



Chatham County Department of Engineering
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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the State Route (SR) 204 corridor study, PI 0019010. This corridor study is evaluating the existing and future capacity, operations, and safety conditions of the SR 204 corridor from US Highway (US) 17/Ogeechee Road to King George Boulevard. A focus will be on improvements at the Ford Avenue and Pine Grove Drive intersections. The study will be utilized to identify and prioritize short and long-term improvements for the corridor to operate at an acceptable level-of-service, and to reduce crash frequency and severity. We are here to collect feedback from the public as well as to share the existing condition data that we have gathered and potential solutions to consider.

In this handout, you will find a map of the study corridor, some pertinent information from the study, and a comment card for you to provide additional feedback to the project team. Your comments are important to us. You may provide your comments today by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box. If you wish to provide your comments verbally, a court reporter is located onsite who will transcribe your comments and provide those to the project team.

This handout with comment card and the project displays at the meeting can be found online at <https://engineering.chathamcountyga.gov/Projects/ProjectDetail/32b6cd0d-1fef-4ca9-99e8-444f741b2f09>.

If you prefer to leave comments after the meeting, you can also provide comments by **Wednesday, November 27, 2024** using any of the following methods:

- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Nathaniel Panther, P.E., Chatham County Department of Engineering, 124 Bull Street, Room 430, Savannah, GA 31401
- Email your comments to npanther@chathamcounty.org

Hard copies of the displays will be available after this meeting at the Chatham County Department of Engineering, located at 124 Bull Street, Room 430, Savannah, GA 31401. All comments will become part of the study's official record and will be responded to by January 8, 2025.

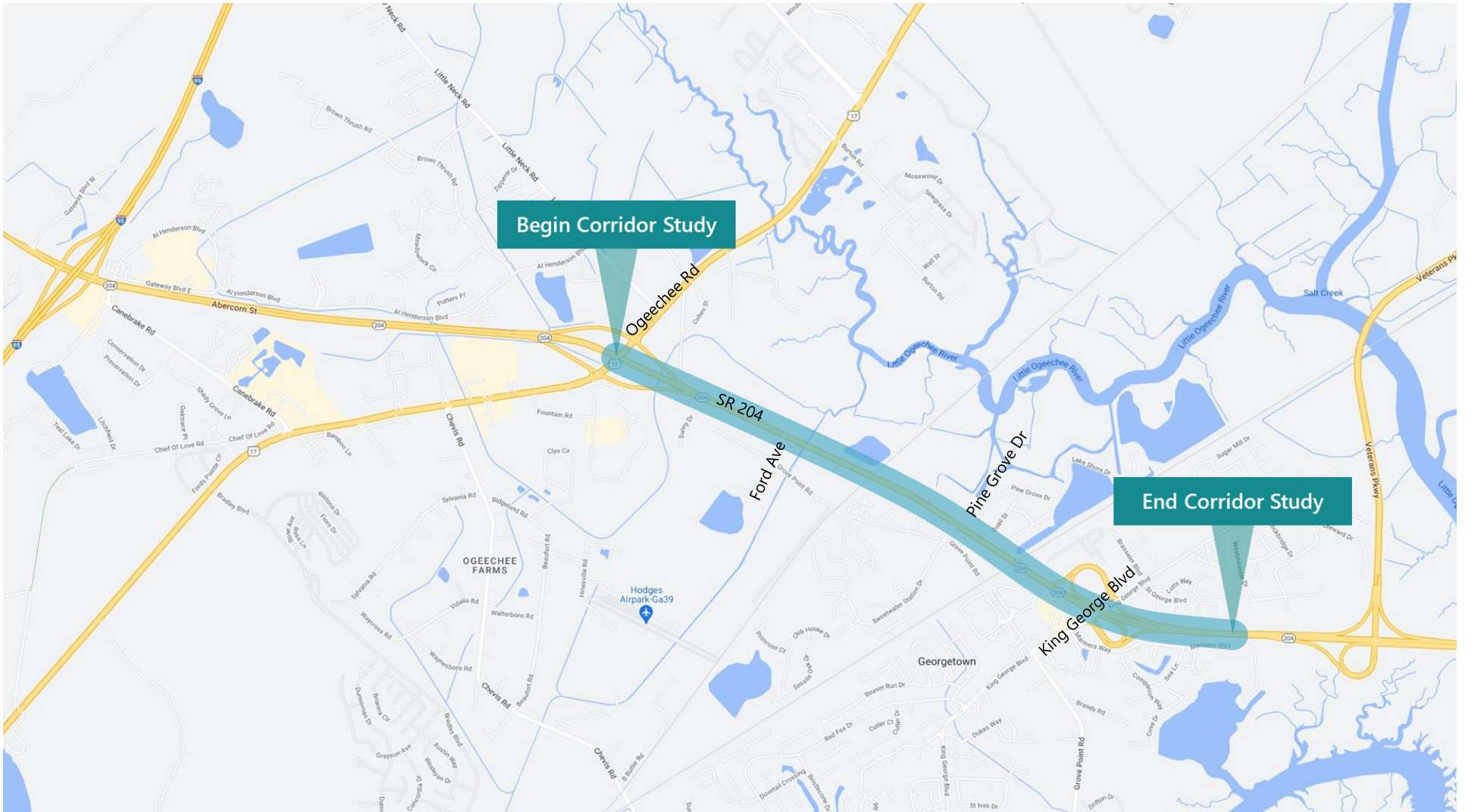
Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Nathaniel Panther, P.E., at npanther@chathamcounty.org or at (912) 652-7813.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nathaniel Panther'.

Nathaniel Panther, P.E.
Project Manager
Chatham County Department of Engineering

Study Corridor Location Map



Why are we here and what is the issue we are seeking to address within your community?

The State Route (SR) 204 corridor study is evaluating the operation and safety of SR 204/ Abercorn Street between US Highway (US) 17/Ogeechee Road and King George Boulevard. The study is also evaluating alternative improvement options along the corridor with a focus on Ford Avenue and Pine Grove Drive. The study includes public involvement with stakeholder and public meetings. Since the completion of the King George Interchange, the traffic signal at Pine Grove Drive remains a bottleneck with long delays approaching the signal. Due to the traffic congestion, crash frequency, and crash severity along SR 204, Chatham County and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) are considering closing the median crossing and eliminating the traffic signal. This would reduce travel delays and crashes along SR 204 but would also modify access routes for residents and businesses in the communities along Ford Avenue, Pine Grove Drive, Sweetwater Station, Grove Point Road and Don Zipperer Road. The goal of the study is to find short- and long-term solutions for the study corridor to reduce traffic congestion, minimize crash frequency and severity, and to maintain reasonable access.

Existing Study Corridor Conditions:

The current conditions along SR 204 include:

- Long delays and queue lengths approaching the Pine Grove signal and US 17
- Safety concerns due to crash frequency and severity
- Long delays turning out of Pine Grove Drive and Ford Avenue
- Congestion on US 17 that affects the westbound exit ramp from SR 204
- Congestion on the eastbound SR 204 entrance ramp from US 17

Types of Improvements Being Looked At:

A variety of improvements are being examined for their effectiveness, either individually or combined, in order to create potential short-term and long-term alternatives to improve the study corridor. The multiple preliminary short- and long-term solutions being considered are shown on the boards set up around the room and on the study's website. The types of improvements being looked at include:

- Widening SR 204
- Improving Ramp Entrances and Exits
- Closing Medians
- Adding Acceleration/Deceleration Lanes
- Adding U-Turn Lane
- Adding an Interchange

How Can You Assist: Please provide feedback about our proposed alternative solutions as well as information about any resources important to you or to the community.

What are the Next Steps? After the public meeting is held, feedback will be assessed, the initial alternatives will be refined and narrowed down to a selection of preferred alternatives based on feedback from the public and stakeholders. Additional stakeholder and public involvement will occur to solicit additional feedback on the selected study alternatives and the corridor study will be finalized. Chatham County and GDOT will take the final study and begin the process to define and fund specific projects in cooperation with the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO).

Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you feel improvements along SR 204 between US 17/Ogeechee Road and King George Boulevard are warranted?
(check your response)

For **Against** **Conditional (I would support corridor improvements if... describe below)** **Uncommitted**

Comments: _____

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Social Media Post card Other _____

Attendance: Did you visit the online information for the project? Yes No

Questions:	Answer	If answer is no please provide a suggestion/comment
Was the website convenient?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Was the time convenient?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Were your questions answered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you understand the project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Were materials (in person or virtual) understandable?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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