#### **Application Disclaimer**

## PRIOR TO STARTING YOUR APPLICATION, DID YOU REVIEW THE LCI GUIDEBOOK, AND DO YOU HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE?

We strongly recommend you review the application guidebook while filling out this application.

✓ Yes, I acknowledge that I reviewed the guidebook and fully understand the program as explained.

#### **Section 1: Applicant Information**

#### NAME OF ORGANIZATION

**Douglas County** 

#### NAME OF PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON

Allison Duncan

#### **JOB TITLE**

Planning and Zoning Manager

#### **DEPARTMENT**

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#### **Section 2: Type of Assistance**

#### TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

• Catalytic: Promotes the creation of transit-oriented development around an existing or planned Autonomous Rail Rapid Transit, Bus Rapid Transit, Light Rail Transit, or Heavy Rail Transit station.

### **Section 3: Project Information**

#### NAME OF PROJECT

Highway 92 LCI Update

#### NAME OF LCI AREA AND LAST PLAN ADOPTION DATE

Highway 92 LCI (2009)/ Highway 92 and Lee Road Small Area Plan (2019)

#### **TOTAL COST OF PROJECT**

\$150,000.00

PROPOSED LOCAL MATCH (MINIMUM 20% OF PROJECT COST)

\$30,000.00

#### PROJECT LOCATION/EXTENTS

Highway 92 from the intersection of I-20 to the intersection with Lee Road, including a portion of Lee Road

#### **UPLOAD STUDY AREA MAP**

• 2023-douglas-county-highway-92-study-area.pdf

## HAS THIS PROJECT BEEN IDENTIFIED IN A PREVIOUS LCI STUDY, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OR ANOTHER RECENTLY COMPLETED STUDY?

No

#### IS THE PROJECT WITHIN AN EXISTING LCI AREA?

Yes

#### REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

• <u>lci-report-of-accomplishments.pdf</u>

## PROVIDE A BRIEF STUDY GOAL AND DESCRIPTION. IN YOUR PROJECT DESCRIPTION, PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE SPECIFIC PRODUCTS AND DELIVERABLES THAT THIS STUDY WILL CREATE.

The original Highway 92 LCI was implemented in the early 2000s through an initial land use study, a supplemental transportation study, and a corridor zoning overlay district. Transit expanded along this Corridor in 2019 with the introduction of Connect Douglas. Douglas County is still committed to the original goals, including mixed income neighborhoods; employment, shopping and recreation choices; and access to a range of travel modes. With this continuing focus, the goal is a plan that will bring the corridor together into a cohesive whole, accounting for changed conditions and new opportunities. This includes:

- -An existing conditions analysis, including a summary of past and current relevant plans
- -A recommendations report for land use and transportation options, with a focus on transit oriented development
- -A master development plan with recommended land use and transportation changes, including connections to the county-wide multi-use trail concept
- -A recommendations report for the further integration of smart technology opportunities, including graphics to depict the various options so as to provide ease of explanation
- -A graphics package of visual representations of arts and placemaking opportunities
- -A graphics package of environmental graphic design standards, including recommended dimensional requirements for key components, to improve placemaking initiatives

#### HOW DOES THIS PROPOSED LCI STUDY ADDRESS A NEED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Mobility. The LCI study will integrate the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan, the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, and the new opportunities presented by transit services to identify specific areas for integration of multiple travel modes. Foremost, it is a priority to ensure that the efficient transportation function of the corridor is preserved. Increased demand for new modes of travel, including pedestrian, bicycle, and transit connections, need to seamlessly integrate with existing and future land uses to ensure the smooth operation of travel.

Livability. The Corridor is one of the areas of the county designated for higher density housing in proximity to employment and recreation opportunities. Several new projects will deliver a variety of housing types including townhomes, condominiums, and apartments. Further areas need to be identified for different housing types, including transitional housing, cluster homes and senior-oriented housing.

Placemaking. The Comprehensive Plan community feedback underscored the desire of residents to improve community aesthetics and provide for more things to do. This corridor is a prime location for shopping, dining, cultural and recreational opportunities. The demand for these types of amenities has evolved since the original study, and a fresh perspective will help deliver on the expectations of the community.

## APPLICATION IS SELECTED, THE ANSWERS PROVIDED WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE LCI STUDY SCOPE. PROJECTS DO NOT NEED TO ADVANCE ALL OF THE LCI PRIORITIES.

Smart Technology. Currently, a network of cameras and fiber communicates to traffic signals and monitors problems on the 92 Corridor. New technology is planned at the I-20 interchange. This study will show how to leverage existing infrastructure to integrate signalization prioritization with the Connect Douglas buses and freight transportation.

Creative Placemaking. The Cultural Arts Council provides leadership for public art and creative placemaking. With their guidance, placemaking opportunities will include integration of facilities, venues and other opportunities to provide cultural experiences. Development of environmental graphic design standards will enhance the sense of place on the corridor while safely expressing messages, directions and visual cues for a variety of travel modes.

Housing. This corridor models several strategies are relevant to these address housing challenges of Submarkets 7, 8 and 9.

- -Delivery of density and diversity of housing, reducing development costs and barriers to achieving new construction
- -Public-private partnerships to facilitate transfer of land from public ownership to private development
- -A TAD to offset costs of new infrastructure
- -Opportunities for development with transit supportive densities and uses
- -A model of community education on tools to support investment and build internal resources to address housing

ARC STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT LCI APPLICANTS ACTIVELY ENGAGE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR LCI APPLICATION. LIST STAKEHOLDERS (E.G., COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBOS), BUSINESSES AND/OR INSTITUTIONS, AND LOCAL OFFICIALS) INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS APPLICATION, AS WELL AS HOW THEY WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING PROCESS, IF THE APPLICATION IS SELECTED.

Community stakeholders have been advocates for this corridor and this application, and will be included in the update process.

Neighborhoods. Residents are key constituents. Building on relationships with HOAs, including Shawnee Lake HOA, Legacy Park Villas, HOA and Greythorne HOA, we will meet with neighbors in their community.

Businesses. Corporate citizens are active stakeholders in development. This includes large landowners like Foxfield Douglas, LLC; housing developers like Traton Homes, and local businesses like State Farm Insurance.

Public Partners. Successful implementation of the vision includes Douglas County government, Connect Douglas, the Board of Education, the Sheriff's Department and the City of Douglasville. It will also include our partners, such as the Water and Sewer Authority, Cultural Arts Council, Community Services Board, and Economic Development Authority. Representatives will be part of the Project Management Team, Steering Committee, and Stakeholder Interviews. Public engagement will focus on direct outreach and online opportunities for community members, neighborhood associations and business owners. Pop ups, coffee talks, and open house hours will be a preferred method of engaging directly with the community. Regular updates and activities will be shared through a project website, livestreamed public meetings, and local press releases.

## WHO IN YOUR COMMUNITY HAS BEEN HISTORICALLY UNDER-REPRESENTED IN LOCAL PLANNING PROCESSES? HOW WILL THESE INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS BE INCLUDED IN THIS PLANNING PROCESS?

This project will engage the newly created Intergovernmental and Constituent Services Department to coordinate with community organizations and advocacy groups. Additionally, the Community Services Board, will play a more active role in the planning process. This Board focuses on supportive services for individuals with mental health challenges, substance use disorders and intellectual or development disabilities. These two groups will be valuable conduits in reaching citizens who may not traditionally have engaged with planning programs.

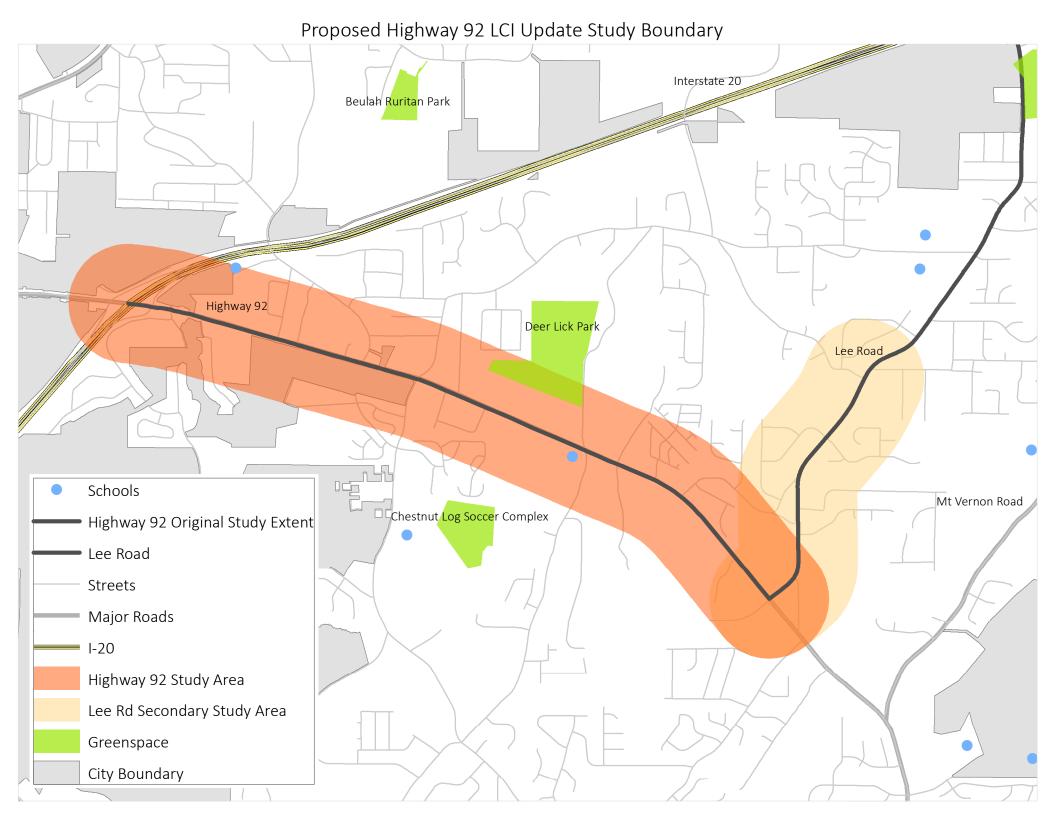
Douglas County has focused increased attention on engaging with neighborhood and Homeowners Associations, through programs like the annual HOA Boot Camp. Direct outreach to neighborhood organizations and HOAs will be a central focus of any community engagement strategy. It is within our neighborhoods that we can best capture the diversity of our population as it grows and shifts with new development into the community.

Our traditional partnerships with groups such as the Development Authority and Water and Sewer Authority make certain that our future economic prospects are strong. New perspectives offered by the Cultural Arts Council will make sure that economic future is as lively and vibrant as possible.

## **Section 5: Commitment**

### **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS**

• resolution-and-letters-of-support-combined.pdf



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Project	Description	PE Year	Construction Year	Complete	Underway	Not Started	Not Relevant	Notes
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S-18	Catalyst Streetscape: Highway 92 Streetscape with street trees, pedestrian lighting and concrete sidewalk with landscaped median islands (\$90,000/100 linear feet)	2016	2018			Х		This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
N-6	Lee Road Extn: Extend Lee Road south and west towards Bomar Road - to coincide with the redevelopment of vacant properties (cost: 4-lane road = \$10,600,000/mile, not includ-ing ROW)	2015	2017			Х		The ROW for the Lee Road extension was partially reserved as a part of The Trails mixed use development at this node.
0-2	Deerlick Park / Chestnut Log School Trail: this potential trail begins at the Deerlick Park, travels along a new street connection and connects to the Douglas County Soccer Association grounds. To be developed in conjunction with the redevelopment of the Cagle property (\$590,000/ mile)	2015	2017				x	The primary focus for trail development has been the Chattahoochee Greenway Trail. Douglas County is working on a county-wide trail master plan.
S-17	Catalyst Streetscape: Highway 92 Streetscape with street trees, pedestrian lighting and concrete sidewalk with landscaped median islands (\$90,000/100 linear feet)	2015	2017			X		This project is delayed due to funding constraints.

N-7	New Street: New Street con-nection across Highway 92 between Old Lee Road and Lee Road Extension. To coin-cide with the development of Douglasville Depot site.	Market Driven	Market Driven			X	This project is no longer a priority.
N-1C	Preliminary design of Project N- 1 for ROW acquisition/planning purposes	2016	TBD			X	This project is no longer a priority.
N-11	New Street Network: Various network opportunities that are possible with the develop-ment of the Douglasville Depot Site	Market Driven	Market Driven			Х	This project is no longer a priority.
S-15 B	Catalyst Streetscape: Highway 92 Streetscape with street trees, pedestrian lighting and concrete sidewalk with landscaped median islands (\$90,000/100 linear feet)	2019	2021		Х		This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
N-1 A	Parallel Street to Highway 92: New 2-lane street parallel to Highway 92 on the south side from Lake Monroe road to Pine Street (cost: 2-lane road = \$5,000,000/mile, not including ROW)	2019	2021			X	This project is no longer a priority.
0-4	Chestnut Log School / Mt. Carmel School Trail: Potential trail connection along new street connection between the Chestnut Log M. S on Pope Road and the Mt. Carmel E. S. on Bomar Road (\$590,000/ mile)	2019	2021			X	The primary focus for trail development has been the Chattahoochee Greenway Trail. Douglas County is working on a county-wide trail master plan.

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0-3	Lee Road / Bomar Road Trail: Potential trail connection along the Lee Road across the I-20 bridge, Lee Road Exten-sion continuing along Bomar Road to Chapel Hill Road. To be developed in conjunction with new residential develop-ment on the Richardson Property and new retail along Highway 92.	2019	2021	X			This is included in the Lee Road widening.
0-7	Richardson Property Park and Greenway: Park improvement of portions of property in the Crooked Creek buffer and along the draw beside the proposed Lee road Extension. Provides a contiguous green- way connection between new residential development and the proposed village center on Highway 92. (\$590,000/mile)	2019	2021		×		The approved concept for The Trails mixed use PUD at Lee Road and 92 incorporates a Greenway Trail that ties into the bike/ ped infrastructure of the Lee Road widening and Crooked Creek on the rear of the Richardson property. Douglas County has acquired 14 acres in proximity to Crooked Creek.
S-11	Install Sidewalks: Mack Road (\$344,000 per mile)	2020	2022		Х		This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
O-6 B	Highway 92 Trail: Potential trail along Highway 92 from Hill- crest Dr. to Mt. Vernon Road developed in conjunction with Highway 92 streetscape.	2019	2021		Х		This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
N-9	New Street Network: Various network opportunities that are possible with the redevelop-ment of the Cagle Property	Market Driven	Market Driven			х	This project is no longer a priority.
N-10	New Street Network: Various network opportunities that are possible with the redevelop-ment of the Howell Property	Market Driven	Market Driven	X			This project is being developed as a movie studio adjacent to The Trails, a mixed use PUD. A new spine road is being developed with TAD funds.

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N-12	New Street Network: Various network opportunities that are possible with the devel-opment of the Richardson property	Market Driven	Market Driven		Х			This project is being developed as a movie studio adjacent to The Trails, a mixed use PUD. A new spine road is being developed with TAD funds.
T-1	Arterial BRT: Plan and Imple-ment feeder bus service on Highway 92 to connect to the transit center for service to I-20 BRT	2024	2022	х				Connect Douglas was established in 2019.
N-5	Chestnut Log School Road: New 2 Iane connection between Pope Road and Mount Carmel Elementary School (cost: 2-lane road = \$5,000,000/mile, not including ROW)	2024	2026				х	This project is no longer a priority.
N-2	Network opportunities - Redevelopment of Old Strip Commercial : Various network connections that are possible with redevelopment including extension of Sunset Dr. across Highway 92	Market Driven	Market Driven				x	This project is no longer a priority.
N-1 B	Parallel Street to Highway 92: New 2-lane street parallel to Highway 92 on the south side from Lake Monroe road to Pine Street (cost: 2-lane road = \$5,000,000/mile, not including ROW)	2024	2026				х	This project is no longer a priority.
0-1	Deerlick Park/Powerline Ease-ment Trail: this potential trail connects communities along the powerline easement from Lee Road to I-20 and beyond, to the Deerlick Park (\$590,000/ mile)	2024	2026			х		The primary focus for trail development has been the Chattahoochee Greenway Trail. Douglas County is working on a county-wide trail master plan.

S-15 A	Catalyst Streetscape: Highway 92 Streetscape with street trees, pedestrian lighting and concrete sidewalk with landscaped median islands (\$90,000/100 linear feet)	2024	2026		Х		This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
S-19	Remaining Streetscape: High-way 92 Streetscape with street trees, pedestrian lighting and concrete sidewalk with landscaped median islands (\$90,000/100 linear feet)	2024	2026		Х		This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
N-4	Network opportunities: Deerlick Park to Douglas County Soccer Assoc New 2-lane street connecting the Deerlick Park with the Douglas County Soccer Association across Highway 92	Market Driven	Market Driven			X	This project is no longer a priority.
N-8	New Street Network: Various network opportunities that are possible with the redevelop-ment of commercial and residential properties fronting Highway 92.	Market Driven	Market Driven		X		The redevelopment of Highway 92 is ongoing.
0-8	County Line Road Trail: Potential trail connection along County Line Road from the intersection of Midway Road and Highway 92 to Lee Road. Provides trail connections to the Lithia Springs High School.	2024	2026		X		The primary focus for trail development has been the Chattahoochee Greenway Trail. Douglas County is working on a county-wide trail master plan.
S-4	Install Sidewalks: Midway Road (\$344,000 per mile)	2024	2026		Х		This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
S-5	Install Sidewalks: Hillcrest Drive, Sunset Drive and Skyview Circle. (\$344,000 per mile)	2024	2026	Х			The sidewalk is started on Sunset Drive.
S-12	Install Sidewalks: Bomar Road (\$344,000 per mile)	2024	2026		Χ		This project is delayed due to funding constraints.

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T-2	Designate Future Transit Route: that can connect down-town Douglasville with indus-trial areas along the Chatta-hoochee, employment centers in South Fulton County and the Atlanta Airport.	2024	2026		X			A countywide trail master plan is under development as a part of the Comprehensive Plan Update.
I-2	New Traffic Signal: Install new traffic signal to allow full access to new street network from Highway 92 (cost deter-mined using ARC costing tool)	Market Driven	Market Driven				Х	New traffic signals are installed based on a traffic analysis that demonstrates the need, given current or future conditions.
I-3	New Traffic Signal: Install new traffic signal to allow full access to new commer-cial development and street network from Highway 92 (cost determined using ARC costing tool)	Market Driven	Market Driven				×	New traffic signals are installed based on a traffic analysis that demonstrates the need, given current or future conditions.
N-13	New Street Network: Various network opportunities that are possible with the develop-ment of Commercial property near Publix and the Senior Housing site.	Market Driven	Market Driven		X			New residential development has been approved in this area.
N-14	New Street Network: Extend Hillcrest Drive to Slater Mill Road (cost: 2-lane road = \$5,000,000/mile, not including ROW)	2024	Market Driven			X		This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
l-1	New Traffic Signal: Install new traffic signal to allow full access to new parallel street network from Highway 92 (cost determined using ARC costing tool)	Market Driven	Market Driven				х	New traffic signals are installed based on a traffic analysis that demonstrates the need, given current or future conditions.

	Network opportunities -					
N-3	Re-development of Commercial Properties: Various network connections that are possible with redevelopment	Market Driven	Market Driven		X	
O-5	Highway 92 to Transportation Center Trail: Potential trail connection from Hillcrest Dr. intersection on Highway 92 to Prestley Mill Road, going across I-20 and connecting to the Douglas County Transpor-tation Center at 8800 Dorris Road	2024	2020		X	The redevelopment of Highway 92 is ongoing.  The primary focus for trail development has been the Chattahoochee Greenway Trail. Douglas County is working on a county-wide trail master plan.
P-1	Pedestrian Crosswalk Enhancement: Upgrade pedestrian crosswalk mark-ings and provide ADA access, install countdown PED signals (\$160,000 per signal)	2024	2022		Х	Crosswalks are updated based on demand, given current or future conditions
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P-4	Pedestrian Crosswalk Enhancement: Upgrade pedestrian crosswalk mark-ings and provide ADA access, install countdown PED signals (\$160,000 per signal)	2024	2022		х	Crosswalks are updated based on demand, given current or future conditions

Highway 92 LCI Report of Accomplishments

P-5	Pedestrian Crosswalk Enhancement: Upgrade pedestrian crosswalk mark-ings and provide ADA access, install countdown PED signals (\$160,000 per signal)	2024	2022		Х	Crosswalks are updated based on demand, given current or future conditions
S-1	Install Sidewalks: Slater Mill road up to Shawnee Trail and along Shawnee Trail (\$344,000 per mile)	2024	2022		Х	This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
S-10	Install Sidewalks: Pope Road (\$344,000 per mile)	2024	2022	Х		Sidewalk starting at Chestnut Log Soccer Complex on the right side of the road until Chestnut Hills. Sidewalk starts from the intersection of Midway and Pope Road on the left until Longview Drive.
S-13	Install Sidewalks: Stenger Road and James Road (\$344,000 per mile)	2024	2022		Х	This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
S-14	Install Sidewalks: Old Lee Road (\$344,000 per mile)	2024	2022		Х	This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
S-2	Install Sidewalks: Pine Drive (\$344,000 per mile)	2024	2022		Х	This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
S-3	Install Sidewalks: Vansant Road (\$344,000 per mile)	2024	2022		Х	This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
S-6	Install Sidewalks: Sullivan Drive (\$344,000 per mile)	2024	2022		Х	This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
S-7	Install Sidewalks: along W. County Line Road (\$344,000 per mile)	2024	2022		Х	This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
S-8	Install Sidewalks: Terry Lane (\$344,000 per mile)	2024	2022		Х	This project is delayed due to funding constraints.
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LU-1	Land Use Recommenda-tion: Intensify residential use from low density single family residential to medium density residential at about 4 units/acre density developed around a pattern of street and blocks with a mix of housing types. May need appropriate zoning change to accommo-date above uses.	n/a	n/a	X		This property has been rezoned as a part of a mixed use PUD with a movie studio, office complex, commercial, apartments and townhomes.
LU-2	Land Use Recommendation: Intensify residential use from low density single family residential to a higher density residential development with a gross density of 8 units/acre that includes a range of hous-ing types (SF, TH & MF), inter-connected streets and blocks with publicly accessible park and open spaces. May need appropriate zoning change to accommodate above uses.	n/a	n/a	X		This property has been rezoned as a part of a mixed use PUD with a movie studio, office complex, commercial, apartments and townhomes.
LU-3	Zoning Change Recommen-dation from Low Density Residential to General Commercial; Encourages the development of retail and commercial uses. Village overlay encourages a mix of uses including residential and urban design standards.	n/a	n/a	х		This property has been rezoned as a part of a mixed use PUD with a movie studio, office complex, commercial, apartments and townhomes.

1114	Land Use Recommendation: Intensify residential use from low density single family residential to a higher density residential development with a gross density of 8 units/ acre that includes a range of housing types (SF, TH & MF) that transition from higher					
	intensity closer to the corridor, interconnected streets and blocks with publicly acces-sible park and open spaces and neighborhood retail uses fronting Highway 92. May need zoning change from R-LD to R-MD	n/a	n/a			This property has been rezoned as a part of a mixed use PUD with a movie studio, office complex, commercial, apartments and townhomes.
	Land Use Recommendation: Allow the development of Retail uses as a part of the existing transitional land use. May require zoning change from R-LD to C-C (Community Commercial)	n/a	n/a	X		This property is under development for a mix of apartments and townhomes.
LU-7	Land Use Recommendation: Allow the development of Retail uses as a part of the existing transitional land use. May require zoning change from R-LD to C-C (Community Commercial)	n/a	n/a		X	There has not been interest in redeveloping this portion of the corridor.
LU-11	Land Use Recommendation: Allow the development of Retail uses as a part of the existing transitional land use. May require zoning change from R-LD to C-C (Community Commercial)	n/a	n/a		Χ	There has not been interest in redeveloping this portion of the corridor.

LU-12	Land Use Recommendation: Allow the development of office and commercial mixed use as a part of the existing mixed use corridor land use. May require zoning change from R-LD to C-C (Community Commercial)	n/a	n/a			There has not been interest in redeveloping this portion of the corridor.
LU-13	Traditional Neighborhood Design Ordinance	n/a	n/a	Χ		The PUD was reintroduced in 2019 to accomplish the goals of a TND ordinance.
LU-14	Update Corridor Overlay Ordinance	n/a	n/a	Χ		The Highway Corridor Overlay was updated in 2020 with technical assistance from ARC.

## A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE SUBMISSION OF A LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

WHEREAS, it continues to be the desire of Douglas County to support the development and enhancement of its corridors as a means to create livable environments, efficient vehicular movement, reduction in congestion, improvement of air quality and facility of public mobility through the use of transportation system which is multi-modal; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has released a call for applications for the 2023 Livable Centers Initiative Studies Program; and the County desires to submit an application for consideration for the study of the Highway 92 Corridor; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County and the ARC have made previous investments to this Corridor through the LCI Program with the 2008 Highway 92 Corridor Study, the 2009 Highway 92 Corridor Supplemental Study, and the Lee Road Small Area and Corridor Plan; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County is committed to: (1) improving the infrastructure in this area; (2) providing access to a range of travel modes to enable access to all uses within this area; (3) encouraging the development of this area in accordance with the previous LCI Studies and the Douglas County Comprehensive Plan; and (4) encouraging a diversity of housing options, shopping areas, employment and recreation in this area in order to create a balance in the local economy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Commissioners authorize the preparation and filing of an application with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for the financial participation in the Livable Centers Initiative.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Douglas County Board of Commissioners hereby record for the public record Douglas County's commitment to develop the study required for participation in the Livable Centers Initiative.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Douglas County Board of Commissioners authorize the filing of a grant application with the Atlanta Regional Commission in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 with a local match being 20% (twenty percent) of that total, and for the Chairman to sign a letter of support for the application.

SO RESOLVED this 7th day of February 2023.

Henry Mitchell, III, District I

Kelly Robinson, District II

Tarenia Carthan, District II

Mark Alcarez, District IV

Dr. Romona Jackson Jones, Chairmai

Attest:

Allison Duncan, AICP

Planning and Zoning Manager

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Atlanta Regional Commission 229 Peachtree Street NE Suite 100 Atlanta, GA 30303

Attn: Ms. Lauren Blaszyk, Planning Administrator

Dear Ms. Blaszyk,

Please accept this letter of support for Douglas County's 2023 application for the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) study along the Highway 92 Corridor. On behalf of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, we support the continued investment in Highway 92 Corridor through the LCI program.

Douglas County is committed to improving the infrastructure in this area, including providing access to a range of travel modes. Douglas County initiated the Connect Douglas transit system in 2019, and we have continued to plan for and implement a multi-use trail network throughout the county. Douglas County has incorporated the LCI study recommendations into our Comprehensive Plan and into the regulations of our Unified Development Code. The County continues to encourage a diversity of housing options, shopping areas, employment and recreational amenities along this corridor to fulfill the vision of the LCI.

The attached signed resolution demonstrates the commitment of the Board of Commissioners to continue to implement the LCI vision for the Highway 92 Corridor, including a commitment to the 20% match requirement. Thank you for your consideration of our application, and we look forward to continuing this partnership.

Sincerely,

Dr. Romona Jackson-Jones

Chairman

Douglas County Board of Commissioners



# DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONNECT DOUGLAS

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The initial LCI study and investments have been the foundation for the future of this corridor. Continued investments in this corridor provide a unique opportunity to combine land use, urban design and transportation planning to improve air quality and relieve traffic congestion. Furthermore, the economic realties of the area make the LCI a vital component to developing a long-term, comprehensive development plan for the corridor that blends the continued growth and development to promote mobility options for our citizens.

In the spirit of this goal, I support Douglas County and the Atlanta Regional Commission in continuing to invest in the Highway 92 Corridor and fulfill the vision of LCI.

Sincerely,

Ronald M. Roberts, Jr. Director Transit Services

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Sincerely,

Emily Lightner
Executive Director

Cultural Arts Council

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February 20, 2023

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Attn: Ms. Lauren Blaszyk, Planning Administrator

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I am remarkably familiar with the existing overlay districts in Douglas County. My familiarity is due in part having served as a Board Member on the Atlanta Regional Commission for 12 years while serving the City of Douglasville as Mayor. During my tenure I was able to see the stellar partnership between the Commission and the Communities served resulting in well positioned growth and advancement on multi-faceted levels. The existing overlay has proven to improve the quality and quantity of development in the area. As with any design development plan over time a fresh review will only enhance the development and opportunity for strategic advancement of growth.

The initial LCI study and investments have been the foundation for the future of this corridor. Continued investments in this corridor provide a unique opportunity to combine land use, urban design and transportation planning to improve air quality and relieve traffic congestion. Furthermore, the economic realties of the area make the LCI a vital component to developing a long-term, comprehensive development plan for the corridor that blends the continued growth and development to promote mobility options for our citizens.

In the spirit of this goal, I support Douglas County and the Atlanta Regional Commission in continuing to invest in the Highway 92 Corridor and fulfill the vision of LCI.

Sincerely,

Mickey Thompson

Former Mayor of Douglasville

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