

**Partners for a Prosperous Athens Housing & Transportation Committee  
Transportation Subcommittee Meeting Notes – September 25, 2006**

Suggestions for recommendations:

Create a transportation overlay map showing: transit routes, locations of low-income housing, schools, health care facilities, grocery stores, social service agencies, etc.

- Jean Gowen, Tommy Jordan

Improve the information on the transit route maps (in particular, coordinate points of interest on page one with the map and schedule; update the maps; create night route maps.)

- Aaliya Snell

Support state legislation to increase funding for transit – this could include lobbying for the General Assembly to pass legislation to allow a quarter-of-a-cent SPLOST for local regional transit funding and other mechanisms.

- Cardee Kilpatrick

Convince businesses to provide shuttles for their employees from several hubs – this could be a public/private partnership.

- Margaret Weirich

Increase the hours of operation for the Lift (paratransit van service).

- Dot Jones

Build more sidewalks.

Create a graduate level interdisciplinary service learning course to serve as a resource to the citizen volunteers who are trying to address poverty but may not have the research skills and resources they need.

Create a regional transit entity (jobs are often in other counties and people need to get to them.)

Explore and pursue ALL potential funding options, including: new sources of funding relating to global warming, Dept. of Labor, Dept. of Education, etc.

Create a community endowment fund to help fund transit (and other things.)

Create incentives for businesses to fund (or build) bus shelters at their locations on the bus lines, particularly medical offices.

Create more bike lanes and other facilities to make cycling safer for everyone.

Study similar cities taxi systems to determine if there's a better model to meet the needs of people with low incomes and, if so, change our local regulations.