

The following are comments/questions that were submitted via [www.ReaganExtension.com](http://www.ReaganExtension.com) and the responses that were sent to each individual. Names and personal information are removed for privacy; comments from the same individual and/or household are grouped together.

In addition to these comments, individuals have signed up to receive updates.

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**COMMENT:**

19/05/2010 9:14 AM

It is obvious that you folks are very good engineers but it equally obvious that you are falling into the same trap that so many road designers before you have been caught up in. YOU ARE NOT THINKING FAR ENOUGH AHEAD. I remember when the first segments of I-285 were opened. People joked about all that money being wasted because there was almost no one using it. But before long there were already plans to add more lanes. Atlanta is not a town where everyone works downtown and the only traffic needs are for getting people into and out of downtown. Cross-area traffic is just as important, if not more important now, as I-85 access. Extending RRP to the east to connect to US 78 is in the Gwinnett County long-rang transportation plans, and well it should be. When that happens there will be the obvious need to go west and connect with Peachtree Industrial. That eventuality should be one of your first concerns in determining the path for RRP. It should hit I-85 at a location that will make it possible to eventually extend westward. If you hit I-85 at a location where that extension is impossible or so expensive that it will never be feasible, then you make a cardinal error in highway planning. You also make a short-sighted mistake if you try to save money by tying into an existing ramp over I-85. A road with this much eventual traffic must have its own entrances and exits and you must find a location on I-85 where that can happen. Finally, I am amazed that you have already made up your mind that there will be no ramps going out of town at I-85. Eastbound traffic may be estimated as light now, but it is the same situation as I-285 when it was first built. There will be a lot of demand for east-bound ramps at I-85 a few years down the road, and to hit I-85 at a location where that will never be possible is another grave error. I encourage you to think more long-term. Don't get future road planners into a box. You will see the day when RRP will need to be expanded to 3 lanes in both directions, so you need to be sure you put it where that will be possible. You also need to stay away from all of that congestion at Steve Reynolds and Pleasant Hill. Let's make some mature and long-term decisions here, folks. Thanks for your time.

**RESPONSE:**

June 21, 2010

Thank you for your comments related to the feasibility study for the proposed Ronald Reagan Parkway Extension. Your input is taken quite seriously and with this response we hope to provide you with some more information about the project. The feasibility study is a preliminary phase designed to identify and study at least three possible alternatives for an extension of the Ronald Reagan Parkway that would connect to I-85.

This feasibility study is being undertaken because, for many motorists, congestion and travel times on Pleasant Hill Road and other local streets have become unacceptable. The goal, in the short- and long-term, is to relieve this congestion and provide direct access to I-85. As such, our study includes analysis of current uses and demands, as well as forecasting to anticipate future needs and growth. We are taking into consideration the current Gwinnett County transportation plan in the analysis of the Ronald Reagan Parkway Extension; however it is outside the scope of this study for the project team to make planning decisions for the County.

Related to your question about ramps connecting from RRP to/from north I-85, these ramps are not currently integrated into the study, however the project team is avoiding options that would preclude their future consideration. We welcome your continued interest and should you prefer to receive future updates about the project, please visit [www.ReaganExtension.com](http://www.ReaganExtension.com) and complete the form on the Contact Us page.

Sincerely,  
The Project Team

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**COMMENT**

On 14/05/2010 at 6:22 AM I wrote: If this project goes beyond the current feasibility study, which federal agency will be the lead for the NEPA process? and you replied: Thank you for your recent comment related to the feasibility study for the proposed Ronald Reagan Parkway Extension. The Environmental Protection Agency prepares and reviews National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and the Council on Environmental Quality, which is headed by a fulltime Chair, oversees NEPA. A staff assists the Council. More information can be found online at <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>. Thank you for your continued interest. Sincerely, The Project Team While EPA is responsible for reviewing projects of other federal agencies' Environmental Impact Statements under NEPA, the federal agency with primary regulatory authority over the proposed action is typically the lead agency responsible for preparation of the EA/EIS. Am I correct to assume that you will be working with FHWA in preparation of any documents used in a NEPA review of the project?

**RESPONSE**

June 8, 2010

We hope this response is helpful in answering your most recent question about preparation of NEPA documents. If the project moves forward to the next stage, the environmental (NEPA) document will be prepared by Gwinnett County and submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for their review and comment. Once GDOT's comments have been addressed to their satisfaction, they will submit the document to FHWA, typically the lead Federal agency for transportation projects. Thank you for your continued interest. Sincerely, The Project Team

**COMMENT:**

14/05/2010 6:22 AM

If this project goes beyond the current feasibility study, which federal agency will be the lead for the NEPA process?

**RESPONSE:**

May 26, 2010

Thank you for your recent comment related to the feasibility study for the proposed Ronald Reagan Parkway Extension.

The Environmental Protection Agency prepares and reviews National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and the Council on Environmental Quality, which is headed by a fulltime Chair, oversees NEPA. A staff assists the Council. More information can be found online at <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Thank you for your continued interest.

Sincerely,  
The Project Team

**A number of similar comments were received and the following “general response” was provided between May 17 and June 22; highlighted portions were customized. The comments to which this response was issued are also provided below.**

Dear **Mr. / Mrs. LAST NAME**:

Thank you for your comments related to the feasibility study for the proposed Ronald Reagan Parkway Extension.

Please be advised that the feasibility study does not include the identification or selection of a preferred route, so it is uncertain what homes, businesses and/or green space, if any, will be affected should the project be constructed. The feasibility study is a preliminary phase designed to identify and study at least three possible alternatives for an extension of the Ronald Reagan Parkway that would connect to I-85. The Project Team is investigating public acceptance, environmental, technical and financial—including economic impact—feasibilities. From this phase, if deemed appropriate by the County and Project Team, the project may progress into the Development Phase in which alternative alignments will be evaluated in-depth as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. This NEPA process, among other investigative and compliance activities, involves extensive environmental analysis and includes further opportunities for public involvement.

In addition to NEPA, the Development Phase requires consideration of and compliance with federal, state and local environmental protection regulations. The Project Team will be working closely with the applicable regulatory agencies, to ensure we meet all applicable standards and requirements.

This feasibility study is being undertaken because, for many motorists, congestion and travel times on Pleasant Hill Road and other local streets have become unacceptable. The goal is to relieve this congestion and provide direct access to I-85. Additionally any proposed extension would be limited access at pre-determined interchanges.

The timeline presented on [www.ReaganExtension.com](http://www.ReaganExtension.com) will provide you with an idea of when future phases may occur. We welcome your continued interest

...and you have been added to the distribution for updates about the project.

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The Project Team

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**COMMENTS for which general response was issued:**

29/04/2010 9:48 AM

I would like to voice my support for the ORANGE route. The GREEN route would impact our neighborhood greatly. I also feel the ORANGE route would help business along Pleasant Hill Road.

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29/04/2010 1:27 PM

I support the Orange Route!

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01/05/2010 9:18 PM

I support the Orange route NOT THE GREEN ROUTE

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28/04/2010 9:19 AM

MY FAMILY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF MY NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE HUNTINGTON TRACE SUBDIVISION ARE TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF THE ORANGE ROUTE (PLEASANT HILL RD., NOT THE GREEN ROUTE. WE SUPPORT ORANGE AND NO OTHER ROUTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

13/05/2010 7:30 AM

My family and I are categorically OPPOSED to the GREEN Route since it will interfere with the wetlands and recreational area of the Huntignton Subdivision in which we live. We prefer the less onerous ORANG Route. And we will voice that opinion to the members of the Gwinnett County Bioard of Commissioners and every media outlet in the Atlanta metropilitran area.

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29/04/2010 11:47 AM

I am writing you today to give my families and neighbors support for the ORANGE ROUTE, not the Green Route in regards to the extension of Ronald Reagan.

13/05/2010 12:13 AM

I would like my public opinion to show that I strongly oppose the option that would route the Ronald Regan extension through our wetlands, our homes, and the Huntington Subdivision Recreational area. This option is currently known as the 'GREEN' route. The route through Pleasant Hill known as the "ORANGE" route is preferable. I will voice my opposition to the County Commissioners should this plan be submitted for approval.

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29/04/2010 2:44 PM

I would like the committee to consider the orange plan so it would not interfere with my neighborhood and help to boost businesses along Pleasant Hills Road.

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29/04/2010 4:56 PM

I have been following summaries from the citizens advisory. I submit that building the route along existing Pleasant Hill route is the much much stronger alternative. It will help Pleasant Hill get more business and it is already commercial. It will result in less trees/greenspace being removed. It makes much more sense if this project has to proceed.

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03/05/2010 8:49 AM

MY HUSBAND AND MYSELF HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS IN THE LILBURN, BURNS ROAD FOR 25 YEARS. WE ARE VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THE ORANGE ROUTE FOR THE RONALD REGAN EXTENSION. LESS INVASION OF OUR SUBDIVISIONS. THANK YOU

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03/05/2010 4:06 PM

We support the Orange Route. We would like to see more businesses build, instead of close on Pleasant Hill Road.

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12/05/2010 7:02 PM

As residents in an area that will be impacted by the construction of the Ronald Regan Parkway extension I am letting you know that we are opposed to this project. However, should the decision be made to connect the Ronald Regan Parkway to I-85, then I strongly oppose the option that would route the extension through our wetlands, our homes, and the Huntington Subdivision Recreational area. This option is currently known as the

'GREEN' route. We will voice our opposition to the County Commissioners should this plan be submitted for approval.

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07/05/2010 11:36 AM

The proposed orange route is the most advantageous for improving business in this area.

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07/05/2010 8:24 AM

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29/04/2010 10:37 AM

I sent comments in yesterday and may have the routes switched. To be clear, my comments from yesterday boil down to the Orange route while not great is much better than the Green route that goes through our neighborhood. Please be sure my voice is opposing the Green route and favoring the Orange one. I also want to express my opposition to any extension of Ronald Reagan Pkwy, but since that doesn't seem to be an option, I want the Orange route.

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28/04/2010 2:37 PM

Please add my name to the list of persons opposing the orange route and strongly supporting the green route. The orange route divides and negatively impacts an established community of homes. Gwinnett County has long placed the interests of developers and business above the homeowners of our county. It is time that both the homes and wetlands of this proposed route are left intact. With the amount of commercial property that is empty, businesses affected will have many opportunities to relocate without too great an impact. Our community was misled when Ronald Reagan was first proposed. We were promised this orange route would never be used. Once again, the Gwinnett County is considering placing commercial interests above homeowner's and ecological ones.

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28/04/2010 10:20 PM

I just want to register my support for the Orange route which passes through areas that have already been developed. The Green route would have a large adverse impact on my community--and by this I mean both my neighborhood itself and the adjacent wetland. The county does not need to be either seizing or diminishing the value of the property in this residential neighborhood when another viable alternative exists. And our wetlands are constantly being destroyed or seriously degraded (there's really no difference between the two) by unnecessary development. Please utilize the route that has already been designated primarily for commercial use and leave our established neighborhoods and our valuable wetlands as they are.

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28/04/2010 11:45 AM

I would like to express my deep concern about the possibility of the Ronald Reagan Parkway Extension through the wetlands and green space area of our neighborhood. I am very much opposed to it. I would prefer that consideration be made to modifications to the existing Pleasant Hill route.

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29/04/2010 10:06 AM

As one of the contact persons for over 400 homes in our area, I only support the Orange Route and not the green route being considered by the Feasibility Study Committee. As such a person, I receive every update from the neighbors in our community who are serving on the committee and am sending out these updates to all the homes in our community. In those notices we are encouraging others homeowners to strongly oppose the green route and only support the Orange route being considered.

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29/04/2010 12:48 PM

I am in favor of the Orange Route.!!! Thanks for reading.

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29/04/2010 10:31 AM

I am greatly concerned and against making the preferred option the green one. The green option affects wetlands and well established neighborhoods and schools. The orange one along an already well trafficked and commercial route should be the preferred choice of the available options.

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29/04/2010 10:44 AM

my family my neighbors & I support the ORANGE ROUTE, not the Green Route!

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29/04/2010 11:07 AM

In regards to the routes being considered for the Ronald Reagan Parkway Extension Project, myself, my family and my neighbors support the ORANGE ROUTE, not the Green Route.

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29/04/2010 10:51 AM

I am not thrilled that you are spending money on a study on Ronald Regan. It is a waste of money that could be put tp better use somewhere else. But if you must waste my money, I am in favor of the ORANGE route. I do not want my beautiful Neighborhood destroyed.

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29/04/2010 1:58 PM

I feel that using the Pleasant Hill route will have a lesser impact on residential areas and wetlands. The glut of traffic is on that route, so would be directly impacted by the additional roadway. Also, I believe they are already discussing changing the interchange to allow cars to avoid the I-85 traffic, so that could be incorporated with the RR construction.

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29/04/2010 3:04 PM

I support as well as the rest of my family and neighbors, support the ORANGE ROUTE, not the green route.

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29/04/2010 3:45 PM

PLEASE GO WITH THE ORANGE ROUTE!

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29/04/2010 9:49 PM

I have reviewed the feasibility study routes and I prefer the one in Orange (down Pleasant Hill).

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30/04/2010 7:22 AM

I for one would hope the commission would consider the Orange route. There is no way I will support the Green route. Please make my voice heard.

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30/04/2010 8:15 AM

I support the orange route and not the green route. You must consider the impact on residents who have lived in this county for 35 years. How can you just oust people from their homes? How can you make the decision to interrupt the lives of people who are ready to retire and whou have paid for their homes and want to live peacefully the remainder of their lives? How can you be so heartless? I do have an answer to these questions but I will hope you would consider the least impact on a portion of the population who have had to put up with constant negative decisions by this county.

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30/04/2010 9:24 AM

I live in the Huntington subdivision. I strongly prefer the Orange route (Along Pleasant Hill Rd. to Club Drive). The Green route will pass next to my subdivision and cause too much noise.

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30/04/2010 10:36 AM

I think it is way too close to quiet residential families with small children that would be endangered.

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30/04/2010 12:20 PM

RE: Ronald Reagan extension: Please do not destroy the sanctity of our neighborhood. Please choose the ORANGE route for the extension of this parkway. PLEASE.

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02/05/2010 3:26 PM

I have lived in the Huntington community for 28 years, and I do not want the Ronald Reagan Parkway Extension to go through my neighborhood. Therefore, my family, my neighbors, and I support the ORANGE ROUTE. Having the extension follow Pleasant Hill Road is a more appropriate and beneficial route for all of us.

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03/05/2010 5:03 PM

As a property owner in the Huntington Subdivision I am in strong favor of the Orange Route. the green route would have the most negative impact on our neighborhood. The green route would literally go through portions of our neighborhoods and would cause unfair financial hardship on me and my family. The orange route has the potential to increase business and property values. Please consider the orange route. Thanks!

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04/05/2010 9:12 AM

This is to voice my SUPPORT for the ORANGE ROUTE in the Reagan Extension project. All other choices do harm to the quality of life in our community. We have lived in this community for 30 years and raised our family here. We have planned to retire here. Do not destroy our dream.

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04/05/2010 9:05 AM

I support the ORANGE ROUTE being considered for the Ronald Reagan Parkway Extension. It is the least onerous choice to our Huntington community in Lilburn. PLEASE DO NOT take away our home that we have lived in for 30 years and that we cannot afford to leave. This is our life. We deserve fairness. We don't deserve to be disregarded because of the GREED of others.

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09/05/2010 1:47 AM

I have been a Gwinnett county citizen for almost 30 years. Over these years I have seen this county change drastically from an environment of a lazy homestead community to a seemingly dangerous community filled with more crime and undesireables than any other area around Atlanta. This has come about because of the misdirected guidance provided by our county leaders not following what is really best for our community. Once again we are headed in that same direction with the consideration of the Ronald Reagan Pway extension study. You put up a front of "involving the public" while in fact already having a predetermined conclusion for what route the road should take. You have funneled it down to two routes, green and orange. Neither of these routes should be considered acceptable to the county for the extension as there are other better choices that have been eliminated due to cost constraints (less profit for the private firm) or just ignoring alternatives. The green route has been the preselected site from day one of the study and the involvement of the "Public committee". I do not support any of the remaining routes for the extension of RR Pway. However, the orange route is the lesser of the two evils for its impact on the immediate community. I will vigorously oppose the green route with every ounce of resources that I can muster. Do not do this to my community.

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07/05/2010 10:32 AM

Please, for the sake of our neighborhood, only consider/vote for the "orange route". The other route DESTROYS our neighborhood, the safety of our children and our property values!!!!

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06/05/2010 10:00 AM

The Orange route should be the favored route for the Ronald Reagan Parkway extension. It affects less infrastructure already in place.

17/05/2010 8:46 PM

Please do not use the "green" route that goes through the wetlands of Huntington SubDivision. Please use the "orange" route that goes through Pleasant Hill road.

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13/05/2010 3:58 PM

I and everyone in my household strongly oppose the "GREEN" option for the Ronald Reagan Parkway extension, and believe the "ORANGE" options to be a better course of action. I will voice my opinion at the next meeting at Berkmar High.

13/05/2010 4:13 PM

As a resident of an area that will be impacted by the construction of the Ronald Regan Parkway extension I am letting you know that I am opposed to this project. However, should the decision be made to connect the Ronald Regan Parkway to I-85, then I strongly oppose the option that would route the extension through our wetlands, our homes, and the Huntington Subdivision Recreational area. This option is currently known as the 'GREEN' route. I will voice my opposition to the County Commissioners should this plan be submitted for approval.

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20/05/2010 2:11 PM

I hope that the negative comments on this site are giving you pause. The planning that went into choosing the Green Orange and Blue routes was considerable, and may have generated a "momentum to build" in many areas. That impetus will not survive contact with the hard reality that construction will make property values drop further during a rough era for many homeowners. At this time, I do credit this Study with good faith. I just wish that somewhere in this region of the country there could be a serious effort to bring mass transit into the picture, although I don't see that technology as a cure-all. With a child in tow, I'm not very able to attend the meetings that are advertised here, but I guess the time has come to do so anyhow. I'll be strenuously objecting to any development in the wetlands behind my house, where my kid watches deer, rabbits, owls, hawks, bats, turtles, snakes and dragonflies making their way around and eating my garden veggies. Among other things.