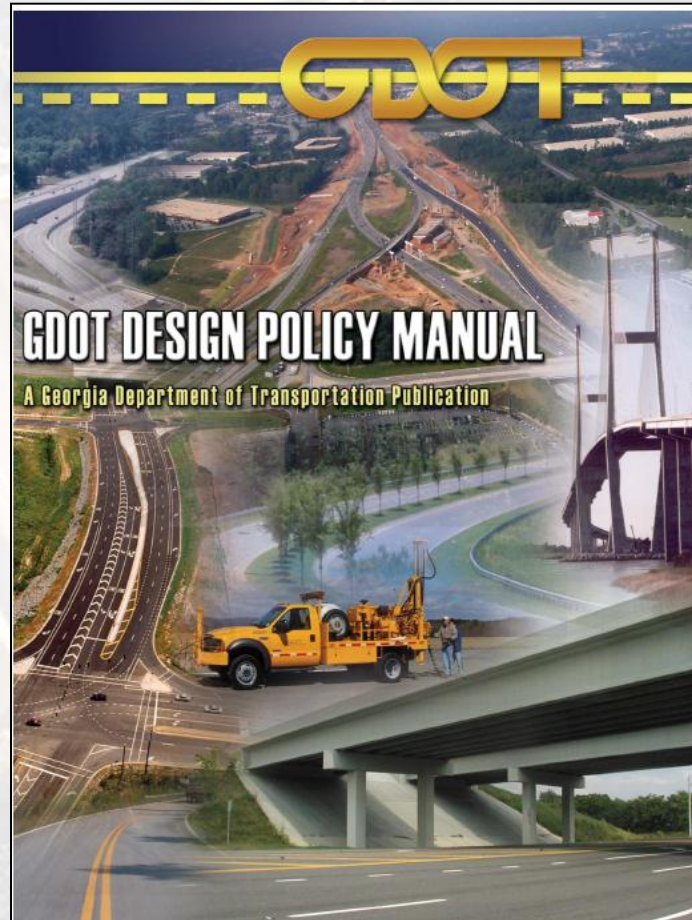


## Georgia Bicycle & Pedestrian Goals:

- Promote Bicycling and Walking as mobility options in urban and rural areas of the state;
- Develop a transportation network of primary bicycle routes throughout the state to provide connectivity for intrastate and interstate bicycle travel;
- Promote establishment of U.S. numbered bicycle routes in Georgia as part of a national network of bicycle routes;
- Encourage economic development opportunities that enhance bicycle and pedestrian mobility;
- Promote non-motorized transportation as a means of congestion mitigation
- Promote non-motorized transportation as an environmentally friendly means of mobility;
- Promote connectivity of non-motorized facilities with other modes of transportation.

Developed as part of the 1995 *Statewide Bike/Ped Plan*

# Georgia Bicycle & Pedestrian Accommodation Policy



# Bicycle & Pedestrian Accommodation Policy

## **Purpose:**

“This policy ensures that transportation system modifications are routinely planned, designed, constructed, operated, and maintained so as to provide a safe, seamless, and sustainable transportation system for Georgia’s citizens. The result should be a system that is connected, efficient, and safe for all users and allows choice among different transportation modes – both motorized and non-motorized.”

- GDOT Policy Approved May 2010

# Bicycle & Pedestrian Accommodation Policy

## Accommodation Policy:

“The policy of the Georgia Department of Transportation is to routinely incorporate bicycling and walking accommodations into the transportation system as a means to improve the safety and mobility of non-motorized traffic.

GDOT will initiate all highway construction projects with the presumption that the projects shall accommodate bicycling and walking. The planning, design, and construction of new projects should anticipate current, latent, and likely future demand for bicycling and walking facilities and not preclude provisions for future improvements. Consistency with adopted plans or routes should be considered wherever possible.”

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# Bicycle & Pedestrian Accommodation Policy

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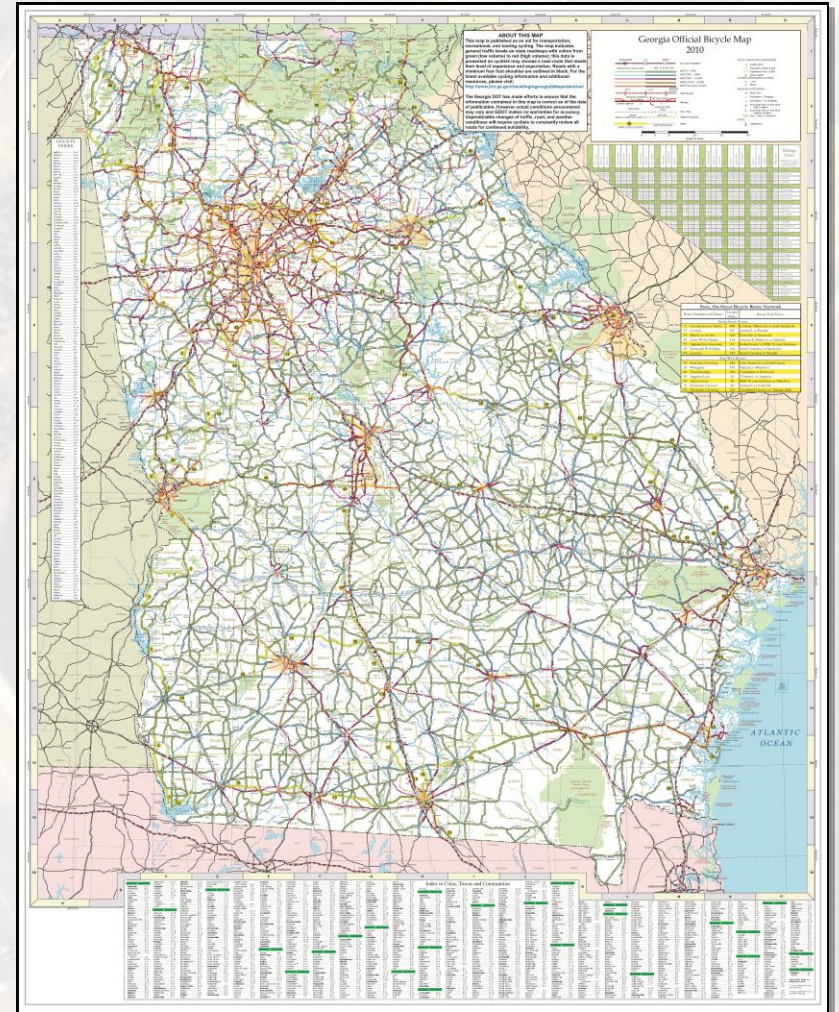
“A decision to not accommodate bicycling and walking shall be documented based on specific exemption criteria.”

1. Where travel is prohibited by law
2. Where costs are excessively disproportionate (greater than 20% of total project)
3. Bridge projects where the existing width is sufficient
4. Where sparsity of population or other factors indicate an absence of need

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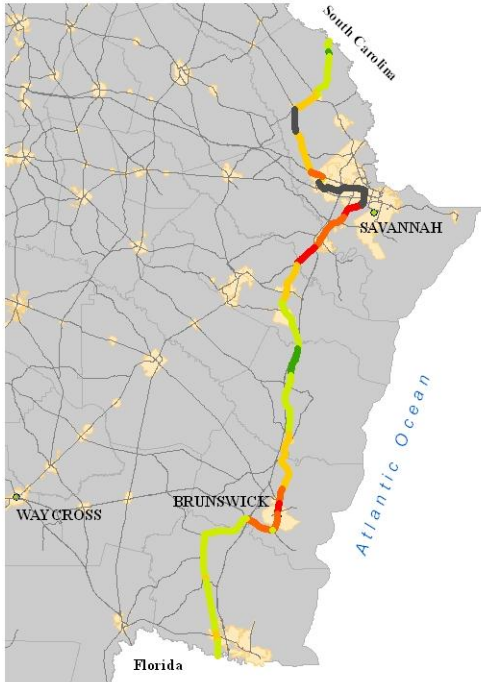
# 2010 State Bicycle Map

- Nationally adopted suitability ratings
- Green-red coding based on traffic volumes
- Next step: Post digital copy on web

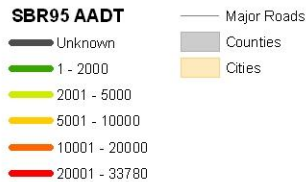


# State Bicycle Route Assessments

## Georgia State Bike Route #95 DRAFT Corridor Assessment



Category	Total	Percent
Total Miles	168.6 mi	
Off-System Miles	19.1 mi	11%
AAADT > 10,000	43.0 mi	26%
Shoulders < 4' Bikable	59.6 mi	35%
Total Number of Segments	58	
AAADT > 10,000	17	29%
Shoulders < 4' Bikable	22	38%
Number of Communities	10	



Georgia DOT Office of Planning  
 DRAFT July 2010 -- DO NOT DISTRIBUTE  
 See detailed route description in "Georgia Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan"



- East-West Routes**
- 10 - Southern Crossing
  - 20 - Wiregrass
  - 40 - TransGeorgia
  - 50 - Augusta Link
  - 60 - Athens Link
  - 70 - Northern Crescent
  - 90 - Mountain Crossing

- North-South Routes**
- 5 - Chattahoochee Trace
  - 15 - Central
  - 35 - March to the Sea
  - 45 - Little White House
  - 55 - Appalachian Gateway
  - 85 - Savannah River Run
  - 95 - Coastal



GDOT, Office of Planning, 2010  
 See route descriptions in "Georgia Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan"  
 Contact GDOT Bike/Ped Coordinator for more information

# US Bicycle Route System

- AASHTO and ACA effort to make national inter-state route connections
- Annual nomination of bike routes to USBRS
- Three identified corridors in Georgia:
  - N-S routes (2) along coast and central GA
  - E-W route (1) through Augusta, Athens, Atlanta...
- Next Steps: Review & assess existing corridors



# Projects with Regional Commissions

- Updates to regional plans
- Bicycle route and greenway corridor assessments
- Promotional and educational events
- Trainings and SRTS

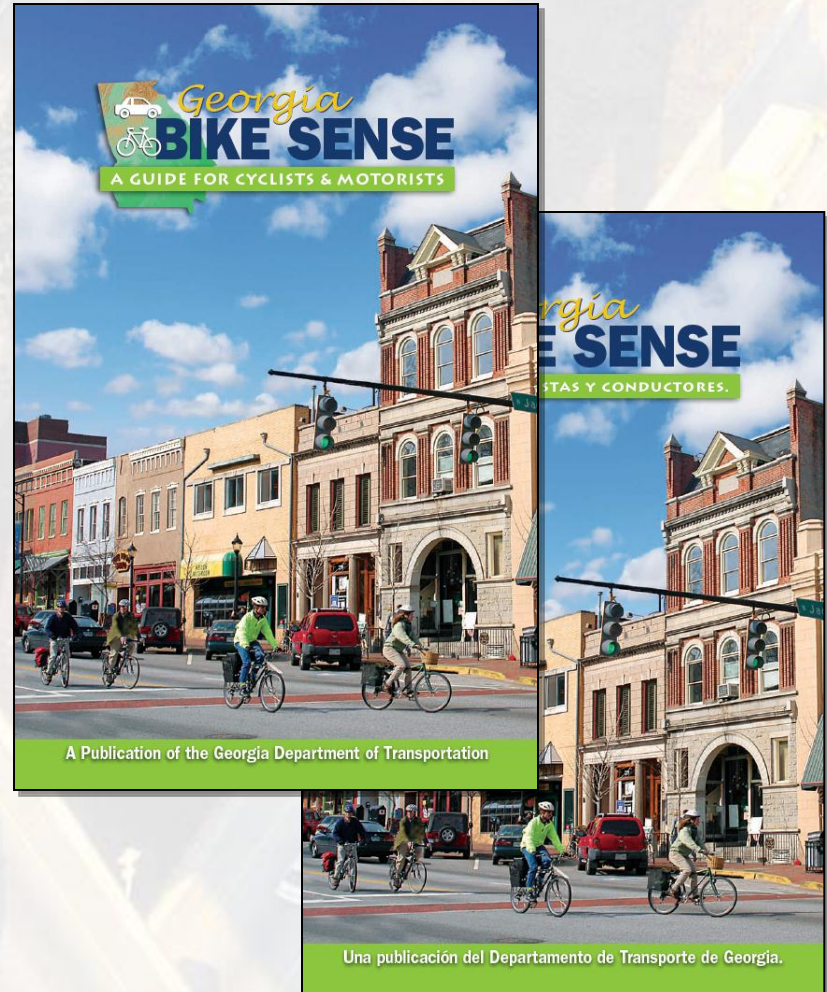
The collage features three main components:

- Top Right:** A blue header with a pedestrian and bicycle icon, titled "Northeast Georgia Plan for Bicycling and Walking" with the subtitle "Adopted by resolution of the Council of the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission, August 18, 2010". Below the header is a map of the region showing a network of routes.
- Middle Left:** A flyer titled "Bike! Walk! Northwest Georgia Activities and Programs May/June". It lists events such as a "10:30 AM Family Ride" and a "7:00 PM Presentation" by Joe Kurmaskie. It includes a logo for "Bike! Walk! Northwest Georgia" and a contact box for BWNWGA.org.
- Bottom Right:** A screenshot of the "ActiveValley.org" website. The header features the site name and navigation links. Below is a "Events and Counts" section with a "Cycling" sub-section, a map of Georgia counties, and a photograph of a group of cyclists.

# Bike Sense Guide

- ¡Ahora en Español!
- Updated state legal codes and organization information
- Same technical content, safety information, and pictures

[http://www.dot.state.ga.us/travelingingeorgia/bikepedestrian/Documents/bike\\_manual\\_032305.pdf](http://www.dot.state.ga.us/travelingingeorgia/bikepedestrian/Documents/bike_manual_032305.pdf)



# Trainings & Workshops

- Hosted two NHI facility design courses
  - Bicycle – May 2010
  - Pedestrian – Oct 2010
  - One each in mid-2011
- Attended ProWalk/ProBike 2010



# Safe Routes to School

- 26 infrastructure grants awarded to date
- 182 schools enrolled with Resource Center
- Seven regional school outreach coordinators
- **2010 Call for Projects (closes in November)**
- [www.saferoutesga.org](http://www.saferoutesga.org)
- Emmanuella Myrthil  
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# QUESTIONS?

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