

Transportation Projects

Projects Currently Underway

1. Old Covington Highway Road Widening, Extension Under SR138, and Closure of Dogwood Dr. Connection

Old Covington Highway will be widened from 2 lanes to 4, with a center turning lane near Green Street. The roadway will incorporate a 16-foot shoulder, 5-foot grass strip and 5-foot sidewalk. A new segment of the roadway will be constructed with a grade separated underpass under SR 138. It will link up with Old Covington Highway on the eastside of SR 138. Direct access from Dogwood Drive will be closed. This project was previously identified in another planning effort and is in the implementation phase. This project was on-hold in 2008 due to GDOT budget cuts, but is now proceeding and is in the right-of-way acquisition process.

2. PATH Multi-Use Trail

The PATH trail is the result of a previous planning effort and is included because of its impact on the study area. The trail is currently in the engineering phase and is proceeding smoothly. It will provide a major pedestrian and bicycle amenity to the public when it is complete. The city has allocated \$500,000 for engineering and construction of the trail.

Short-Term Priority Projects (2010-2015)

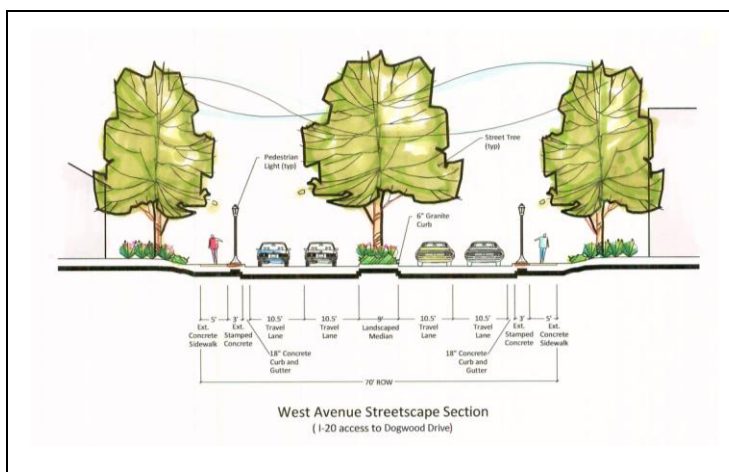
3. Complete Sidewalk Network

The sidewalk network within the study area is incomplete. To connect existing sidewalks and link them to major destinations the new sidewalk segments shown on the Transportation Concept Map have been recommended.

4. West Avenue Streetscape and Intersection Improvements

Improved streetscapes with a 9-foot raised planted center median with turning lanes at intersections have been proposed for West Avenue.

Incorporating a planted median will improve aesthetics, pedestrian safety, and traffic flow. In addition a new traffic signal with pedestrian signalization, crosswalks, and a pedestrian refuge island has been recommended for the Taylor Street intersection.



Long-Range Projects (2015-2017)

5. and 6. Hardin/O'Kelly Streets and Green Street and Complete Streets

Complete Streets are roads that can be used safely by all modes of travel (pedestrian, bicycle, vehicles, and transit). Complete Streets in the study area will include adding dual sidewalks and bicycle lanes. Costs will vary based upon engineering concerns, such as incorporating existing sidewalks and the movement of existing utility lines.

7. Green Street and Old Covington Highway Traffic Circle with Gateway Feature

This intersection is currently at a sharp angle with line-of-sight safety problems. A traffic circle could correct this and serve as a gateway into the Olde Town Conyers area. Costs will vary depending on design, circle size, and materials.

Conyers Activity Center Investment Policy Study

Projects Identified in 2001 Conyers LCI that would benefit the Study Area

8. West Avenue, Green Street, and Railroad Street Intersection Improvements

This intersection was studied for improvements in the 2003 Rockdale County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update. Recommended improvements include installing signage for railroad/roadway operation, improve signal operations, implement special controller functions to alleviate congestion following the train and investigate if signal control is warranted at Railroad Street. Total costs for signing and signal modifications are estimated to be \$903,000.

9. Scott Street, Green Street, and Main Street Intersection Improvements

This intersection was also studied for improvements in the 2003 Rockdale County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update. Recommended improvements include installing signage for railroad/roadway operation, roadway markings and investigating signalization. Total costs for signal installation/signing/markings and turn lanes are estimated to be \$645,000.

10. Travis Street Improved Railroad Crossing

The pavement at this railroad crossing is currently in poor condition. The crossing should be repaved making the rail lines flush with the level of the sidewalk pavement. This would make it easy to traverse by bicycle, wheelchair, motorized scooter, or stroller.

Other Transportation Projects

11. New Roadways within Redevelopment Sites

Contingent on redevelopment projects new roadways will be added within the study area. The locations may vary based upon development plans, topography, and site conditions. They should include on-street parking, street trees, landscaped strips and sidewalks.

12, 13, and 14. New Roadway Connections

The southeastern portion of the study area is the one location that suffers from particularly poor connectivity. To remedy this the following roadway connections have been recommended - Scott Street to Highland Street; Highland Circle to Vaughn Street; and Fairground Street to Old Covington Highway. If a commuter rail station is located at Vaughn Street these connections will be particularly desirable.

15. Commuter Rail Station

Commuter Rail has been proposed along the rail corridor from Madison to Atlanta with a stop in Conyers. This commuter line is not a state priority with funding at the moment, but should be considered a long range project. The city's maintenance yard has been identified as a prime site for a commuter rail station.

16. Vaughn Street to Main Street Pedestrian Bridge

The railroad serves as a major barrier for travel in and out of the study area. Increased bike/ped connections over the rail line are desired by community members in the vicinity of Pine and Vaughn Street. A potential site for a commuter rail station has been suggested for the city's maintenance facility on Vaughn Street. If a commuter rail stop were situated here this would be an ideal location for a pedestrian bridge connection over the rail to Main Street. This commuter rail line does not have state priority but is considered a viable long range project, as such the pedestrian bridge should also be considered as a long range project contingent on station placement in the area.