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FROM: Jerry A. Coursey
Transportation Planning Coordinator

SUBJECT: Review of "Atlanta Area Transportation Study Recommended Regional Highway Plan"

Enclosed is a copy of the "Atlanta Area Transportation Study Recommended Regional Highway Plan," drafted by the State Highway Department, showing:

1. Existing freeways.
2. Freeways proposed for construction by 1983.
3. Freeways proposed for right-of-way acquisition by 1983.
4. Arterial streets (existing and/or proposed for improvement or construction by 1983).
5. Collector streets (existing and/or proposed for improvement or construction by 1983).

As you recall, the AATS consultant primarily focused his attention on the evaluation of freeway and express transit alternatives in developing his recommended plan. In the Summary of Highlights-Recommended Transportation Program, the consultant says "The arterial and collector street system included in the highway recommendations is fundamentally that developed by the AATS staff following analysis of earlier forecasts of highway travel and review with area planning and traffic engineering staffs. This system represents a general plan indicating the approximate locations and scope of the arterial-collector system. It will require further study and refinement as the final freeway and transit routes are determined and as future development occurs. The traffic operations study procedures advocated by the U. S. Department of Transportation (TOPICS) will be useful in this work. A development and improvement program of major proportions is required and it will require a major financial undertaking."

You are asked to review the enclosed map with two separate and distinct objectives:

FIRST: The arterial and collector system is intended to be essentially the same as that contained in Test Network 803 which was developed jointly by the AATS staff and the TCC members during 1967. Each county's TCC member or alternate has a color-coded copy of Network 803 showing the arterial and collector system.

You are requested to carefully compare the enclosed map with this earlier version (803) to identify copying errors. The first objective is to produce a correct copy of the recommended plan. Please notify me of any errors prior to August 15 so that I can assemble the comments and transmit them to the State Highway Department for correction of the original.

SECOND: You are asked to again review the map (as corrected) to identify any surface streets which might warrant revision either in functional classification (higher or lower) or number of lanes (more or less). As you know as part of a new consultant contract, it is intended that the final recommended plan soon receive traffic forecasts for design purposes. The AATS staff would again like the benefit of your advice in its review of the arterial and collector system prior to use by the consultant in this final phase of the current AATS work program. The AATS staff intends that the recommended plan should reflect the local governments' plans to the maximum extent possible, consistent with overall AATS regional system planning criteria. The

second objective of this review is to provide the AATS staff and consultant with current local technical staff suggestions about possible arterial and collector revisions in the recommended AATS plan. Please notify me by mail before September 9 of any suggested changes, including appropriate supporting technical materials, so that I can consolidate your technical comments for review by the AATS staff and consultant. These comments should be separate and distinct from the previously discussed "corrections."

TCC members representing municipalities are reminded that they should consult appropriate technical staff persons in each city within their county in carrying out these reviews. Each TCC member is expected to consult all appropriate staff persons within his agency.

As you know, the Policy Committee recently authorized a TOPICS study for metropolitan Atlanta (Traffic Operations Program for Increasing Capacity and Safety). The TCC's TOPICS Subcommittee is actively engaged in developing a proposed planning program. State Highway Department TOPICS guidelines indicate that the approved AATS highway plan will form the basis for the TOPICS study system. This State Highway Department policy adds urgency to the need to reach final technical and policy level agreement on the recommended transportation plan.

Enclosure

cc: Policy Committee Members
TCC Alternate Members