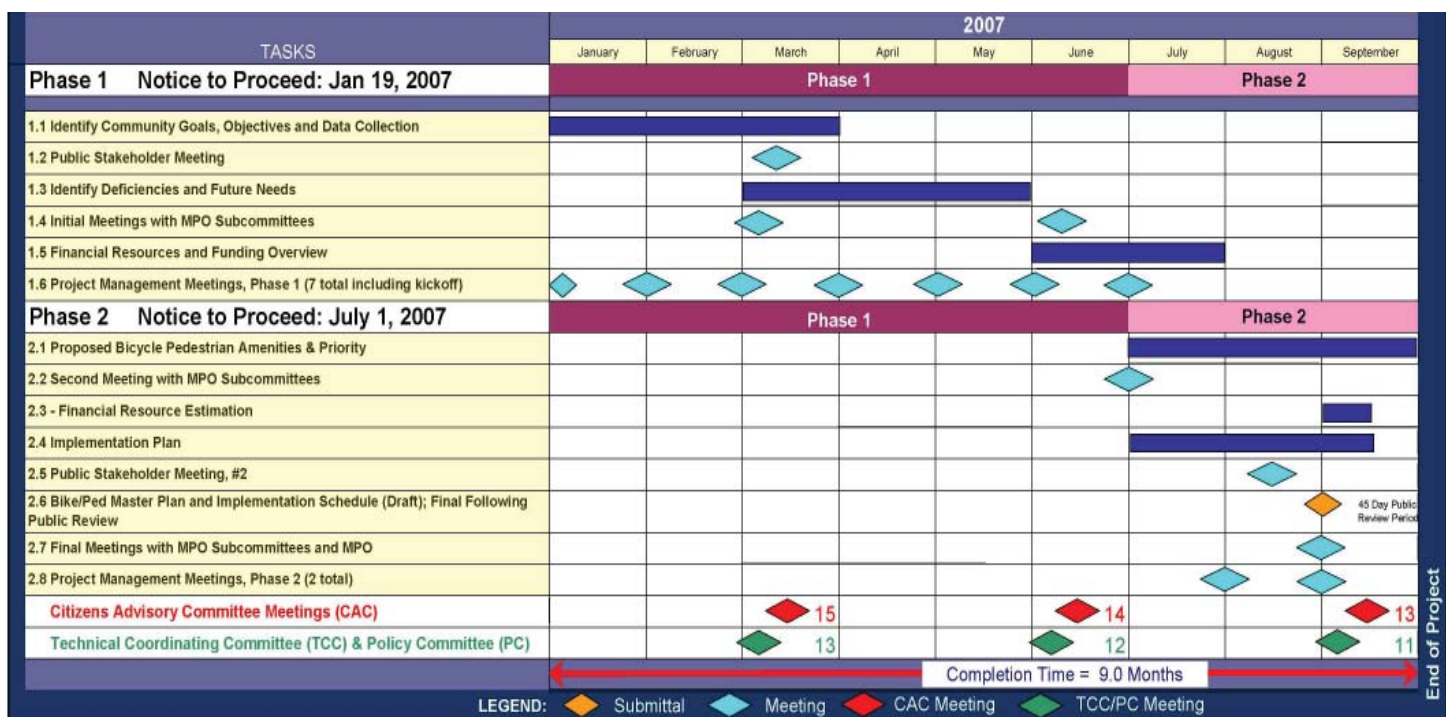


Valdosta - Lowndes Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Genesis Group was hired by the South Georgia Regional Development Council (SGRDC) on January 19, 2007 to develop Lowndes County's first Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The project has a nine (9) month schedule to complete all work tasks, followed by adoption of the Final Bicycle and

Pedestrian Master Plan by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The first of two (2) public workshops will be held on March 15, 2007. All primary work tasks, required to be conducted in two (2) phases, and the project schedule are shown below.



Goals and Objectives will be identified for the Master Plan with the input of local government and GDOT staff, local leaders and the community. In order to most comprehensively address bicycle, pedestrian and future transit mobility within the region, specific locations or "walkable areas" will be identified. Within these areas, a priority will be placed on enhancing facilities to increase mobility and safety for walkers and cyclists. An assessment of existing conditions using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data,

field observations, crash data, vehicle volumes / travel speeds, and land use patterns will be conducted. In addition to evaluating bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the downtown areas of Valdosta and Remerton, Valdosta State University (VSU) campuses, parks, schools, South Georgia Regional Medical Center and other major destination areas will be assessed during this process.



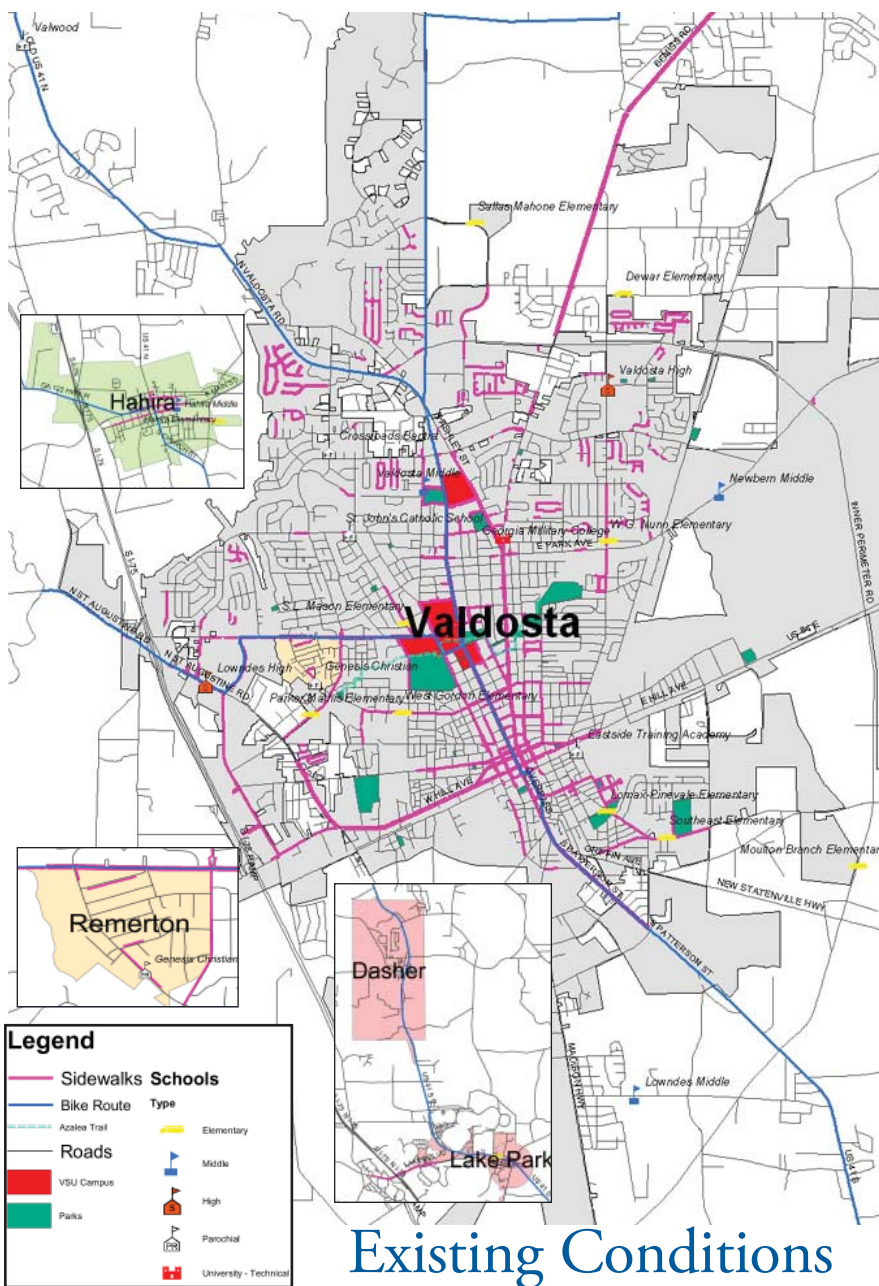
Growth is continuing to disperse out from the center of the region and the City of Valdosta, primarily into the North, Northeast and Northwest. Potential walkable areas within the outlying communities of Hahira, Lake Park, and Dasher will be evaluated. Connectivity between the targeted walkable areas will be established

through a network of sidewalks, multi-use trails, and / or in-road bicycle lanes. Although transit routes have not yet been identified, potential candidate routes (identified during the SGRDC's Transit Feasibility Study) will be considered.



Please send ideas or questions at any time during this process to:

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Existing Conditions

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Committees:

- 1 **Policy Committee:** Responsible for reviewing and approving all transportation plans and programs. The committee is comprised of:
 - Elected Officials;
 - FHWA Representative;
 - GDOT Planning Administrator; and
 - SGRDC Director.
- 2 **Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC):** Provides technical expertise and recommends transportation plans and programs. This committee consists of representatives from the following public agencies:
 - City and County Engineers;
 - GDOT District 4 Engineers;
 - GDOT Transportation Planner;
 - Local School Boards;
 - Bus System Representatives;
 - Bike/Pedestrian Advocate; and
 - Emergency Response Director.
- 3 **Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC):** Advises on matters of public opinion from individuals and groups regarding transportation plans and programs. The committee advises the Policy Committee.



CAC Meeting on FDOT Project

For Plan Updates and General Information: <http://www.sgrdc.com/Bike%20and%20Ped/>