FAYETTE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE AND MASTER PATH PLAN

CLIENT
Fayette County, GA

LOCATION
Fayette County, GA

BUDGET
$68,000

DURATION
16 months

COMPLETED
January 2019

ROLE
Subconsultant
Stakeholder Outreach
Public Outreach

The Fayette County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) and Master Path Plan (MPP) project was composed of two transportation projects that were conducted concurrently due to their common geography, targeted population and overlapping goals and challenges. The CTP provided assistance to local governments in defining county-wide transportation needs, goals, and priorities. Likewise, the MPP assists in defining local transportation goals, priorities, and operating and maintenance standards but more specifically catering to the needs of community's pedestrians, bicyclists, and Personal Transportation Vehicles (PTVs). The CTP was funded primarily by the Atlanta Regional Commission's (ARC) Surface Transportation Program and is an update to the 2010 plan while the MPP was funded through the Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG). Both projects had the common goals of improving the County's transportation network, making the community more livable and healthy, and strengthening the economy for all members of the community by developing transportation plans focused on the community's issues and needs.

The Blue Cypress team conducted stakeholder engagement and public outreach throughout the life of the project. Stakeholder involvement was a key element in the project because of the various layers of information regarding transportation and path planning. With both publicly and privately held spaces, information from stakeholders with direct knowledge of the facilities provided the framework for the study. The stakeholder committee was formed by local transportation professionals, elected officials, and citizens from relevant groups and organizations throughout the County.

Community involvement was also an important element in the CTP and MPP because the community members held firsthand knowledge of the transportation issues in Fayette County and were able to inform the plans for greater community impact. The public participation strategies included public meetings, community events, and online survey efforts. The feedback and data collected as part of the outreach strategies were used to establish and prioritize goals and needs as they relate to roadway projects as well as paths, sidewalks, bike lanes, and crossings.