

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

Henry County Government

NAME OF PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON

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Section 2: Type of Assistance

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- Tactical: Advances the implementation of a priority action identified in a study within the LCI area.

Section 3: Project Information

NAME OF PROJECT

Creative Placemaking for Henry Connect's New Fixed-Route Local Bus Service

NAME OF LCI AREA AND LAST PLAN ADOPTION DATE

McDonough, Hudson Bridge, and Stockbridge: January 5, 2022

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT

\$125,000.00

PROPOSED LOCAL MATCH (MINIMUM 20% OF PROJECT COST)

\$25,000.00

PROJECT LOCATION/EXTENTS

McDonough to Stockbridge

UPLOAD STUDY AREA MAP

- [bus-route-lb-17.pdf](#)

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

Yes

PLEASE NAME THE STUDY, AND REFERENCE THE SECTION OR PAGE THAT RELATES TO THIS PROJECT

Henry County Transit Master Plan, Short-Range Recommendations, page 10

IS THE PROJECT WITHIN AN EXISTING LCI AREA?

No

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

Henry Connect, which is the name of Henry County's transit service, is proceeding to start a new fixed-route local bus service in 2023. This service came out of a recommendation from the Henry County Transit Master Plan adopted in 2022. This proposed study will develop the proposed bus route to a more transit-friendly corridor by designing bus stops, bus stop signs, bus stop shelters, landscape, sidewalks and crosswalks to make bus stops more accessible and attractive, flashing beacon lights to slow down vehicles to access bus more safely, and many other ideas under the concept of "transit creative placemaking".

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

The proposed bus route, identified as Route # LB-17 in the Henry County Transit Master Plan, was identified as the route with the highest potential transit ridership. The proposed LCI study will address the safety and accessibility needs of transit riders by developing bus stops, bus stop signs, bus stop shelters, landscape, sidewalks and crosswalks to make bus stops more accessible and attractive, flashing beacon lights to slow down vehicles to access bus more safely, and many other ideas under the concept of "transit creative placemaking". It will help reduce dependence on cars by making transit ridership more attractive and safer and, thus, relieve traffic congestion.

HOW DOES YOUR LCI STUDY ADVANCE OR ADDRESS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING LCI PRIORITIES. IF THE 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.

The proposed LCI study will advance transit creative placemaking by making investments in bus stops, bus stop signs, bus stop shelters, landscape, streetscape, sidewalks, crosswalks, flashing beacon lights, chairs, trash cans, etc. A stakeholder engagement plan will be developed in the beginning of the study which will then be followed throughout the study to solicit input from the local arts community and the public in the development of this transit corridor.

Various developers have approached the Henry County Government and expressed their interest in constructing affordable and multi-family housing along bus route LB-17 because of the availability of transit service. The study will propose pedestrian access from nearby developments to the bus stops.

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.

There was extensive engagement of the Henry County citizens and stakeholders in the development of the Henry County Transit Master Plan in 2022. The proposed LCI study will help move forward a recommendation that came out of the County's plan. The study will incorporate citizen engagement via public information open house, online survey, stakeholder interview, social media, pop-up events, etc. The study recommendations will be based on the citizen input

received.

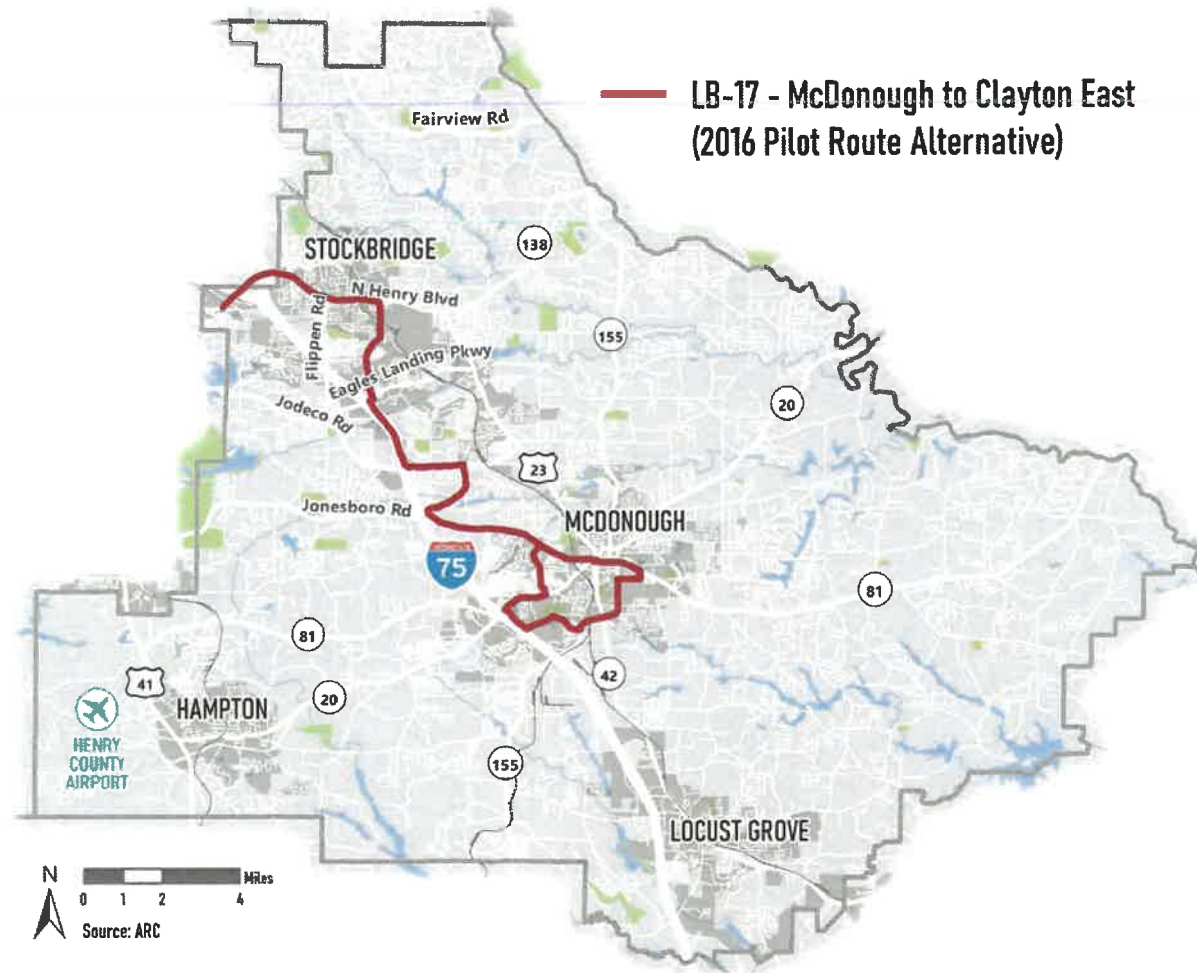
WHO IN YOUR COMMUNITY HAS BEEN HISTORICALLY UNDER-REPRESENTED IN LOCAL PLANNING PROCESSES? HOW WILL THESE INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS BE INCLUDED IN THIS PLANNING PROCESS?

The low-income and minority populations have been historically under-represented in local planning processes. So, in addition to inviting such community members to public information open houses, staff and consultants will visit and speak one-on-one with the people, particularly those who are perceived to be low-income and minority, who live and work in the vicinity of bus route LB-17.

Section 5: Commitment

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

- [resolution-03-07-23.pdf](#)



RESOLUTION NO. 23-_____

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE GRANT FOR
HENRY COUNTY TRANSIT PLANNING PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) is a grant program of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and has \$1.8 million of federal funds available for transit planning on a competitive basis; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals of the LCI grant is to “enhance access to a range of travel modes including transit...and increase connectivity and improve access for all users”; and

WHEREAS, ARC is currently soliciting grant applications from the local governments in its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Henry Connect, the County’s transit service, is pursuing to start a new fixed-route local bus service in 2023; and

WHEREAS, an LCI grant will enable Henry County to conduct a detailed tactical study to develop the proposed route to a more transit-friendly corridor by designing bus stops, bus stop signs, bus stop shelters, landscape, sidewalks, and crosswalks to make bus stops more accessible and attractive, flashing beacon lights to slow down vehicles to access bus more safely, and many other ideas under the concept called “transit creative placemaking”; and

WHEREAS, Henry County hereby applies for an LCI grant amount of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, Henry County commits to provide the required 20% local match (\$25,000); and

WHEREAS, the Henry County Department of Transportation Planning is expected to have the required local matching funds in its fiscal year 2024 budget to utilize the LCI grant.

SO RESOLVED, THIS 7TH DAY OF MARCH, 2023.

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Carlotta Harrell, Chair

ATTEST:

Stephanie Braun, County Clerk