CITY OF JOHNSCREEK

SUBJECT: City of Johns Creek – Transportation Master Plan
Transportation Breakout Transportation Subcommittee Meeting

MEETING DATE: December 11, 2007

PREPARED BY: Amos Fernandes, Jacobs Carter Burgess

ATTENDEES:

Transportation Sub-Committee
- Jay Bockish
- Mitch Copman
- Robert Horn
- Edward "Skip" Rolquin
- Major Thompson

City of Johns Creek
- Kyethea Kirk
- Tom Udell

Jacobs Carter Burgess
- Richard Fangmann
- Amos Fernandes

LOCATION: City of Johns Creek

Meeting Minutes

The meeting began with self introductions and Richard Fangmann introducing Jacobs Carter Burgess. Previous meeting minutes were discussed by the Subcommittee Chair - Jay Bockish. Committee agreed to email Richard any comments on the previous minutes prior to approval.

After the introductions, Richard Fangmann talked about the purpose of the breakout session and provided binders (with materials and information compiled and analyzed by Jacobs Carter Burgess) to each of the participants. Richard Fangmann also provided a display of maps that presented existing traffic volumes, current origin-destination information, and current volume-to-capacity ratios on major arterials in Johns Creek.

Subsequently, transportation needs and issues were discussed. The discussion of opportunities followed. Finally, existing and potential pedestrian activity areas were identified in a hands-on exercise. The following details what was discussed under the 3 agenda items (i.e. Needs/Issues, Opportunities, and Pedestrian Activity Centers).

Topic #1: Transportation Needs & Issues

- A committee member doubts that any traffic diverted from Buice Road to State Bridge Road after the widening of State Bridge Road.
- Separate capacity needs and safety needs.
- There is a need for traffic calming.
- There is a need for signal progression and uniform vehicular speeds.
- There is a need to reduce speed humps.

- There is a need for less stops, less noise pollution.
- There is a need for intersection improvements at key locations and more adequate turn bay lengths.
- There is a need for pedestrian and roadway connectivity in general and to schools.
- There is a need to connect parallel roads, such as State Bridge Road with Old Alabama Road.
- There is a need to improve the Medlock Bridge Road corridor.
- There is a need to improve connectivity to MARTA and GRTA
- There is a need for east-west transit and a need to identify major destination areas/hubs in cities east and west of Johns Creek.
- There is a need to reduce kids riding cars to school.
- There is a need for a local hub to transport citizens to Hartsfield Jackson Airport.

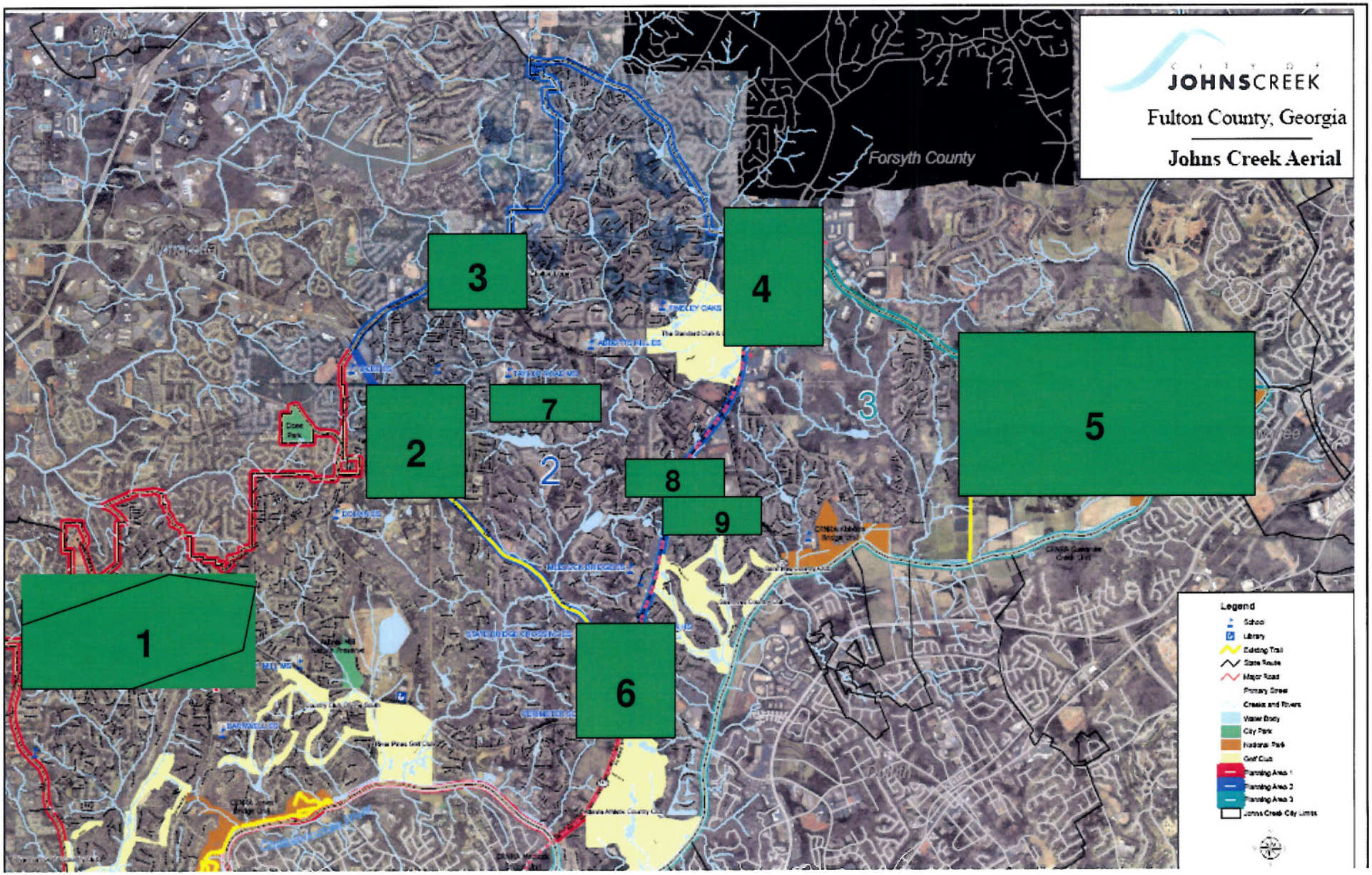
Topic #2: Opportunities

- Use undeveloped areas to increase pedestrian and bike connectivity. The use of easements should be considered.
- Develop a road grid system on top of the existing framework of Medlock Bridge, Jones Bridge, Bell/Boles, McGinnis Ferry, Abbotts Bridge, State Bridge, and Old Alabama.
- Would like to identify existing and potential villages and plan multimodal transportation around them.
- Medlock Bridge and State Bridge are potential candidates for widening to 6 lanes.
- Consider key improvements at critical intersections. Possibly tunnels, grade separation.
- Consider building pedestrian bridges over the river.
- Consider reopening various closed off local roads in order to increase connectivity.
- Consider speed humps carefully, as they limit connectivity.
- Add connectivity to serve local trips. Consider areas near Jones Bridge Road. The 2005 OD map indicates high proportion of local trips being made.

Topic #3: Potential Pedestrian Activity Centers

- See Figure 1. The shaded areas are potential pedestrian activity areas identified by the committee.
- Location 1 – The area near Newton Park
- Location 2 – The area near Jones Bridge and State Bridge
- Location 3 – The area near Jones Bridge and Abbotts Bridge
- Location 4 – The area near Medlock Bridge and McGinnis Ferry
- Location 5 – The area near Shakerag and River Trail
- Location 6 – The area near State Bridge, Old Alabama, Medlock Bridge Road.
- Location 7 – The area near Jones Bridge Road and Parsons Road
- Location 8 – The area near Medlock Bridge Road at Parsons Road
- Location 9 – The area near Medlock Bridge Road at Wilson Road

Figure 1: Potential Pedestrian Activity Centers Identified by the Committee



Miscellaneous

- It was noted that the word "summarized" should not be used in the header of the meeting minutes.
- Arcadis did the ITS Master Plan for North Fulton County.
- Johns Creek PR needs a hard copy of the binder and a pdf of the attachments sent to the committee with the updated agenda.
- Committee Member does not want to turn any money away because of project prioritization (i.e. local improvements over regional prioritization).
- A North Fulton Comp Plan will begin in 2008 that will address regional issues.
- JCB indicated that Year 2006 GDOT volumes were recently obtained. JCB also indicated that traffic count info from previous studies will be obtained, and that they are collecting ADT's at 25 locations.
- McGinnis Ferry Road is not four lanes near Douglas Road. The map needs to be corrected.
- The accuracy of the V/C map was questioned. There was a consensus that the ARC model is intended for regional purposes, and not for local intersections.
- A committee member questioned the accuracy of the 2005 O-D map at location #1 on McGinnis Ferry. There was a consensus that its accuracy is good enough.
- The committee doesn't want to stop good transportation projects because of environmental issues.
- The question was raised if widening beyond four lanes desired?

These meeting minutes reflect the understanding of Amos Fernandes, attendee at the above referenced meeting. Please indicate any changes and return these meeting minutes via email to amos.fernandes@jacobs.com. As always, please call or email me if you have any questions or comments regarding the meeting minutes.