Conduct of public participation activities
- Potential solutions

An overview of media related topics which highlights information is also included as an indicator of public perception regarding this project and the associated issues. Finally, a history of public participation tools used to date and upcoming activities that will complete the Needs Assessment phase is provided at the end of this summary.

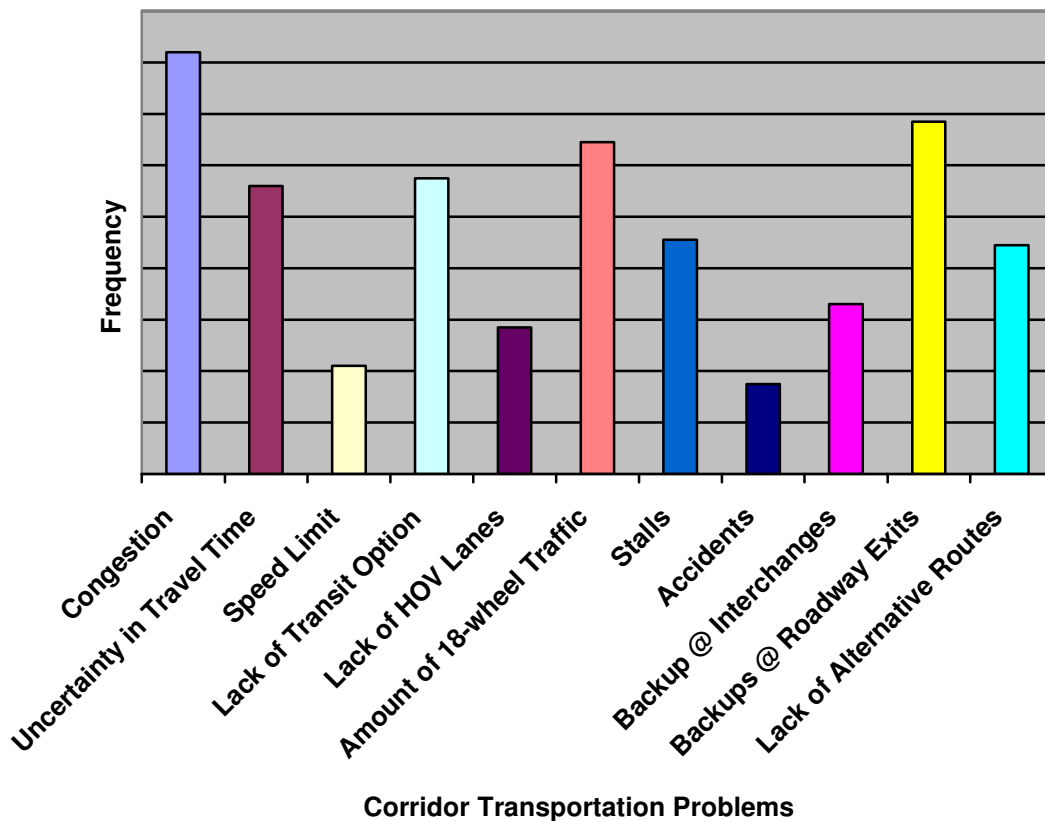
Additional details and specifics on any information presented below can be provided to project team members by the Public Involvement Team upon request.

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AREA TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS

The table below reflects public input to date on the transportation-related problems in the project corridor. This is not a prioritization of area transportation problems. This is a visual summary of actual input received from 181 surveys received from public information open house attendees, and 105 online surveys as well as 44 comments received via mail, email, and other various PI Activities conducted. (Total: 330 comments)



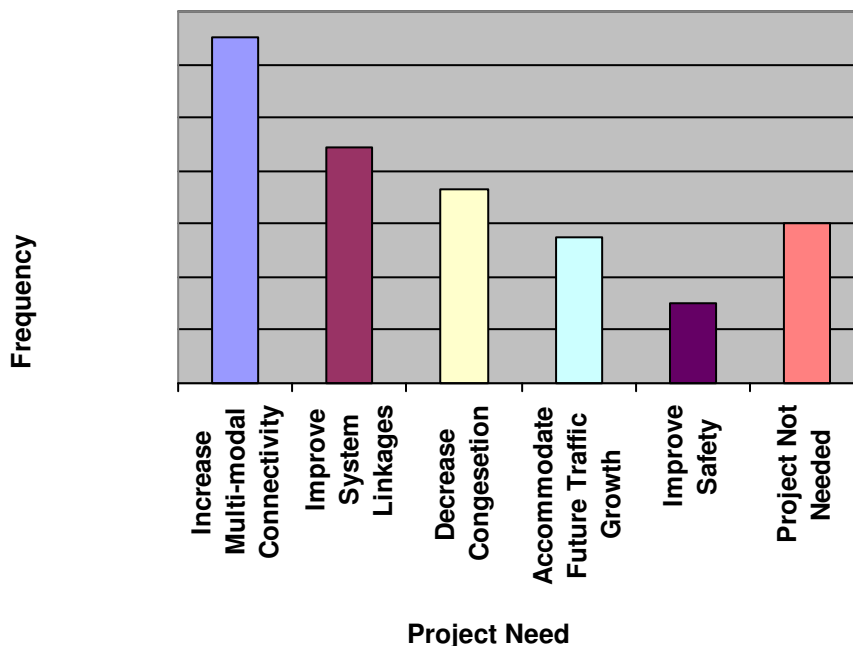
Traffic congestion was indicated as the biggest existing issue for travelers on I-285's top end, specifically backups at specific roadways (Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Riverside Drive, Johnson Ferry Road/Riverside Drive, and I-285 East to SR 400). Uncertainty in travel times, lack of transit options, and the amount of truck traffic along the corridor came were also identified as existing issues for travelers along I-285. Most travelers indicated they used I-285 to travel to and from work.

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PROJECT NEED

The table below reflects public input to date on the most important need(s) that this project should address. This is not a prioritization of project needs. This is a visual summary of actual input received from Round 1 of the Public Information Open Houses (PIOHs) held in December 2006. During the PIOHs, meeting participants reviewed a list of potential project needs and chose three they felt should be addressed by *revive285 top end*. The chart below indicates the number of times a need was chosen. As the chart shows, the most chosen project need is to increase multi-modal connectivity. However, more than 60 meeting participants indicated that there was no need for the project and did not choose any of the options represented in the chart below.



Project need/purpose input also came from the online surveys. Key results from this survey indicate the following;

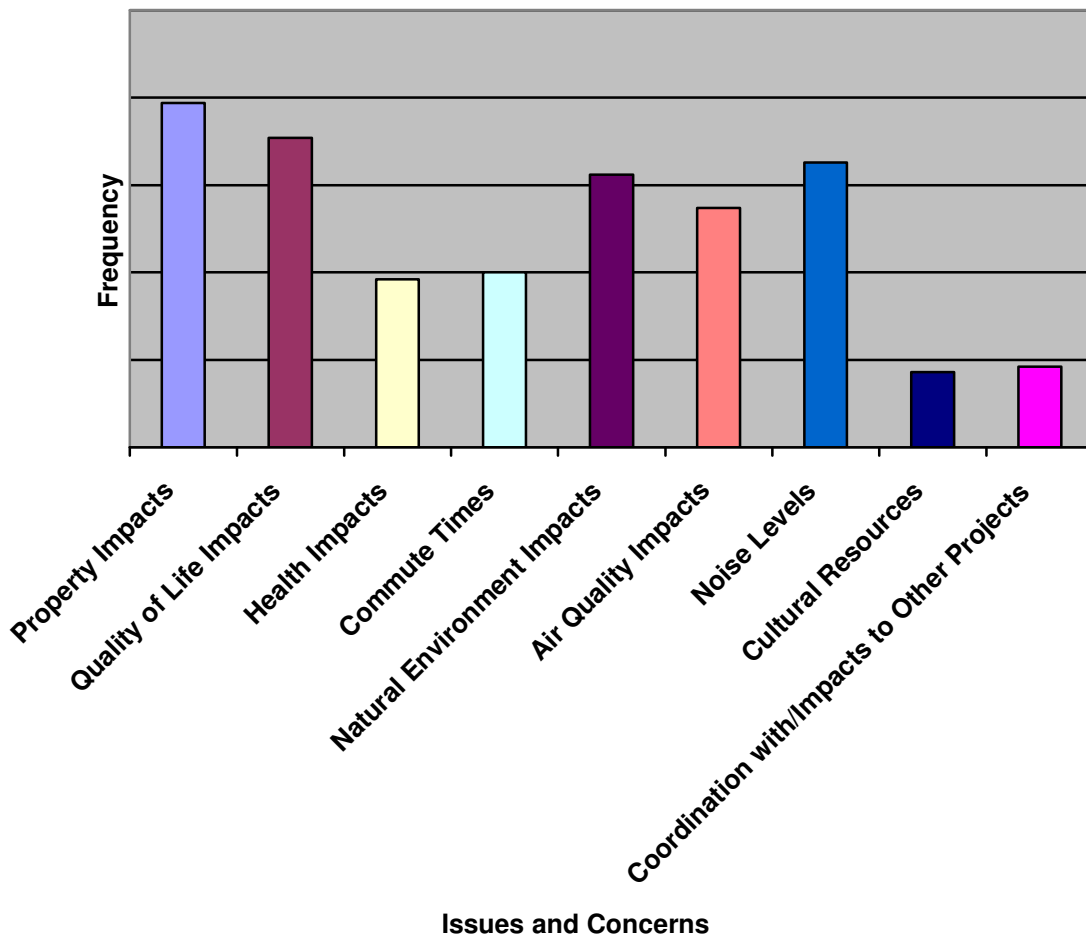
- Overall, the public agrees that travel conditions on I-285's top end are a serious problem that must be addressed.
- Participants indicated that, if no improvements are made to the project corridor, there would be an increase in uncertainty in travel times, degraded air quality, and negative effects on quality of life.
- The top three strategies chosen include separating truck traffic with regular traffic, improving interchanges, and providing a transit alternative.

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PROJECT IMPACT ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The table below reflects the issues and concerns expressed by the public to date regarding the **revive285 top end** project. This is not a prioritization of public issues and concerns. This is a visual summary of actual input received from 181 surveys received from public information open house attendees, and 105 online surveys as well as 44 comments received via mail, email, and other various PI activities conducted. (Total: 330 comments) As the chart demonstrates, key project impact concerns are property value, quality of life, natural/environmental, and noise levels.



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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES

The following list highlights key information the PI team needs to use to shape future activities.

- The input received indicates that the public does not understand the planning process and how the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) will address transportation problems on I-285's top end.
- The public expressed confusion regarding the results of previous studies/reports to identify potential improvements for this corridor.
- The public does not understand how Georgia DOT will generate and evaluate solutions for I-285's top end.

POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

The public provided the following key categories of potential solutions:

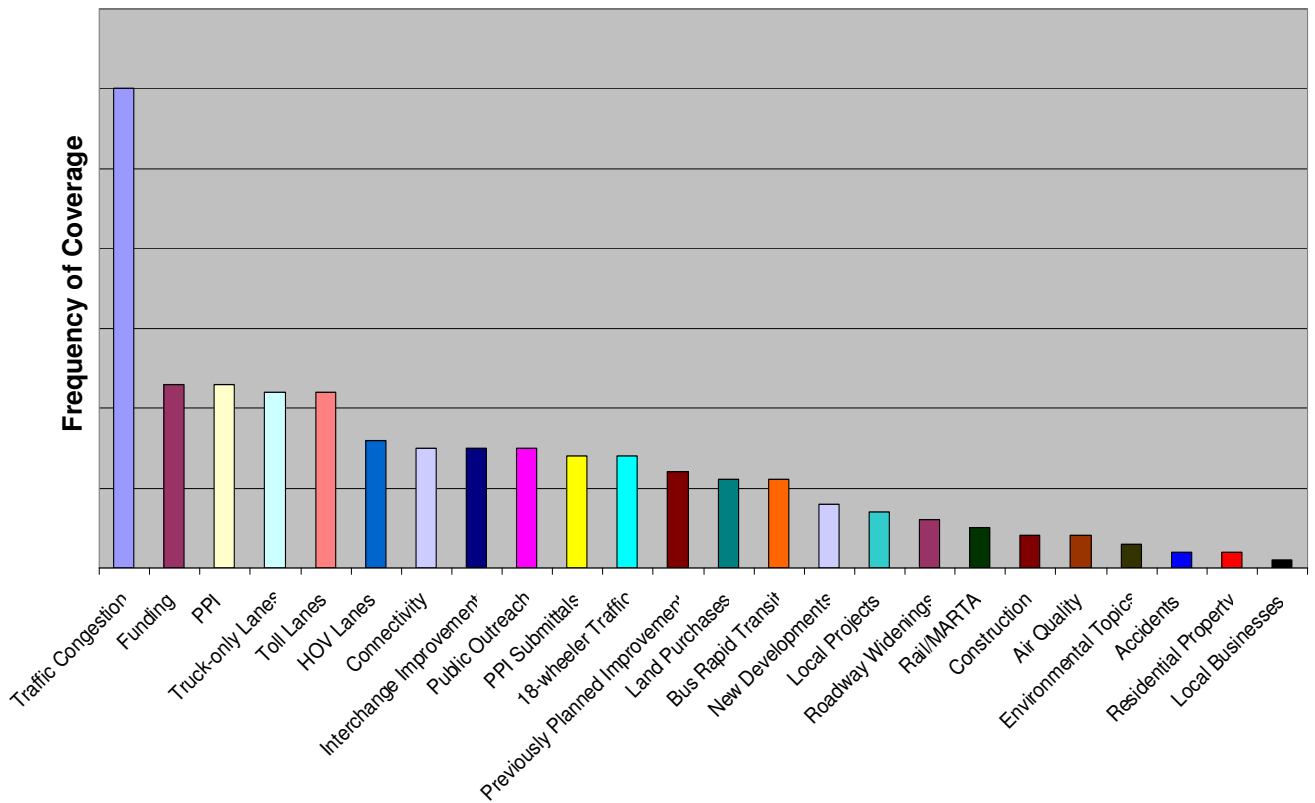
- Transportation System Management (TSM)
- Transit
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
- Highway capacity improvements
- Parallel facility improvements (new and existing roadways)
- Policy recommendations for funding, land use, and driving behavior

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IN THE NEWS

The media can reflect as well as generate issues and concerns for the community and the project as a whole. The chart below summarizes topics published in newspapers, newsletters, other websites, and message boards as well as topics aired on television and radio that speak directly about the **revive285 top end** project or other projects or discussions relevant to the project. As the graph demonstrates, the number one topic by far is traffic congestion. Funding transportation projects is also a top topic and can be associated with the next four highest categories shown below.



Media Coverage by Subject

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PI ACTIVITIES

The public input activities completed to date are listed below. These tools are supplemented with a variety of tools for information dissemination and raising awareness.

Public Involvement Activities			
Purpose	Activity	Audience	Date
Consult	Stakeholder Interview	Hines	4/12/2006
	Website Survey	General Public	5/2/2006
	Telephone Survey	General Public	6/26/2006
	Stakeholder Interview	Sam Olens-Cobb County	5/26/2006
	Public Meetings	General Public	
	Stakeholder Interview	Perimeter CID Staff	2/12/2007
Involve	Small Group Meeting	2-day Agency Work Session	4/26/2006
	TAC Meeting	TAC Committee Members	10/19/2006
	Small Working Group Meeting (Agency Scoping Meeting)	Federal, State, and Regional Agencies	12/4/2006
	TAC Meeting	TAC Committee Members	12/8/2006

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

There are additional activities that need to take place during the Needs Assessment phase based on the following final decision-making activities:

- Commenting on the project(s) need and purpose
- Identifying potential solutions (will be continued in the next phase)

These PI Activities will include:

- Stakeholder interviews
- Surveys (Travel Patterns, Alternatives)
- Public Information Open Houses

The results of these PI activities need to be reviewed and considered by project team before final project decisions are made.