

The following are comments/questions that were submitted via 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.

COMMENT:

04/07/2010 12:30 PM

I strongly and vehemently am against the "BLUE ROUTE" it will destroy animal habitats, decrease house values and unsettle the quiet neighborhood of Gwinnett County.

RESPONSE:

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COMMENT:

18/06/2010 8:08 PM

I own property on Freeman Court and am naturally interested on the path of the Freeway.

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26/06/2010 1:52 PM

How far will the bus route go down Ronald Reagan towards 124? Will it be in Snellville next? If so, what timeline?

RESPONSE:

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In response, bus routes along any potential extension of the Ronald Reagan Parkway have not yet been determined. It will be a focus and consideration during the development phase, which could be timed for 1Q11 to 4Q12, depending on the outcome of prior activities. The timeline presented on www.ReaganExtension.com will provide you with an idea of when future phases may occur.

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COMMENT:

03/07/2010 8:04 PM

I am opposed to the Blue route...I don't want my quality of life to change in the Huntington subdivision...The West side of Gwinnett is already struggling with property value ...The residents will have a hard time selling any property with a major parkway going through the subdivision...My house will be paid for in 5 years, it would be a shame that all my hard work in becoming a home owner and living in a great, quiet neighborhood is interrupted by a major parkway...Please don't build a parkway near the neighborhood...This parkway will only benefit those who don't live on this side of Gwinnett...Thanks

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COMMENT:

03/07/2010 5:10 PM

In our neighborhood we DO NOT support the blue route. Please concentrate your resources in studying other options.

RESPONSE:

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COMMENT:

17/06/2010 12:39 PM

Is the impact of this extension on existing residential areas even being considered? Does the study include the construction of barrier walls between residential yards and the freeway since traffic will increase significantly?

RESPONSE:

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.

In response, yes, the impact of any potential extension of the Ronald Reagan Parkway on residents and residential areas is being carefully considered as part of the feasibility study. The study also includes investigation of public acceptance, environmental, technical and financial—including economic impact—feasibilities.

Related, the study includes consideration of what types of sections (roadway structures) may be needed for an extension, including what and where barrier walls may be appropriate. The March 24 Citizens Advisory Group meeting focused on this aspect in detail. The presentation, meeting minutes and other materials from this and other meetings are contained online in the Citizens Advisory Group tab at www.ReaganExtension.com.

Please keep in mind, however, that the feasibility study is an initial evaluation of potential options. Final specifications as well as the opportunity for further public input will not be determined until the development phase. The timeline presented on www.ReaganExtension.com will provide you with an idea of when future phases may occur.

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COMMENT:

10/07/2010 9:25 AM

If I come off Regan parkway onto Lawrenceville highway, go to Beaver Ruin, it takes me 11 minutes to I85. Your plan is to cut the time and the congestion. Let's say that this new blue route cuts the time by 90% (9 minutes). This justifies spending millions of dollars? If drivers have to stop to pay a toll to go 3 miles, this greatly slows down traffic. The traffic will back-up attempting to go onto Beaver Ruin, which will require an extra lane on Beaver Ruin. The cost of commendation will impact the overall cost. However, it appears that politicians don't care about the impact on the community. I understand that the politicians will drive this thru as they did with the trash collection process. That was as stupid of an idea as this extension. The lawsuits relating to the expansion will be as costly as the trash collection. Everbody can not be so clueless?

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If tolling is part of the extension, it will be via an “all electronic tolling,” system whereby all drivers will pass through overhead toll gantries at regular speeds, without stopping. Widely used both nationally and globally, this approach, also called “open road tolling,” increases the safety, efficiency and convenience of operations.

Future Citizens Advisory Group meetings will include information about traffic studies in relation to a possible extension of the Parkway. The meetings are open to the public and begin at 6:30 p.m. at Berkmar High School at 405 Pleasant Hill Road in Lilburn. Information shared at the meeting will be posted afterwards online in the Citizens Advisory Group tab of www.ReaganExtension.com.

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COMMENT:

06/07/2010 12:59 PM

I am opposed to the blue route associated with the Ronald Reagan extension project. I don't want to see the highway from my back yard where I currently enjoy looking at beautiful trees and wildlife. Speaking of wildlife -

I am opposed to the blue route which endangers the wildlife supported by the Beaver Ruin Creek. They depend on this creek as a natural resource and everything that can be done should be done to protect them.

RESPONSE:

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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 exact alignment, Blue included, will not be identified until the Development Phase should the project move forward. That said, the Project Team takes your perspective quite seriously.

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Comment:

09/07/2010 9:49 AM

Well I must say that the newest evolution of this project sure keeps me from becoming complacent. The reintroduction of the Blue option leads me to believe that this was in response to the public involvement voicing opinions on which route, if any, would be the best from their perspective. It's has the appearance that someone has decided the best way to manipulate the public opinion is to put before the affected homeowners just how bad it could be if there was a push to go right through our neighborhoods, i.e. the Blue route. I hate to admit that if this type of tactic has a history of working, most of the time. Well, judging by what I'm reading in emails, you may have just provided even more glue to bind the homeowners into a bigger block of neighborhoods that

are against this project. In many of my past messages, I requested that meeting minutes be taken and published. Unfortunately with only meeting summations being created instead of actual minutes we don't have proof that we were told that only the Green and Orange were being forwarded for the NEPA approval process. It was said at a CAG meeting that the Blue was found to be too expensive and affected too many homes to be viable (my terminology). Thanks for your time.

RESPONSE:

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

As we've discussed, 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 routes selected for the feasibility analysis may be, but are not necessarily the exact same routes that will be analyzed during the NEPA process. The goal of the Citizens Advisory Group is to, early-on, engage self-selected public stakeholder groups to share and discuss activities conducted as part of the feasibility study.

The Project Team continues to examine options for a potential extension, including the public acceptance, environmental, technical and financial—including economic impact—feasibilities. The goal in presenting the potential alignments, including the Blue option, is to be transparent in the options that have been investigated and the related qualities of each.

Regarding the Meeting Reports, the Project Team takes the task of accurately capturing the details quite seriously. Part of ensuring accuracy is to have multiple members of the Project Team contribute, as well as provide CAG members with the opportunity to edit and update the content should it differ from their recollection.

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