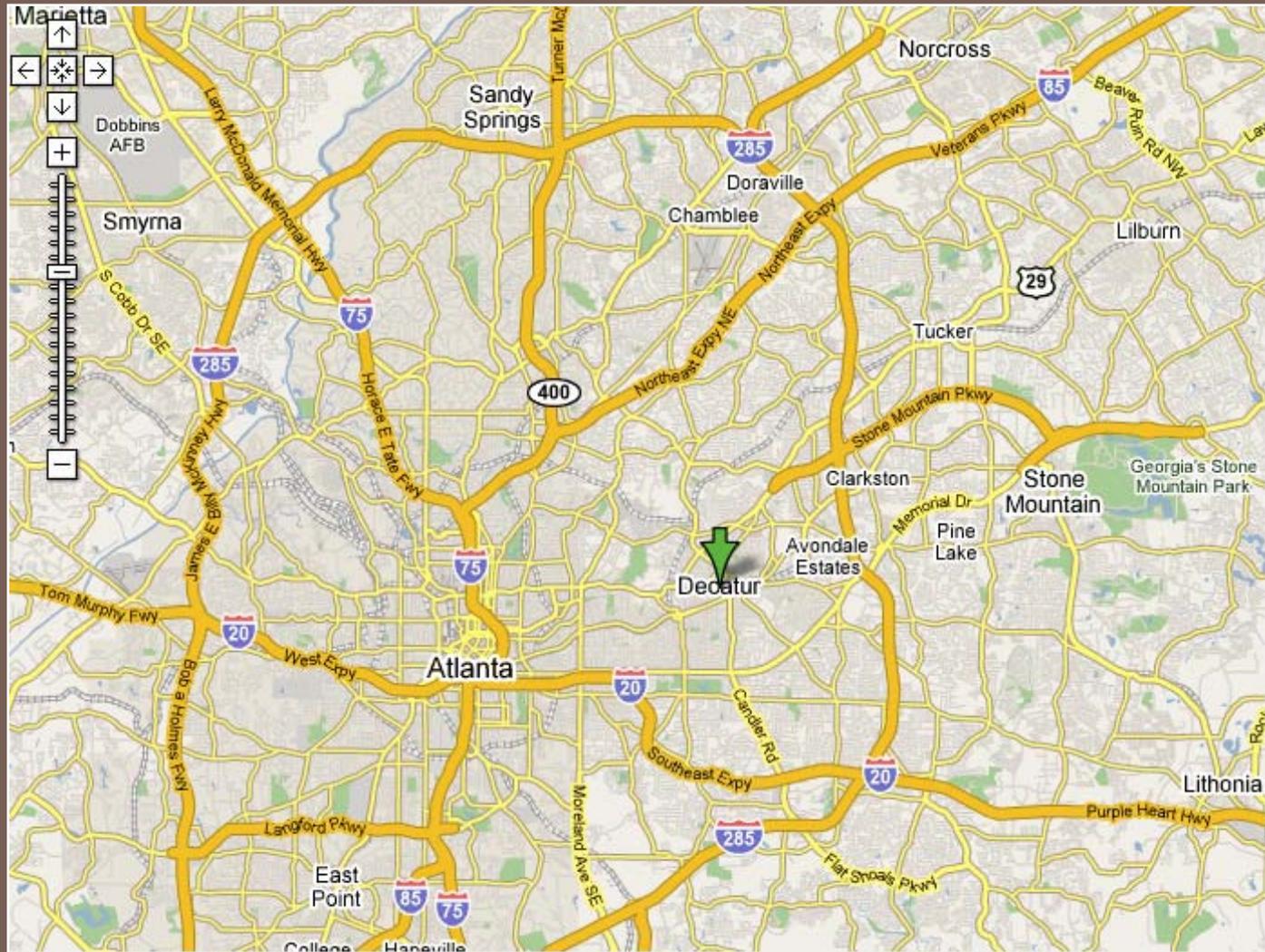


COMPLETE STREETS IN GEORGIA

Where is Decatur?





“The CTP employs a Complete Streets philosophy that defines the street by more than just its mobility and accessibility functions, but by its role as a critical community character shaper.”

Decatur's Policy

Guiding Principles:

Health

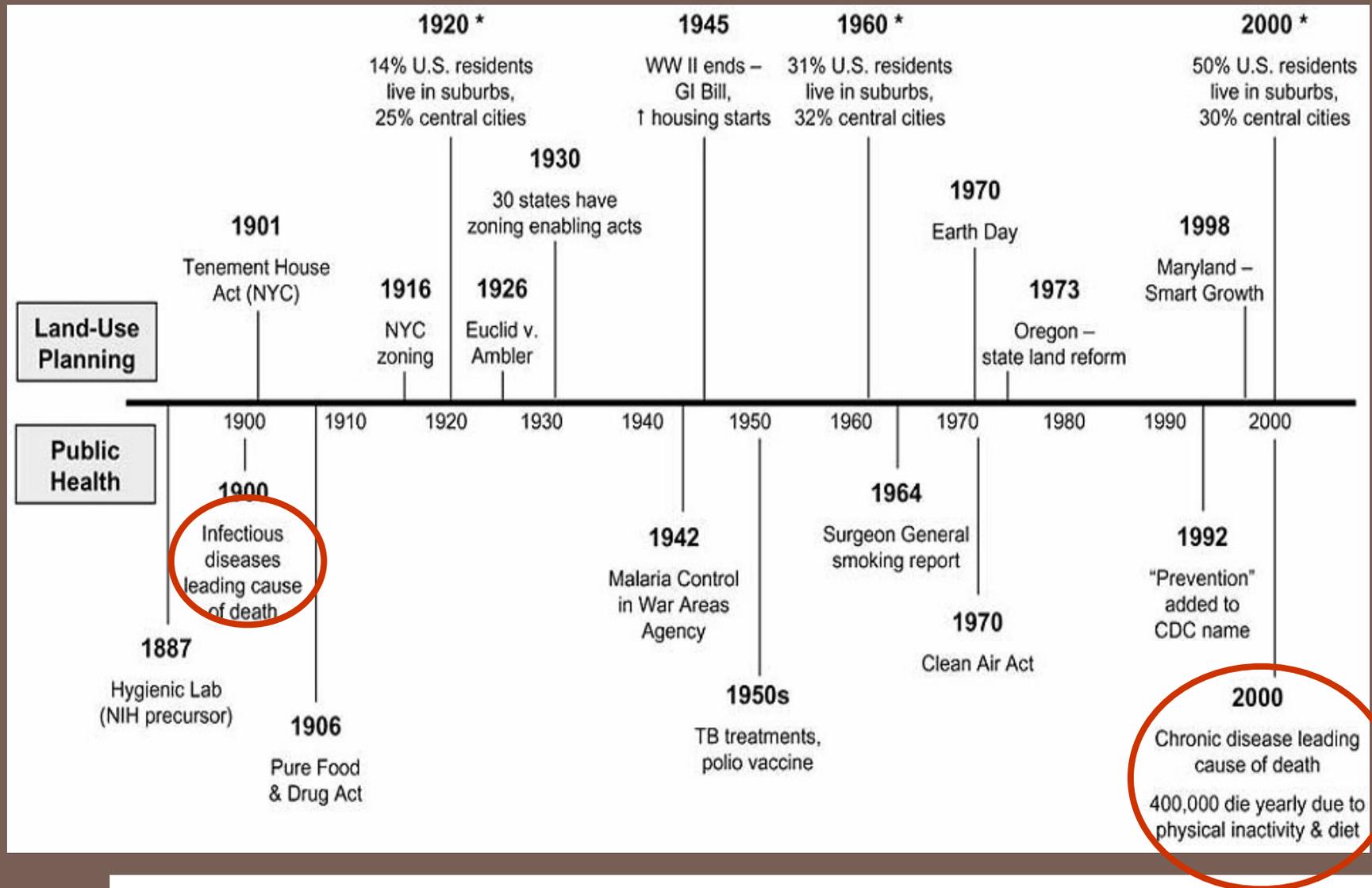
Safe Choices

Community

Connectivity

- Adopted as part of the Community Transportation Plan in 2008
- “Complete Streets are defined as streets with safe travel facilities for all users- pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders – of all ages and ability levels”

Why a Health Perspective?



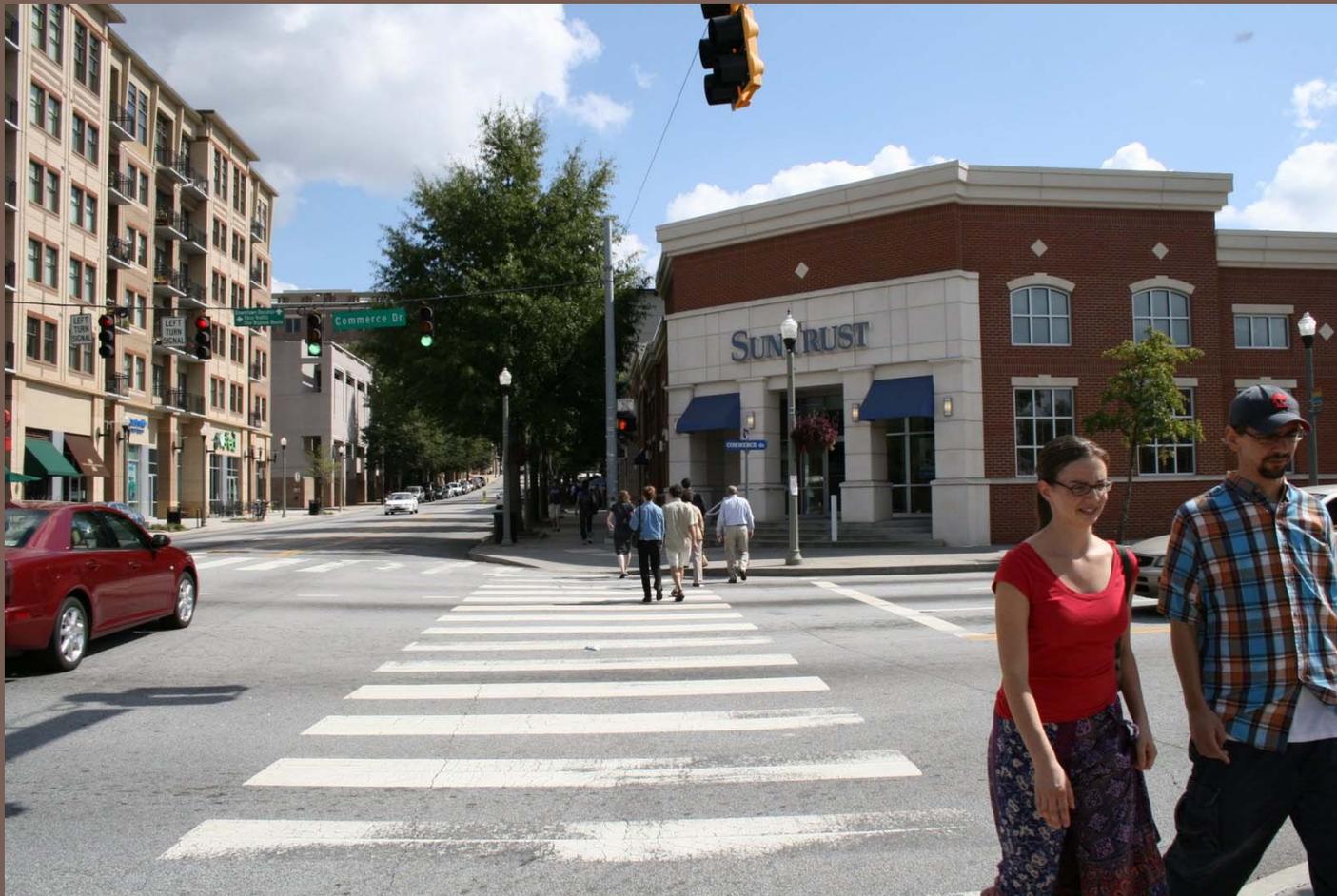
Historic focus on reducing harmful exposures. **Recent research is exploring the link between the built environment and lifestyle.**

Corner of Commerce Drive and West Ponce de Leon



Before

Corner of Commerce Drive and West Ponce de Leon



After



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STATE EMISSIONS

FAST SERVICE
EMISSION INSPECTION

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Franklin





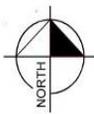


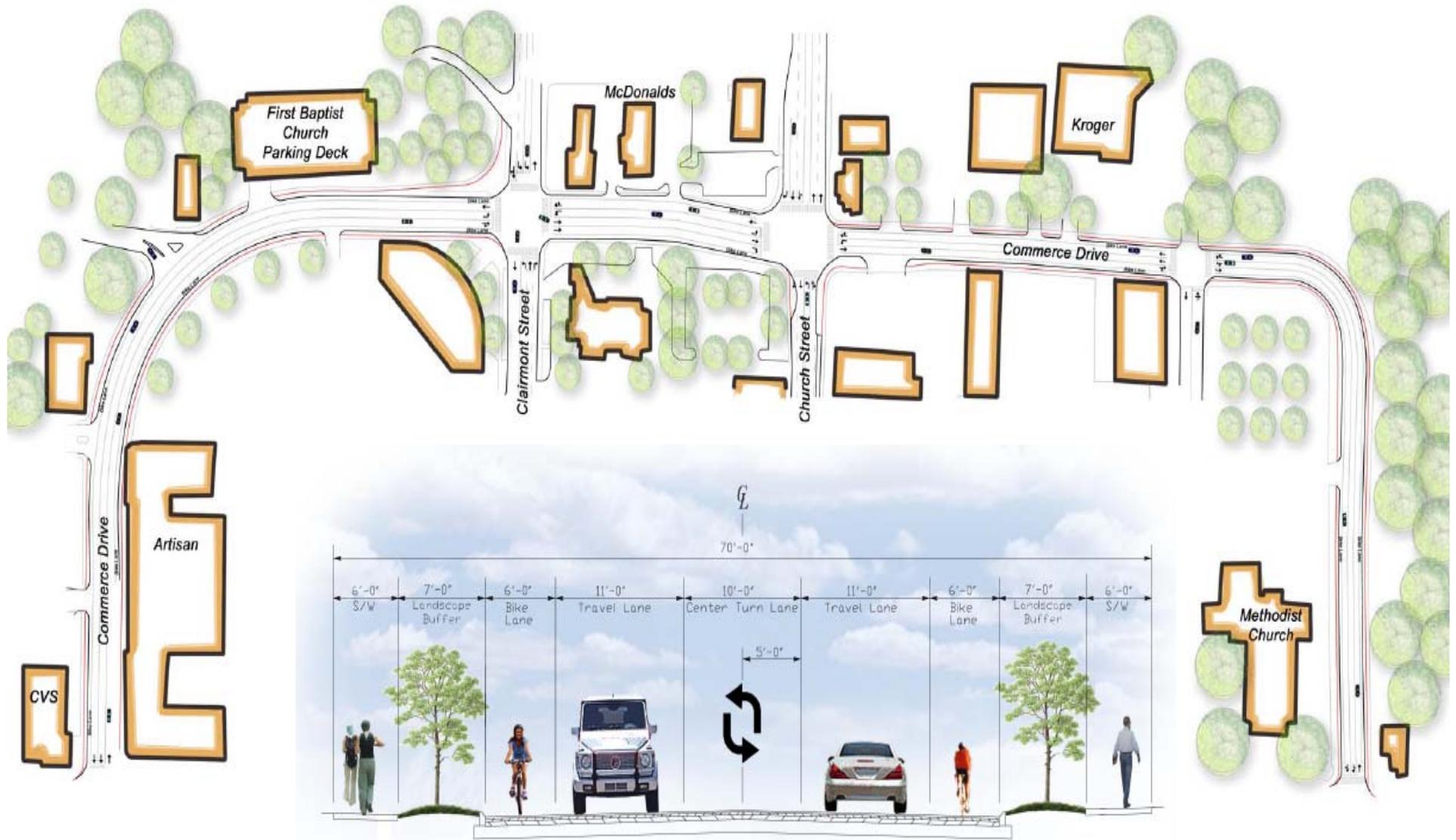
Commerce Dr.

Clairmont Ave.

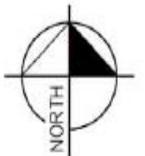
Fidelity Bank

McDonald's





Commerce Drive
 With Bicycle Lanes on both sides of street
 With wider sidewalks



Mid-block crossing in Downtown

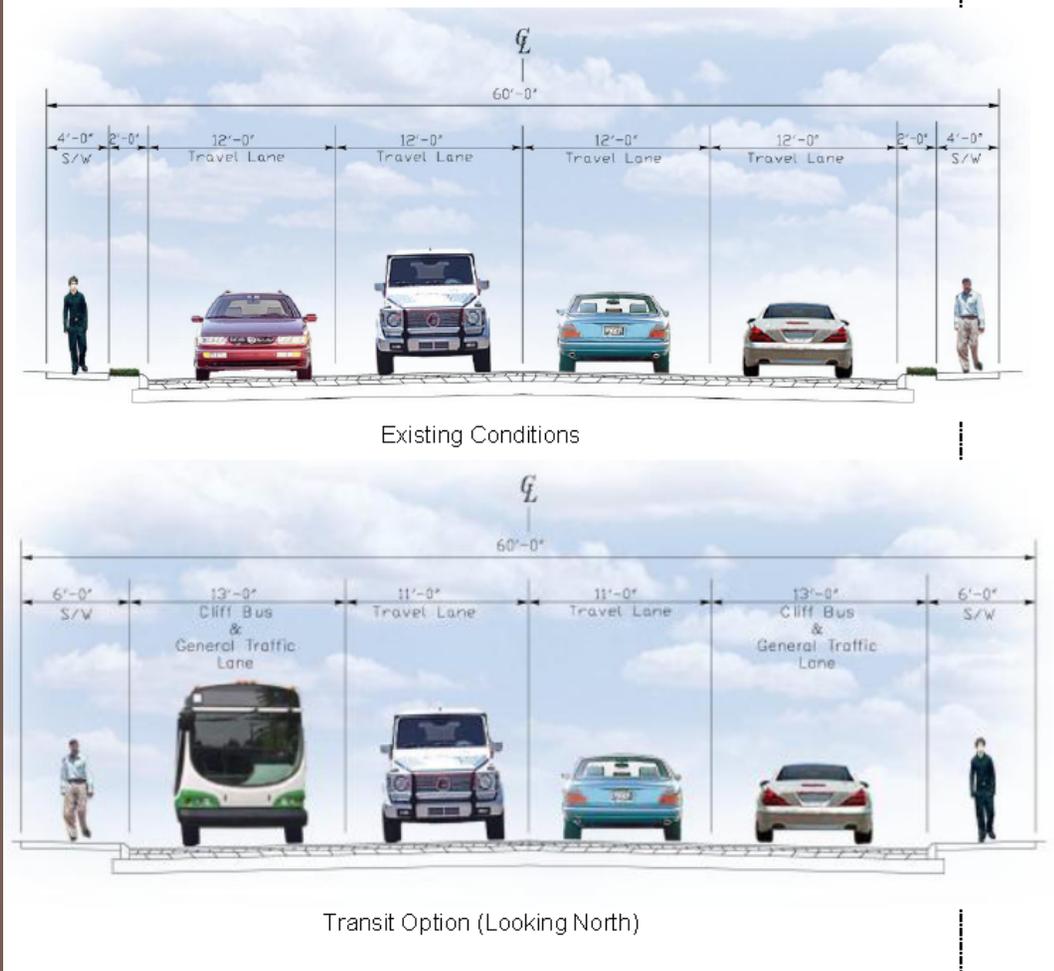
Most Complete Streets projects can be small and inexpensive



Making room for Transit

This option increases pedestrian safety with wider sidewalks and provides a wider, shared lane for a bus and bicyclists

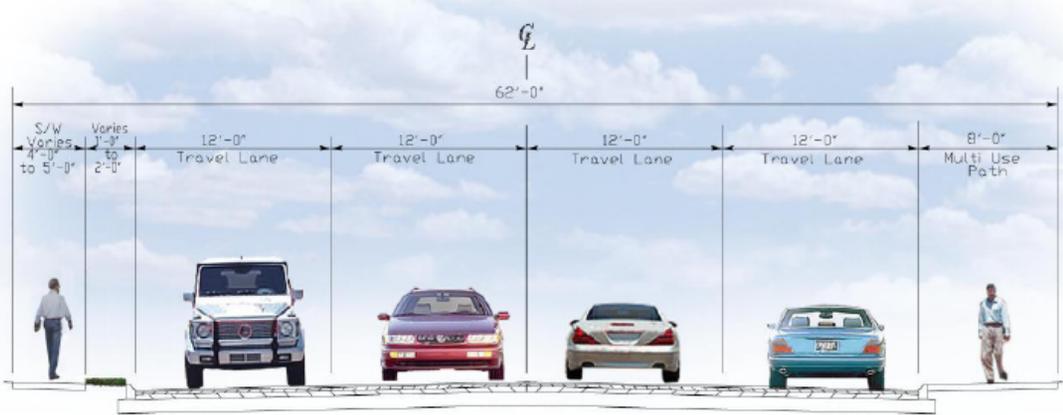
Figure 6-10 Clairemont Avenue (North of Commerce) Typical Sections



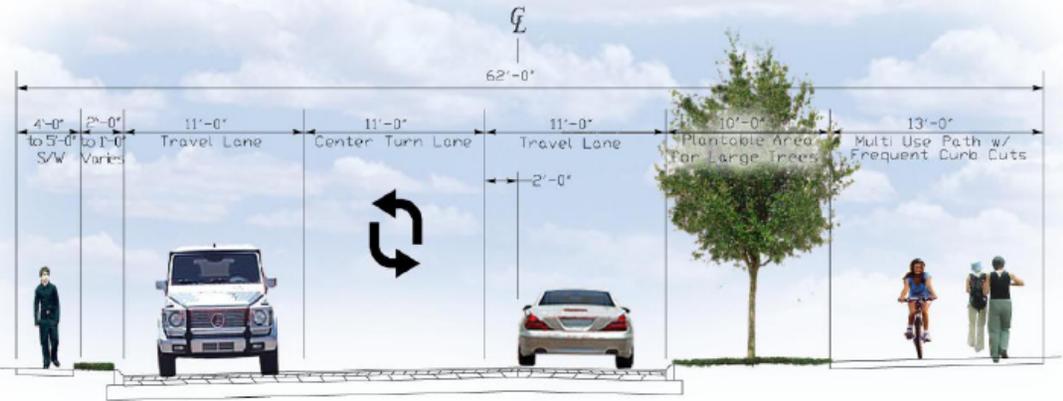
Example of an Off-street facility

The multi-use path provides safe travel for bicyclists and pedestrians

Figure 6-13 Howard Avenue (West of Decatur High School) Typical Sections



Existing Conditions



Multi-Use Path Option (Looking East)

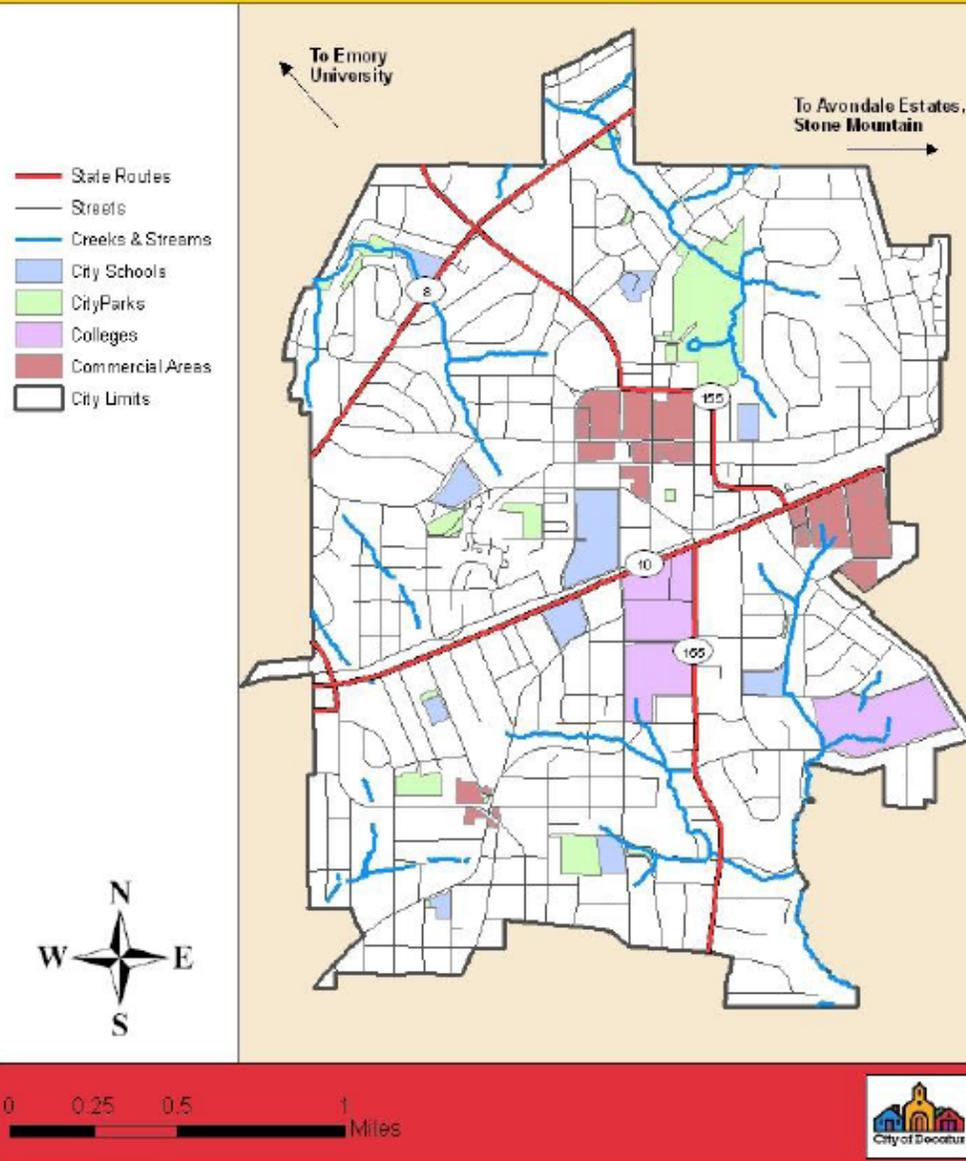
Challenges to Implementation

- ❑ Current plans require variances from Georgia Department of Transportation
- ❑ Federal guidelines are implemented differently in each state leading to transportation inequity
- ❑ In Georgia, regulations are not context sensitive. A state highway in Alpharetta is treated the same as a state highway in Hahira.

Community Transportation Plan Map 3.1

State Routes within the City of Decatur

The state Department of Transportation controls the main connecting routes through Decatur as well as what projects are allowable under TE grants.



CITY OF DECATUR
WEST PONCE DE LEON AVENUE / WEST TRINITY PLACE
BICYCLE LANE IMPROVEMENTS

WEST PONCE DE LEON AVENUE

UPLAND ROAD

DREXEL AVENUE

