

FACT SHEET



SOUTHEAST AREA TRANSPORTATION & LAND USE STUDY

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The purpose of the Southeast Area Transportation & Land Use Study is to plan for growth in the southeastern portion of the metropolitan region. Drawing together state, regional, and local partners, the study provides an important opportunity to develop a preferred vision for growth and development in the area paralleling I-24 between I-40 and I-65 in Davidson, Rutherford, Williamson, and Wilson counties. Based on the shared vision developed in the planning process, the study's key outcomes will include general land use and multimodal transportation recommendations that the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and local community partners can use to implement the preferred vision.

The southeast area is one of the region's, and state's, most important economic engines, and continues to experience strong population and job growth. And, by taking steps now to coordinate plans for future development, participating agencies and jurisdictions can put in place the multimodal

transportation improvements and land use policies necessary to support long-term prosperity and quality of life throughout the area.

WHO IS LEADING THE STUDY AND, HOW IS IT FUNDED?

The Nashville Area MPO is the lead agency and project manager, and it has retained a consulting team, led by Nashville-based Gresham, Smith and Partners, to conduct the study. In addition to the MPO and the consultants, the study has a Project Coordinating Committee with representatives from partnering agencies and jurisdictions that will provide strategic guidance.

Funding for the study is through the MPO and comes primarily from state and federal funding sources.

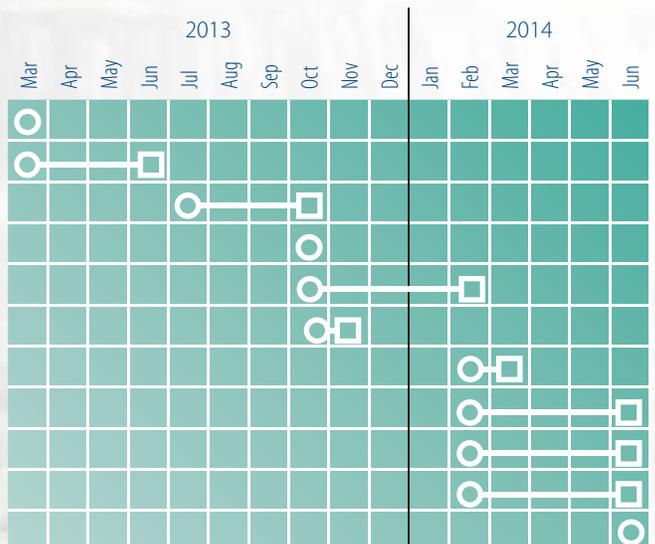
WHAT ARE THE STUDY'S OUTCOMES AND HOW WILL THEY BE USED?

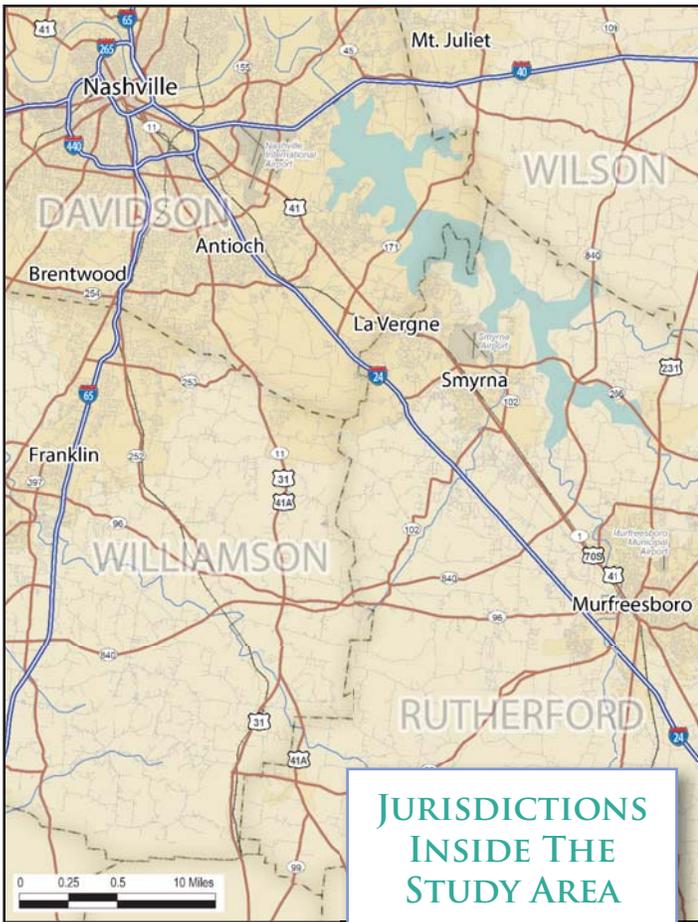
The study will produce the following four key outcomes:

1. A preferred vision for growth and development,
2. General land use recommendations to better align land use plans with the preferred vision for growth,

WHAT IS THE TIME FRAME FOR THE STUDY?

- Study process begins: March 2013
- Assessing Current and Future Needs: March – June 2013
- Building the Alternative Growth Scenarios: July – October 2013
- Stakeholder and Citizen Forums: mid-July 2013
- Selecting a Preferred Growth Vision: October 2013 – February 2014
- First Round of Public Meetings: late October 2013 - early November 2013
- Second Round of Public Meetings: late February - early March 2014
- Transit Capital and Service Recommendations: February – June 2014
- Multimodal Transportation Recommendations for Regional and Local Plans: February – June 2014
- Growth Management Toolbox and Demonstration Program: February – June 2014
- Study Completed: July 2014





JURISDICTIONS INSIDE THE STUDY AREA

- Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County
- Rutherford County
- City of LaVergne
- City of Murfreesboro
- Town of Smyrna
- Williamson County
- Wilson County

3. Multimodal transportation recommendations, and
4. A set of growth management tools and techniques that will assist local and regional partners in achieving the preferred growth vision.

The MPO will use the study's outcomes as the basis for land use and transportation recommendations in the development of the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan.

Local governments will be able to use the study outcomes to update the land use and transportation elements of their comprehensive plans.

Local and regional transit agencies will be able to use the detailed transit recommendations to determine new transit services or service improvements within and along the corridor.

HOW CAN THE PUBLIC GET INVOLVED?

The study includes three levels of public and stakeholder involvement:

- Stakeholder and Citizen Forums: There will be two forums that will serve as special purpose sessions with business, freight, and economic development stakeholders as well as one with community and environmental interest groups.

- Public Meetings: There will be two rounds of public meetings with each round having two meetings. The first round of meetings will be in the fall.
- Outreach and Engagement Strategies: These strategies will include periodic updates to the website, surveys for citizens, and project information that will be available on the MPO website 24/7. It will also include outreach efforts to low-income and minority communities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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PROJECT TEAM PARTNERS

LOCAL & REGIONAL PARTNERS:

- Metropolitan Government of Nashville-Davidson County
- Rutherford County
- City of LaVergne
- City of Murfreesboro
- Town of Smyrna
- Williamson County
- Wilson County
- Nashville MTA
- Murfreesboro Rover
- Regional Transportation Authority
- Greater Nashville Regional Council

STATE & FEDERAL PARTNERS:

- Tennessee Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration

CONSULTANT PARTNERS:

- Gresham Smith & Partners
- Cambridge Systematics, Inc.
- Basile Baumann Prost Cole & Associates, Inc.
- Connetics Transportation Group
- Younger Associates

NON-PROFIT PARTNERS:

- Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee
- Cumberland Region Tomorrow