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Chatham County Department of Engineering

August 19, 2025

Thank you for attending the second Public Information Open House for the State Route (SR) 204 corridor study, PI 0019010. This corridor study has evaluated 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 with a focus on Ford Avenue and Pine Grove Drive. The study has identified and prioritized 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 short and long-term recommendations.

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 <a href="https://engineering.chathamcountyga.gov/Projects/ProjectDetail/32b6cd0d-1fef-4ca9-99e8-444f741b2f09">https://engineering.chathamcountyga.gov/Projects/ProjectDetail/32b6cd0d-1fef-4ca9-99e8-444f741b2f09</a>.

If you prefer to leave comments after the meeting, you can also provide comments by **Friday**, **September 19, 2025** 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 <u>npanther@chathamcounty.org</u>

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 November 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 <a href="mailto:npanther@chathamcounty.org">npanther@chathamcounty.org</a> or at (912) 652-7813.

Sincerely,

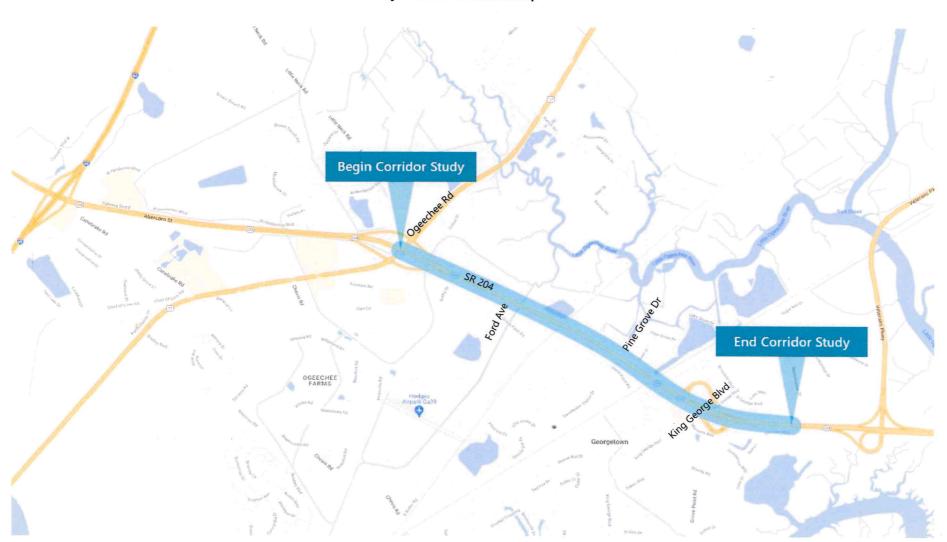
Nathaniel Panther, P.E.

Project Manager

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# **Study Corridor Location Map**



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

The State Route (SR) 204 corridor study has evaluated the operation and safety of SR 204/Abercorn Street between US Highway (US) 17/Ogeechee Road and King George Boulevard. The study has also evaluated alternative improvement options along the corridor with a focus on Ford Avenue and Pine Grove Drive. The study has included 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. The first Public Information Open House shared the improvement types that were being studied for public comment. As a result of the study, the recommended alternatives are being presented to the public for your review and comments.

### **Existing Study Corridor Conditions:**

The current conditions along SR 204 include:

- Long delays and gueue 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

### **Recommended Alternatives:**

The initial potential short-term and long-term improvements to the study corridor have been narrowed down to recommended alternatives. The short- and long-term recommendations are shown on the boards set up around the room, on the study's website and include:

- Short Term
  - Alternative D: Close median at Ford Ave and Pine Grove Dr; improve SR 204 WB off ramp to US 17; add U-turn underneath existing SR 204 bridge at US 17; add acceleration/deceleration lanes along SR 204 at Ford Ave and Pine Grove Dr
- Long Term
  - Alternative K: Widen SR 204 from 4 to 6 lanes between US 17 and King George Blvd;
     close median and add acceleration/ deceleration lanes along SR 204 at Ford Ave and
     Pine Grove Dr; add U-turn underneath existing SR 204 bridge at US 17
  - Alternative L: Widen SR 204 from 4 to 6 lanes between US 17 and King George Blvd;
     grade separate Pine Grove Dr with ramps and roundabout terminals

**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, 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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□Word of mouth □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?	□Yes □No	
Was the time convenient?	□Yes □No	
Were your questions answered?	□Yes □No	
Do you understand the project?	□Yes □No	
Were materials (in person or virtual) understandable?	□Yes □No	

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