

**GUILFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**  
**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TRACKING SYSTEM**

**Transportation Element**

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1.1.1	Present for adoption the "Collector Street Plan" for unincorporated Guilford County.	MPO/Planning staff	Fall 2006	<b>Complete</b>	Board of Commissioners adopted the Collector Street Plan 8/24/06. Text amendments related to collector streets adopted by the Board in November 2006.
1.1.2	Encourage the adoption of the "Collector Street Plan" by other affected municipalities in Guilford County. Develop Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Guilford County Public Schools to require consultation of potential school sites/expansion projects to identify possible impacts to the local transportation network prior to acquisition.	MPO/Planning staff	Fall 2006/Winter 2007	<b>Active</b>	Staff facilitated public hearings for adoption in the following jurisdictions: Sedalia Town Council adopted 10/3/05; Oak Ridge Town Council adopted 10/5/06; Stokesdale Town Council adopted 1/22/08. Staff initiated discussion in Pleasant Garden, adoption on hold pending land use plan development.
1.1.3		Planning staff/GCPS staff	Initiate Winter 2007 (See Future Land Use policy 1.2.3)	<b>Complete</b>	Resolution to advance collaborative school site planning approved by the Board of County Commissioners in February 2007. Transportation maps available through Guilford County Planning Department, Greensboro Urban Area MPO, and NCDOT. Staff provides input to MPOs on service area gaps during Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) development and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development.
1.2.1	Obtain and/or compile maps of existing and proposed transportation network components; identify geographical and service area gaps.	PART/MPO's/Planning staff	On-going	<b>On-going</b>	

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1.2.2	Provide staff assistance, as requested, to support local and regional transportation planning efforts.	Planning staff	On-going	<b>On-going</b>	Staff participates in Heart of the Triad planning effort.
1.3.1	Review and recommend changes to off-street parking requirements/standards in the Development Ordinance; provide credits/reductions for projects that incorporate pedestrian, bicycle, transit facilities, or which exhibit innovative design that advance adopted Plan goals, objectives and policies.	Planning staff	Fall 2006	<b>Complete</b>	Ordinance amendments adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on 10/18/2007.
1.3.2	Review and recommend changes to subdivision standards in the Development Ordinance that will enhance safety, "calm traffic", improve efficiency, and promote connectivity.	Planning/NC DOT staff	Summer 2007	<b>Deferred</b>	
1.3.3	Review and recommend changes to landscape/buffering standards in the Development Ordinance that will address noise impacts, reduce air pollution, and promote safe, aesthetically pleasing design.	Planning staff	Fall 2007	<b>Active</b>	Staff has developed a new list of recommended planting materials addressing drought tolerance, flammability risk, and allergen production. Staff to develop a brochure detailing recommendations for voluntary green developments.
1.3.4	Review and consider changes to the Development Ordinance related to Fire Apparatus Access Road standards contained in the 2000 International Fire Prevention Code Appendix D.	Planning/Fire Marshal staff	TBD	<b>Future</b>	
1.4.1	Investigate opportunities with NCDOT to establish or modify "context sensitive" roadway design standards, speed limits, signage, et cetera, for rural areas of Guilford County.	NC DOT/Cooperative Extension/Planning staff	Summer 2007 (See Housing policy 1.1.1)	<b>Deferred</b>	

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1.5.1	Assist in public awareness efforts to advise citizens of Guilford County of existing and future trail systems. Annually pursue funding sources to support the expansion and/or connectivity of trail systems throughout Guilford County.	CED staff	On-going	<b>On-going</b>	
1.5.2	Review contents of the "Early Action Compact" document, evaluate and seek continuation of successful strategies and initiatives to address air quality issues.	CED staff/MPO	Each grant cycle	<b>On-going</b>	
1.6.1	Investigate public/private opportunities to promote the use and availability of clean and alternative fuels throughout Guilford County.	PTCOG/PART/Planning staff	On-going	<b>On-going</b>	
1.6.2		CED staff	On-going	<b>On-going</b>	
2.1.1	Guilford County will seek and maintain active participation on all MPO's serving the County. Guilford County will actively participate in all regional transportation efforts (PART, Heart of the Triad, et cetera).	Planning staff	On-going	<b>On-going</b>	Staff actively participates in Greensboro Urban Area MPO, High Point MPO, and Burlington-Graham MPO.
2.1.2	Guilford County will request quarterly meetings between planning and Airport Authority staff to exchange information of mutual interest.	Planning staff	On-going	<b>On-going</b>	Staff contributes to Heart of the Triad planning effort.
2.1.3		Planning staff/Airport Authority staff	Beginning Winter 2006	<b>On-going</b>	Planning staff and Airport Authority staff continue to meet on a quarterly basis.
2.2.1	Guilford County will work with, and support, promotional efforts which advocate, and advance, the County's position as the Mid-Atlantic transportation/distribution hub.	Chamber of Commerce, Partnership Organizations	On-going	<b>On-going</b>	Staff participates in the Piedmont Triad Roundtable for Logistics and Distribution, hosted by the Piedmont Triad Partnership. The Roundtable discusses strategies for advancing the interests of this regional economic cluster, and promotes the concepts of the "Aerotropolis."

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2.2.2	Incorporation of “Mid-Atlantic transportation/distribution” language in County economic development outreach efforts/publications.	CED	On-going	<b>On-going</b>	
2.3.1	Investigate development standards in competitive locations.	Planning staff	Beginning Fall 2006	<b>Active</b>	Staff is investigating development standards at other distribution hubs (e.g., other FedEx locations) to ensure our regulations are comparable and not overly restrictive.
2.3.2	Propose changes to existing development regulations or standards related to transportation/distribution in the Development Ordinance to better position Guilford County to compete in a national and global economy.	Planning staff	Spring 2006	<b>Active</b>	Research and discussion underway.
2.4.1	Endorse funding proposals that will expand transit services to unincorporated areas of Guilford County.	PART/Planning staff	On-going	<b>On-going</b>	
2.4.2	Support budget requests and funding proposals that will enhance and expand transportation services for seniors, the disabled, and others seeking access to County programs and services (e.g., Public Health, Social Services, etc.).	Guilford County Transportation Dept.	On-going	<b>On-going</b>	
2.4.3	Assist PART in locating remote parking sites throughout Guilford County to advance expansion of transit services.	PART/Planning staff	As requested	<b>On-going</b>	Recent conditional rezoning have incorporated PART park and ride location and study.

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2.4.4	Support, when necessary, Development Ordinance amendments that will allow T.O.D. (transit oriented development) development activities and land uses to complement innovative transportation/transit advancements	Planning staff	Fall 2008	<b>Deferred</b>	
2.5.1	Educate elected officials, and the public at large, on the important role rail provides to Guilford County in terms of freight movements and passenger services.	MPO staff/Planning staff	TBD	<b>Future</b>	Staff has met with North Carolina Railroad officials and agreed on the importance of recognizing and incorporating railroad right-of-ways in future land use planning efforts.
2.5.1.1	Guilford County will participate in any railway study, including high speed rail, envisioned to traverse through the county.	Planning staff	When deemed appropriate	<b>On-going</b>	
2.5.2	Thoughtfully consider public/private ventures to enhance and expand rail service (including high-speed rail) serving Guilford County.	MPO/Planning staff	When opportunities arise	<b>Future</b>	

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