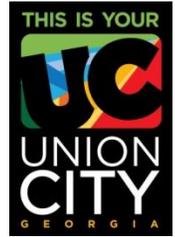


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State Partners with Union City in Reducing Traffic Congestion and Fuel Consumption for Motorists

UNION CITY, GA - The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Union City, in partnership with consulting firm, GCA, have taken monumental steps in reducing traffic congestion and fuel consumption along the SR 138 Corridor. The entities worked together to coordinate traffic signal timings and provide motorists with quicker and easier route access.

Travel time studies were conducted and yielded “before” and “after” results for the stretch of road encompassing 1.8 miles from Old Jonesboro Road to Buffington. Field studies manifested pronounced differences with the average stop time being reduced after the program’s implementation by 70% and with the average total travel time demonstrating a reduction of 20%. Improvements were also documented in the total amount of atmospheric pollutants emitted by vehicles.

Mayor Vince Williams said, “This corridor is of vital importance not only to Union City but to the Metropolitan Atlanta Area as well. To enhance our competitiveness as a destination for economic development, it is critical that motorists have a positive experience as they travel through the Corridor. GDOT has provided an important resource to help make this happen.”

Delay incurs direct costs upon motorists in the form of increased fuel consumption and the value of their time wasted while waiting in traffic. Motorists using the SR 138 corridor during three peak periods will save 81,889 hours and 49,133 gallons of gasoline each year because of improved traffic flow due to the new timing plans. Conservative estimates project a \$1,326,599 annual savings to motorists traveling through the Corridor. Based upon these figures, timing plan pays for itself every 5 to 6 weekdays.

Union City is a vibrant community known for its great business community, commitment to building new infrastructure to sustain and attract growth as well as maintaining existing infrastructure. We are excited about the SR 138 improvements as well as our other upcoming projects. Learn more by visiting us on the web at www.UnionCityGA.org

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