

Macon Area Transportation Study

Limited English Proficiency Plan

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Introduction

On August 11, 2000, President William J. Clinton signed Executive Order 13166, “Improving Access to Service for Persons with Limited English Proficiency”, to clarify Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination based on the grounds of race, color, or national origin by any entity receiving federal financial assistance.

Administrative methods or procedures that have the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination or defeating the objectives of these regulations are prohibited. The purpose of

Executive Order 13166 is to ensure accessibility to programs and services to otherwise eligible persons who are not proficient in the English language.

Purpose

The purpose of this Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan is to demonstrate compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order 13166. The LEP Plan is for persons who do not speak English as their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English. Such persons may be eligible to receive language assistance with respect to a particular service, benefit, or encounter. This Plan will examine the services and products provided by the Macon Area Transportation Study (MATS) and the Macon Transit Authority (MTA). The Plan will outline current accommodations made for LEP persons and possible future accommodations that can and/or should be made to make these services and products more accessible to LEP persons according to the guidelines in FTA Circular 4702.1B.

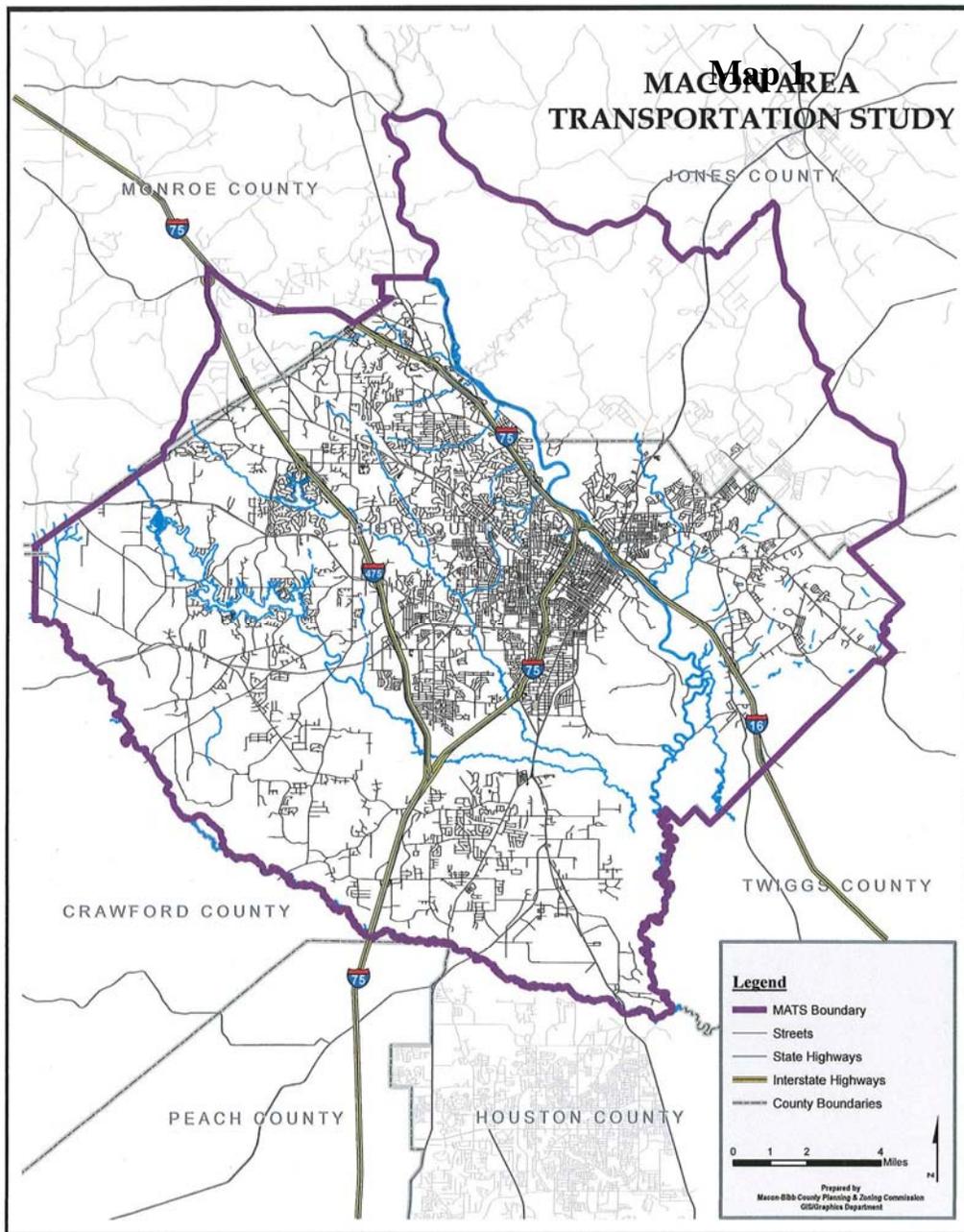
Factors Used to Formulate an LEP Plan

The U. S. Department of Transportation has established the following as guidelines for determining “reasonable steps” to be taken so that effective and meaningful access is provided for LEP customers by the Macon Area Transportation Study and the Macon Transit Authority:

1. Number/Proportion of LEP persons served or encountered in the eligible service population,
2. Frequency with which LEP persons encounter the services, programs, or activities provided,
3. Nature/Importance of the services, programs, or activities; and
4. Resources available to the program and the costs of providing services such as interpretation and translation services.

Macon Area Transportation Study

The Macon Area Transportation Study (MATS) was formed in 1964. MATS is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning in Bibb County, Payne City, part of Jones County, and part of Monroe County and is responsible for implementing the 3-C (comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing) transportation planning process. See Map-1 below.



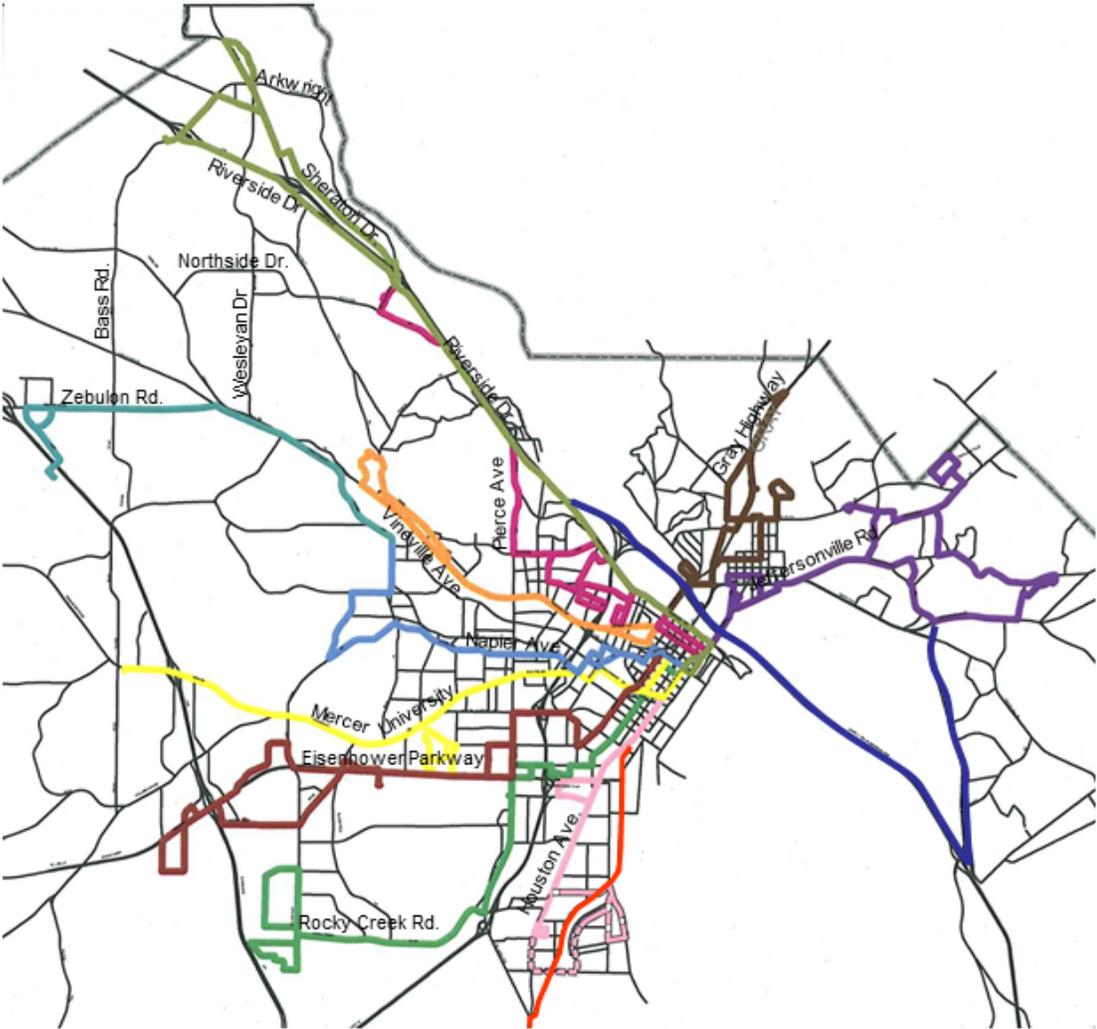
Macon Transit Authority

The Macon Transit Authority is the agency that provides public transportation for Macon-Bibb County. Currently the Macon transit Authority operates 23 buses on twelve fixed bus routes in Bibb County. See Map-2 Macon Transit Authority Bus Route map. All fixed route buses are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible. The service hours for the bus routes are from 4:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday – Friday but on Saturdays the hours are from 5:20 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The transit system has an average daily ridership of 3,964. The Main transfer station for the transit system is presently located in the Terminal Station 200 Cherry Street. The Transit Authority sells swipe card passes at the Terminal Station for the public. There are also ticket vending machines available at the transfer station.

The Transit Authority also maintains a fleet of ten operating vans a part of the requirements for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This is a specialized nonemergency service that provides transportation for persons who are not able to use the fixed route service. The ADA requires that local transit operators provide paratransit service for the disabled. This is a demand response service that is available Monday – Saturday during the same hours as the fixed route service. The ridership level for this service averages 112 clients per day.

Map 2

Macon Transit Authority Bus Routes



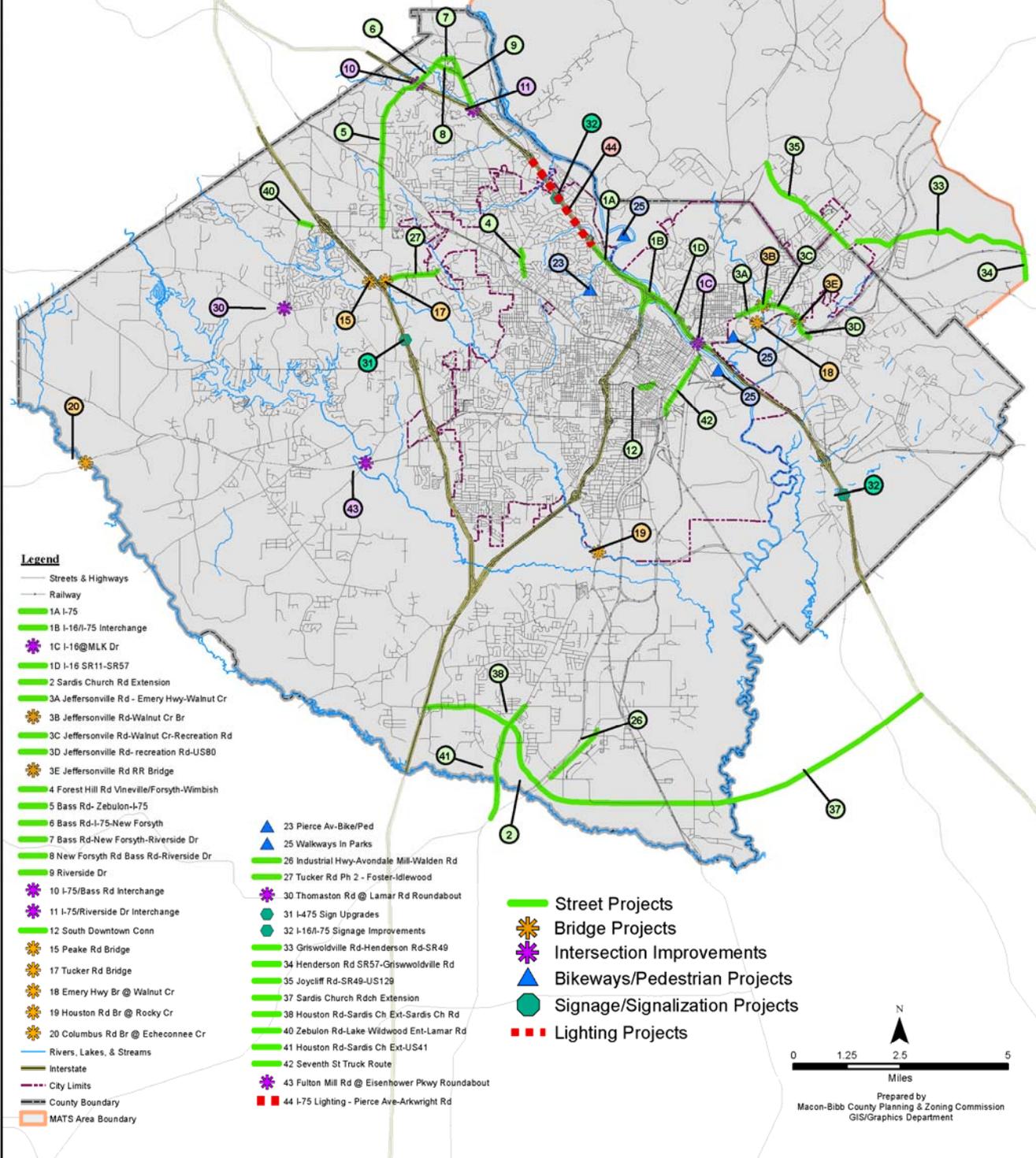
Legend	
Transit Routes	
Name	
Vineville/ Charter Hospital	Ocmulgee East Indus.
Bellevue/ Log Cabin	Westgate/ Bloomfield
Bellevue/ Zebulon	Macon Mall/ Chambers Road
West Macon/ Thomaston Road	East Macon/ Kings Park
North Highland	Houston Ave
Ocmulgee/ Tom Hill	Houston Ave/ Peach Orchard
	Houston Ave/Albert/Peach Orchard
	North Macon
	Robins AFB

2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

The 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) provides the documentation for the transportation projects that have been selected for construction by the Macon Area Transportation Study. The attached 2040 LRTP Project Map shows the physical location of these proposed projects. See Map-3.

The 2040 LRTP Project List (Table-1) is the detailed list of transportation projects proposed by the 2040 plan. This list contains the project names, project descriptions, regionally significant or not, GDOT ID #, Air Quality Status, Proposed Network Year, and a Cost Estimate that includes inflation.

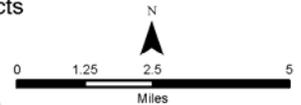
MAP 3 Proposed Projects for Long Range Transportation Plan



Legend

- Streets & Highways
- Railway
- 1A I-75
- 1B I-16/I-75 Interchange
- 1C I-16@MLK Dr
- 1D I-16 SR11-SR57
- 2 Sardis Church Rd Extension
- 3A Jeffersonville Rd - Emery Hwy-Walnut Cr
- 3B Jeffersonville Rd-Walnut Cr Br
- 3C Jeffersonville Rd-Walnut Cr-Recreation Rd
- 3D Jeffersonville Rd- recreation Rd-US80
- 3E Jeffersonville Rd RR Bridge
- 4 Forest Hill Rd Vineville/Forsyth-Wimbish
- 5 Bass Rd- Zebulon-I-75
- 6 Bass Rd-I-75-New Forsyth
- 7 Bass Rd-New Forsyth-Riverside Dr
- 8 New Forsyth Rd Bass Rd-Riverside Dr
- 9 Riverside Dr
- 10 I-75/Bass Rd Interchange
- 11 I-75/Riverside Dr Interchange
- 12 South Downtown Conn
- 15 Peake Rd Bridge
- 17 Tucker Rd Bridge
- 18 Emery Hwy Br @ Walnut Cr
- 19 Houston Rd Br @ Rocky Cr
- 20 Columbus Rd Br @ Echeconnee Cr
- Rivers, Lakes, & Streams
- Interstate
- City Limits
- County Boundary
- MATS Area Boundary
- ▲ 23 Pierce Av-Bike/Ped
- ▲ 25 Walkways In Parks
- ▲ 26 Industrial Hwy-Avondale Mill-Walden Rd
- ▲ 27 Tucker Rd Ph 2 - Foster-Idlewood
- ▲ 30 Thomaston Rd @ Lamar Rd Roundabout
- ▲ 31 I-475 Sign Upgrades
- ▲ 32 I-16/I-75 Signage Improvements
- ▲ 33 Griswoldville Rd-Henderson Rd-SR49
- ▲ 34 Henderson Rd SR57-Griswoldville Rd
- ▲ 35 Joycliff Rd-SR49-US129
- ▲ 37 Sardis Church Rdh Extension
- ▲ 38 Houston Rd-Sardis Ch Ext-Sardis Ch Rd
- ▲ 40 Zebulon Rd-Lake Wildwood Ent-Lamar Rd
- ▲ 41 Houston Rd-Sardis Ch Ext-US41
- ▲ 42 Seventh St Truck Route
- ▲ 43 Fulton Mill Rd @ Eisenhower Pkwy Roundabout
- 44 I-75 Lighting - Pierce Ave-Arkwright Rd

- Street Projects
- Bridge Projects
- Intersection Improvements
- Bikeways/Pedestrian Projects
- Signage/Signalization Projects
- Lighting Projects



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Table-1

List of Projects 2040 LRTP - Costs Inflated 2%/Year - Final 11/04/13

Road/Project Name	Description/ Location	Regionally Significant Project	State Project ID #	Air Quality	Network Year	2040 LRTP Total Plan Cost Inflated
This is a lighting replacement project (0012753) for the lighting on I-75 from Pierce Ave to Arkwright Road. This project was listed in the 2035 LRTP (312090) and is almost completed. The lighting project is in the FY 2014 to 2017 TIP.	Lighting Replacement Project - I-75 from Pierce Ave to Arkwright Road.	Yes	0012753	Exempt	2015	\$2,650,000
EPA Related Railroad Emissions Reductions		No	0009214	Exempt	2015	\$1,285,714
Walkways In Parks	Water Works, Ocmulgee & Central City Parks	No	0007636	Exempt	2015	In the TIP
Thomaston Road (SR 74) @ Lamar - Roundabout	Roundabout	No	0007644	Exempt	2015	In the TIP
I-475 Sign Upgrades	Upgrades	No	M004519	Exempt	2015	In the TIP
I-16 & I-75 Signage Improvements	Improvements	No	M004188	Exempt	2015	In the TIP
SR 49 @ Norfolk Southern Railroad 8.5 miles south of Gray	Bridge Replacement SR 49 @ Norfolk Southern Railroad	Yes	0010412	Exempt	2020	\$2,995,861
Houston Road (US 41/SR11/SR 49) @ Rocky Creek	Replace bridge at Rocky Creek.	No	0009861	Exempt	2020	\$2,444,400
Industrial Highway	Add continuous center turn lane from Avondale Mill Road to Walden Road (1.4 miles)) to reduce congestion from truck traffic.	Yes	0004455	Exempt	2020	In the TIP
Sardis Church Extension	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes from I-75 to SR 247. This includes existing Sardis Church Road from I-75 to east of Goodall Mill Road, new location from east of Goodall Mill Road to southern portion of Avondale Mill Road, and Avondale Mill Road from new location to SR 247.	No	0000566	Non-Exempt	2020	In the TIP
Jeffersonville Road	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes from Emery Highway to Walnut Creek Bridge.	Yes	351090	Non-Exempt	2020	In the TIP
Jeffersonville Road	Widen & replace bridge at Walnut Creek.	Yes	351095	Non-Exempt	2020	In the TIP
Jeffersonville Road	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes from Walnut Creek to Recreation Road & widen Millerfield Road from 2 to 4 lanes from Jeffersonville Road to Bristol Drive.	Yes	342080	Non-Exempt	2020	In the TIP
Forest Hill Road	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes from Vineville Ave/Forsyth Road to Wimbish Road.	No	350520	Non-Exempt	2020	Previously, In the TIP. Funding has been allocated.

South Downtown Connector	New Alignment from Richard Penneman Blvd/Telfair St to New RR Bridge & 2n Street	No	350595	Non-Exempt	2020	Local SPLOST
Second Street & RR Bridge	Replace existing bridge.	No	0002225	Non-Exempt	2020	Local SPLOST
Eisenhower Pkwy US 80 @ Fulton Mill Rd - Roundabout	Roundabout	No	0009959	Exempt	2020	Lump Sum
Columbus Road (SR 22)	Replace bridge at Echeconnee Creek	No	0007029	Exempt	2030	Lump Sum
I-16/I-75 Interchange						
Pleasant Hill Neighborhood Improvements - Phase 1B	Mitigation	Yes	12699	Non-Exempt	2030	\$11,611,843
I-75 NB From SR 19 to I-16 Interchange - Phase II	I-75 NB From SR 19 to I-16 Interchange - Phase II	Yes	12700	Non-Exempt	2030	\$32,857,941
I-16 From I-75 to Walnut Creek - Phase V	I-16 From I-75 to Walnut Creek - Phase V	Yes	12701	Non-Exempt	2030	\$78,471,037
I-16 - Phase I	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes from SR 11 to SR 87 with Collector/Distributor system as needed.	Yes	311000	Non-Exempt	2030	\$39,823,767
I-16 EB From I-75 to Walnut Creek - Phase IV	I-16 EB From I-75 to Walnut Creek Phase IV	Yes	311005	Non-Exempt	2030	\$79,052,412
I-75 from I-16 to CR 478/Pierce Ave - Phase VI	I-75 from I-16 to CR 478/Pierce Ave - Phase VI	Yes	311400	Non-Exempt	2030	\$37,068,555
I-75 SB From SR 19 to I-16 Interchange - Phase III	I-75 SB From SR 19 to I-16 Interchange - Phase III	Yes	311410	Non-Exempt	2030	\$61,497,307
Jeffersonville Road	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes from Recreation Road to US80.	Yes	351080	Non-Exempt	2030	\$7,787,883
Jeffersonville Road	Replace bridge at Norfolk Southern Rail Road.	Yes	0000835	Non-Exempt	2030	\$15,950,209
Bass Rd - Zebulon Rd to I-75	Bass Road widened from 2 to 4 lanes from Zebulon Road to I-75.	No	371430	Non-Exempt	2030	\$52,416,760
Bass Road	Widen Bass Road from two to four through lanes from I-75 to New Forsyth Road. Intersection Improvements at Bass/New Forsyth. Add dual left turns from Bass Road to Bass Pro Entrance. Add dual right and left turns from Bass Pro Exit.	No	N/A	Non-Exempt	2030	\$7,846,667

Bass Road	Widen from two to four lanes from New Forsyth Road to Riverside Drive & Intersection Improvements.	Yes	N/A	Non-Exempt	2030	\$5,412,335
New Forsyth Road	Widen from two to four lanes with turn lanes as needed from Bass Road to Riverside Drive with major intersection reconfiguration with Bass Road, Wesleyan Drive, and Riverside Drive.	No	N/A	Non-Exempt	2030	\$3,782,540
Riverside Drive	I-75 to Bass Road. A safety project to add turn lanes & intersection improvements at New Forsyth Rd.	Yes	N/A	Exempt	2030	\$3,782,540
I-75/Bass Road Interchange	Increase capacity of the interchange. Major problem is trips southbound on Bass turning left to go southbound on I-75. Add lanes to exit ramps for storage. Widen bridge over I-75 from 2 to 4 lanes with turn lanes.	Yes	N/A	Non-Exempt	2030	\$30,256,660
I-75/Riverside Drive Interchange	Signalize Interchange. Modify ramps to add turn lanes & storage. Run fiber optic.	Yes	N/A	Exempt	2030	\$755,777
Peake Road Bridge Replacement	Replace Bridge at Rocky Creek	No	0006659	Exempt	2030	\$1,833,329
Tucker Road	Replace bridge at Rocky Creek.	No	331870	Exempt	2030	\$4,233,568
Emery Highway	Reconstruct bridges at Walnut Creek.	Yes	333150	Exempt	2030	\$5,902,371
Pierce Avenue (SR247)	Bike/Ped	No	0007624	Exempt	2030	\$3,059,798
Tucker Road (Ph. 2)	Resurfacing, striping, standardization, turn lanes, multi-use path from Foster Road to Idlewood. Phase 1 from Idlewood to Forsyth is complete.	No	Local	Exempt	2030	\$1,320,171
Joycliff Rd	Widen to 4 lanes from SR 49 to US 129	No	J30	Non-Exempt	2030	\$35,732,383
Griswoldville Rd	Widen to 4 lanes from Henderson Rd to SR 49	No	J27	Non-Exempt	2030	\$36,963,568
Henderson Rd	Widened to 4 lanes from SR 57 to Griswoldville Rd	No	J26	Non-Exempt	2030	\$11,089,192
Sardis Church Extension from SR 247 to Sgoda Rd	New Road on New Location Project Includes Study	Yes	N/A	Non-Exempt	2040	\$62,409,791

Houston Road	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes from north of the Sardis Church Road Extension (approximately South Walden Road) to existing Sardis Church Road/ North Walden Road.	No	0006689	Non-Exempt	2040	\$14,074,894
Zebulon Road	Widen Zebulon Road from Lake Wildwood Entrance to Lamar Road from two to four lanes. Add turn lanes at Lamar Road and Zebulon Road.	No	N/A	Non-Exempt	2040	\$1,783,137
Houston Road	Standardize lanes from south of the Sardis Church Road Extension (South Walden Road) to US 41 in Houston County.	No	331750	Exempt	2040	\$453,630
Seventh St Truck Route - 7th St @ Walnut & 7th St @ Eisenhower	Roundabout and Improvements	No	N/A	Exempt	2040	\$8,355,516
					Total	\$670,678,426

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Limited English Proficiency Analysis

Racial Composition of Community

Table-2 shows the racial composition by percentage of the minority races within the Macon Area Transportation Study. This is shown for the portions of Jones County and Monroe County within MATS by county subdivision and for Bibb County by County and by Census Tracts from the 2010 Census.

For the purpose of review, the racial minority make-up is shown for two categories on the Macon Transit Authority Route Map and the 2040 Long Range Transportation Project List Map. First, it is shown by percent “African American” since African American is the majority minority group in the MATS area. Since there are relatively few other races that are Not White or African American, these are aggregated together in the Percentage Other Races category.

The spatial relationship and concentration of the minority races (African American and Other Races) in the Macon Area Transportation Study area are shown relative to the Macon Transit Authority’s transit routes on one map and to the Macon Area Transportation Study 2040 Long Range Transportation Projects on another.

Those who are Limited English Proficient will tend to be more concentrated in areas where minority populations are more concentrated. Those who are Limited English Proficiency tend to be more concentrated in the areas with higher concentrations of minority populations. This will be even more so in areas with higher concentrations of “Other Races”.

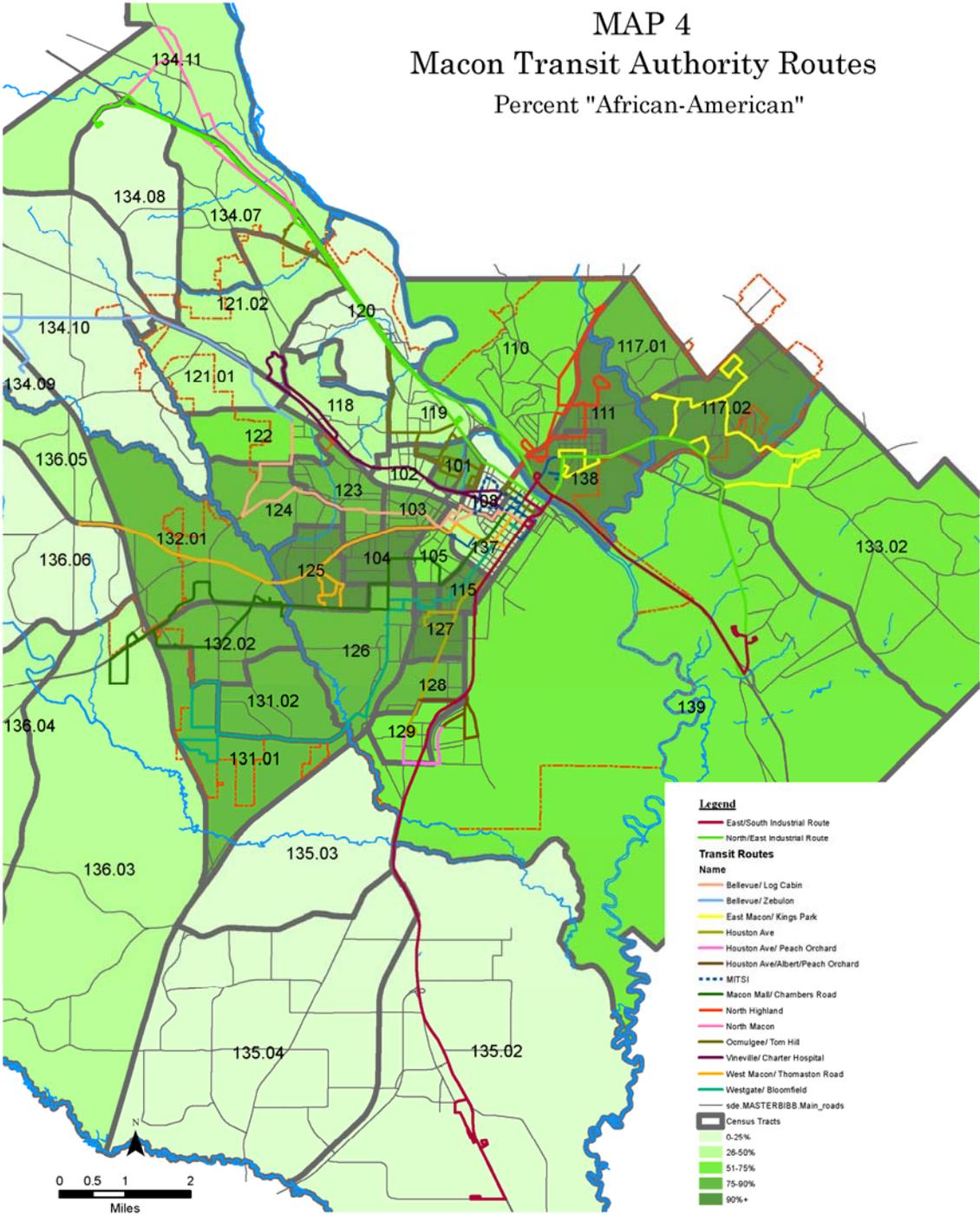
Table-2

MATS Population Percentage by Race

Macon Area Transportation Study	% African American	% Native American	% Asian	% Hawaiian / Islander	% Other Race	% Two or More Races	% Hispanic	% Other (Not White or African American)
Bibb County, Georgia	52.1%	0.2%	1.6%	0.1%	1.3%	1.4%	2.8%	7.5%
Gray-Macon East CCD, Jones County	24.3%	0.2%	0.7%	0.0%	0.3%	1.1%	1.0%	3.4%
Culloden-Bolingbroke CCD, Monroe County	13.0%	0.2%	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	1.0%	1.7%	4.6%
Bibb County								
Census Tract 101	89.6%	0.1%	0.8%	0.0%	1.9%	1.5%	2.3%	6.7%
Census Tract 102	32.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.9%	1.7%	2.9%	6.0%
Census Tract 103	82.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.3%	1.2%	1.2%	4.3%
Census Tract 104	94.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	1.4%	1.3%	3.5%
Census Tract 105	56.5%	0.3%	3.4%	0.1%	0.5%	1.9%	2.7%	8.9%
Census Tract 108	20.2%	0.1%	1.7%	0.1%	0.8%	2.0%	2.9%	7.6%
Census Tract 110	57.2%	0.2%	0.6%	0.0%	1.0%	1.2%	2.5%	5.5%
Census Tract 111	93.3%	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%	1.3%	0.9%	3.4%
Census Tract 115	94.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	0.9%	1.4%	3.0%
Census Tract 117.01	84.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.8%	2.6%	1.4%	5.6%	10.6%
Census Tract 117.02	90.5%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.9%	1.1%	2.6%
Census Tract 118	26.3%	0.3%	1.4%	0.0%	1.0%	1.5%	2.1%	6.3%
Census Tract 119	43.4%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.5%	2.1%	3.1%	6.3%
Census Tract 120	15.2%	0.2%	1.9%	0.0%	0.6%	1.1%	1.7%	5.5%
Census Tract 121.01	29.7%	0.2%	4.1%	0.0%	0.7%	1.5%	2.2%	8.7%
Census Tract 121.02	26.8%	0.3%	2.2%	0.0%	1.1%	1.8%	2.4%	7.8%
Census Tract 122	65.7%	0.1%	1.3%	0.0%	1.3%	1.5%	2.7%	6.9%
Census Tract 123	82.1%	0.1%	0.4%	0.1%	0.4%	1.6%	1.3%	3.8%
Census Tract 124	89.9%	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	1.3%	1.5%	3.6%
Census Tract 125	93.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	1.5%	1.1%	3.1%
Census Tract 126	81.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.7%	1.2%	1.4%	3.7%
Census Tract 127	90.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	1.5%	3.5%	6.9%
Census Tract 128	85.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.7%	1.5%	2.1%	4.8%
Census Tract 129	63.9%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	5.2%	1.6%	8.2%	15.4%
Census Tract 131.01	80.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	1.5%	1.1%	3.2%	6.3%
Census Tract 131.02	81.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.6%	1.1%	1.2%	3.4%
Census Tract 132.01	81.5%	0.1%	0.8%	0.1%	1.4%	1.6%	2.7%	6.8%
Census Tract 132.02	80.5%	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	2.7%	1.4%	3.6%	8.4%
Census Tract 133.02	73.7%	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%	1.0%	1.7%	4.1%
Census Tract 134.07	36.2%	0.1%	2.7%	0.0%	2.8%	2.2%	5.1%	12.9%
Census Tract 134.08	11.7%	0.1%	6.9%	0.0%	0.4%	1.2%	1.5%	10.0%
Census Tract 134.09	24.9%	0.3%	3.9%	0.1%	0.6%	2.1%	2.8%	9.8%
Census Tract 134.10	9.7%	0.1%	3.7%	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	1.3%	6.2%
Census Tract 134.11	29.0%	0.4%	5.0%	0.3%	1.5%	2.1%	3.0%	12.3%
Census Tract 135.02	9.6%	0.2%	0.7%	1.5%	4.8%	2.0%	8.9%	18.1%
Census Tract 135.03	21.5%	0.8%	4.0%	0.5%	8.8%	1.2%	14.9%	30.1%
Census Tract 135.04	20.6%	0.3%	1.5%	0.0%	2.3%	1.4%	3.8%	9.3%
Census Tract 136.03	25.6%	0.3%	1.4%	0.0%	3.2%	1.2%	5.3%	11.5%
Census Tract 136.04	32.1%	0.3%	1.1%	0.1%	0.3%	1.0%	1.1%	3.8%
Census Tract 136.05	33.1%	0.3%	5.5%	0.0%	1.0%	2.1%	2.5%	11.3%
Census Tract 136.06	24.9%	0.3%	1.9%	0.1%	1.1%	1.4%	2.4%	7.2%
Census Tract 137	49.6%	0.1%	0.8%	0.2%	1.5%	1.4%	5.7%	9.7%
Census Tract 138	91.4%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%	2.1%	1.4%	4.2%
Census Tract 139	54.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	1.0%	2.1%	2.7%	6.3%

Source: US Census Bureau 2010, SF1 - QT-P5 (Race, Combination of two Races, & Not Hispanic) and QT-P10 (Hispanic by Type)

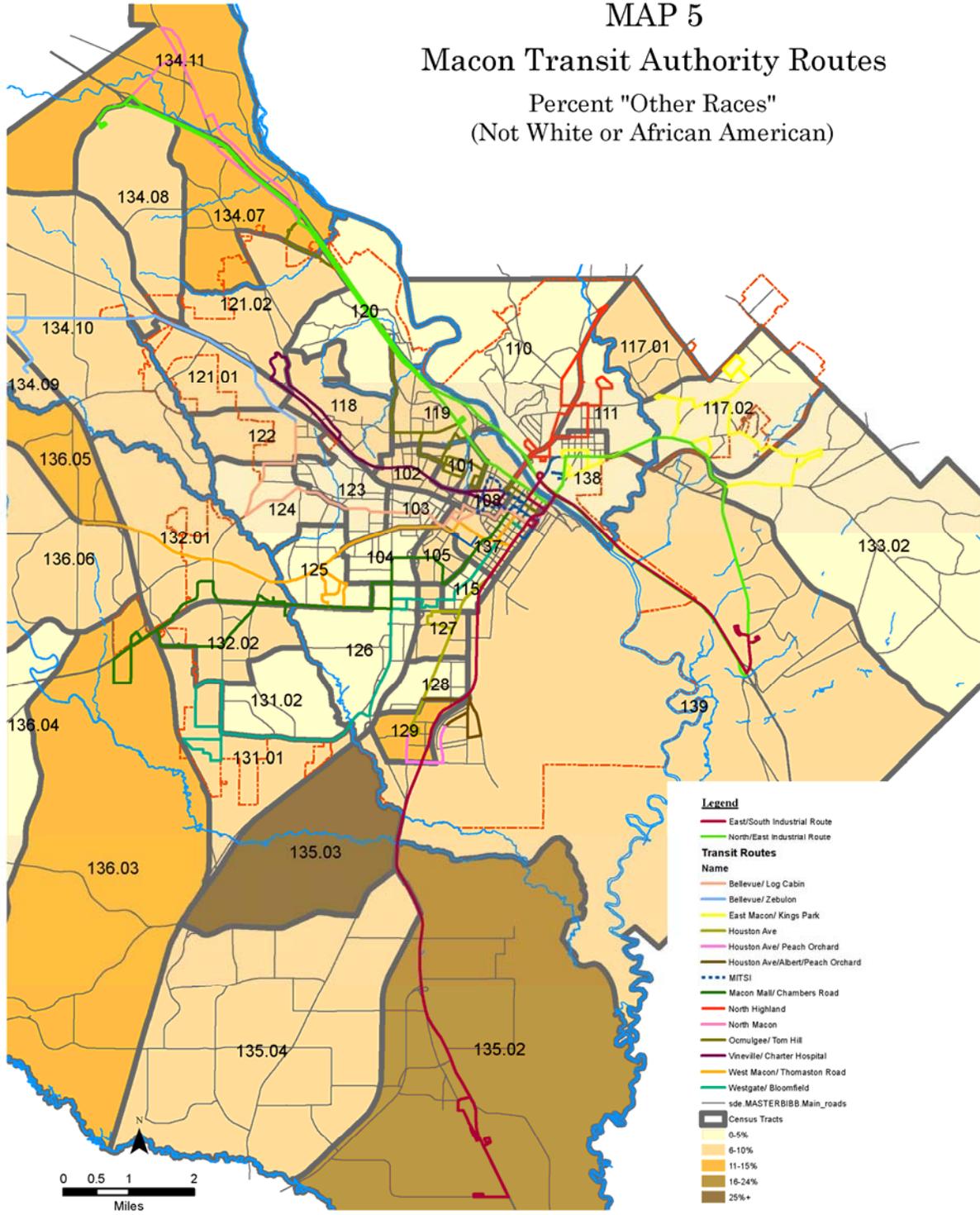
MAP 4 Macon Transit Authority Routes Percent "African-American"



MAP 5

Macon Transit Authority Routes

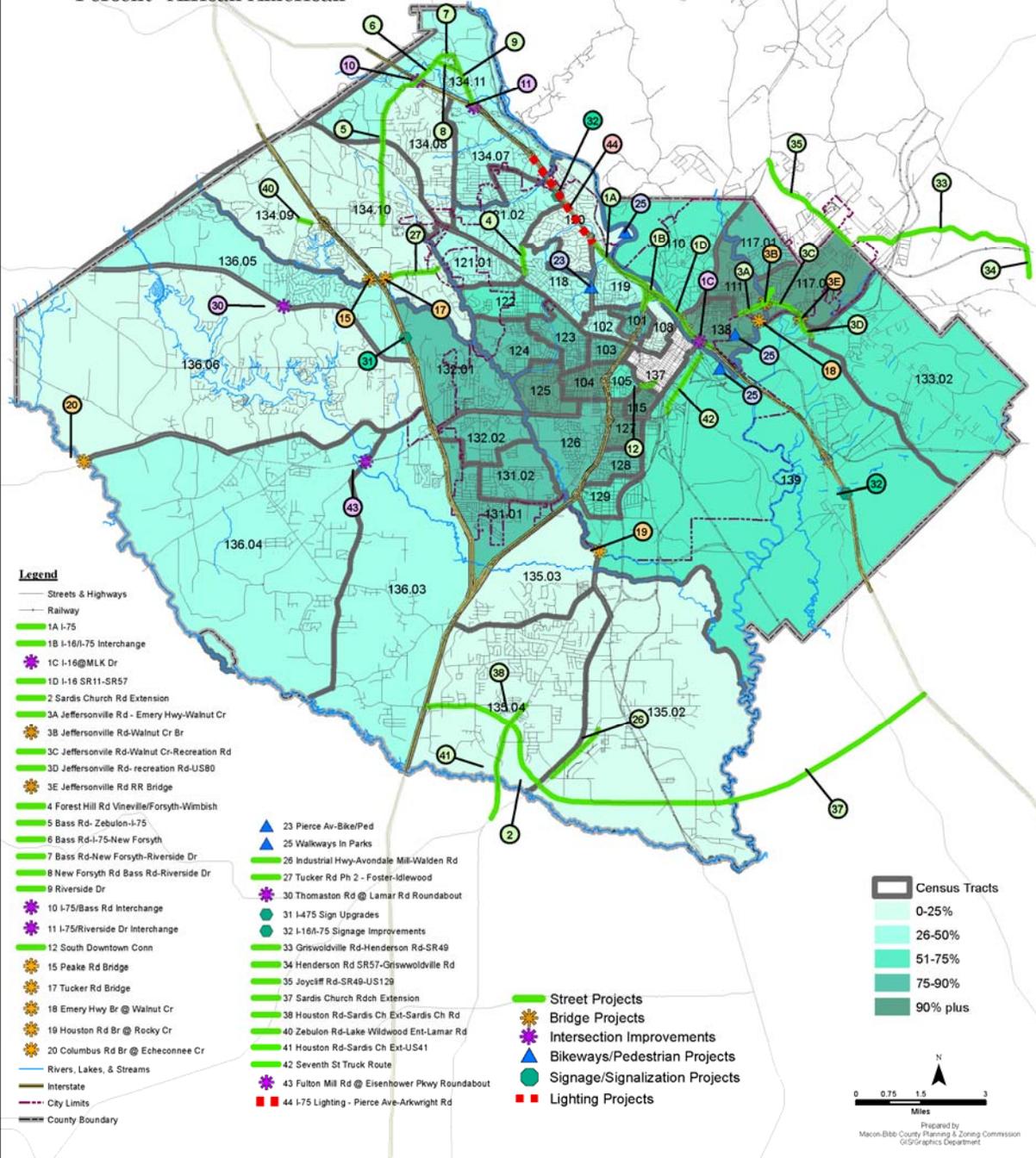
Percent "Other Races"
(Not White or African American)



Map 6

Proposed Projects for Long Range Transportation Plan

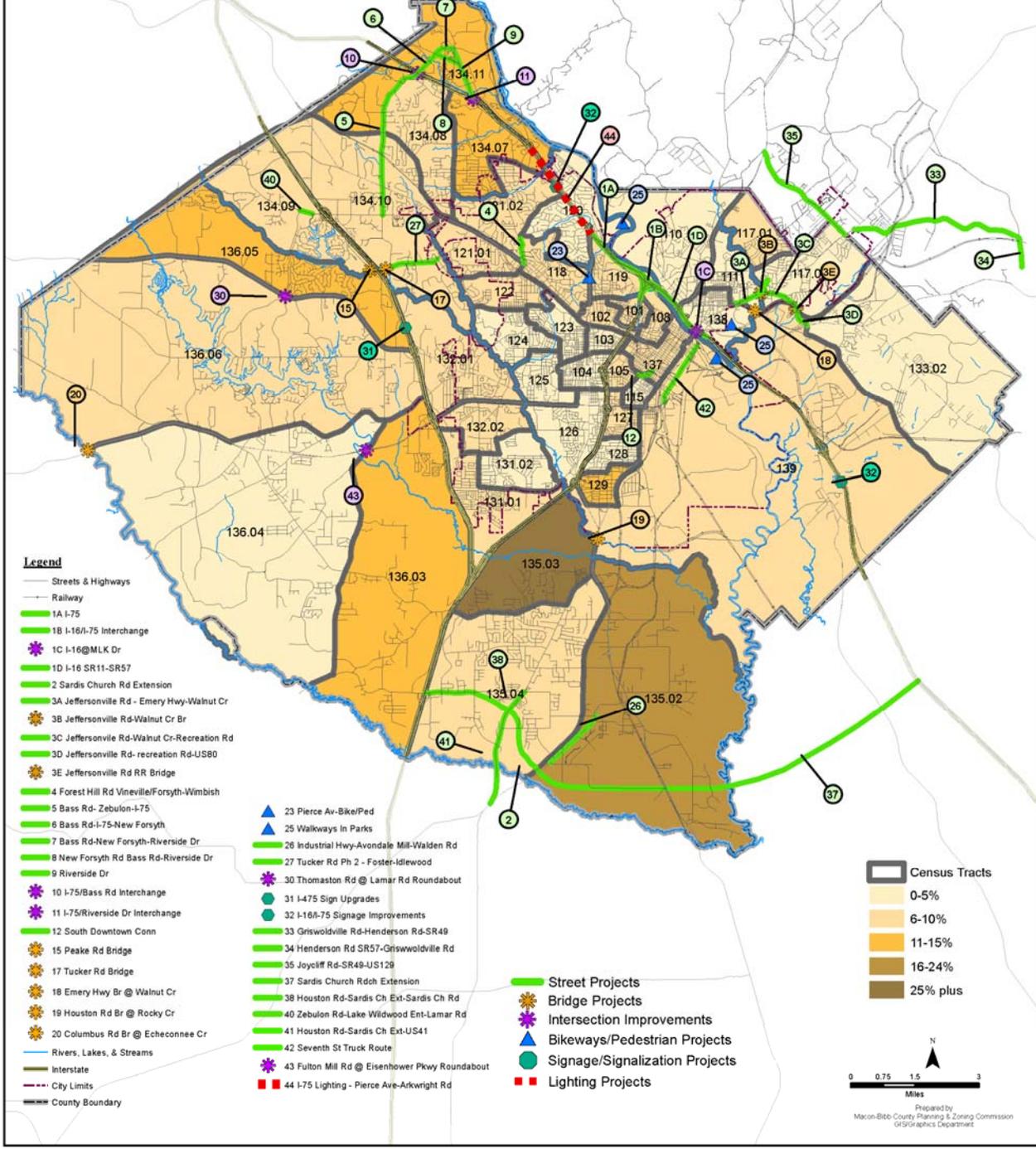
Percent "African American"



Map 7

Proposed Projects for Long Range Transportation Plan

Percent "Other Races" (Not-White or African American)



Language Spoken at Home

Table-3 Language Spoken at Home Persons 5 years & Older contains the data that shows those who are Limited English Proficient. First, this table shows the total population that is 5 years and older for all of Bibb County, all of Jones County, and all of Monroe County as well as the totals for all three counties.

Next, Table-3 shows the numbers and percentages of those who speak a language other than English at home for Bibb County, Jones County, and Monroe County as well as the totals for all three counties. Those Persons who speak English less than very well are the Limited English Proficient

The remainder of Table-3 shows the numbers and percentage of those who speak Spanish, other Indo-European languages, Asian/Hawaiian Islander, and all other languages other than English at home and those who speak English less than very well are shown at the bottom of Table-3.

There is a total of 195,832 persons 5 years and older in all three counties (Bibb, Jones, & Monroe). There is a total of 8,898 persons 5 years and older in all three counties (Bibb, Jones, & Monroe) that speak a language other than English at home.

There is a total of 3,372 person 5 years and older in all three counties (Bibb, Jones, & Monroe) that speak English less than very well. There is 1.7% of the total population 5 years and older in all three counties (Bibb, Jones, & Monroe) that speak English less than very well.

Table-3 shows that Bibb County has the highest concentration 2.1 % of those who speak a language other than English at home and those who speak English less than very well. This is what would normally be expected. These higher concentrations tend to be more in the more urbanized counties than in the more rural counties.

Since Monroe County was not part of the Macon Area Transportation Study when the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan was being developed, MATS does not have a 2040 LRTP population estimate for the Monroe County portion of MATS. Monroe County has not yet requested to be involved in MATS. Monroe County has not signed a memorandum of understanding for participation.

Table-3 Language Spoken at Home Persons 5 Years & Older

Language Spoken at Home	Counties							
	All of Bibb		All of Jones		All of Monroe		Total	
Total Population	144,135	100%	26,853	100%	24,844	100%	195,832	100%
Other than English	7,387	5.1%	785	2.9%	726	2.9%	8,898	4.5%
Persons who speak English less than very well	3,021	2.1%	96	0.4%	255	1.0%	3,372	1.7%
Spanish spoken at Home	3,813	2.6%	285	1.1%	438	1.8%	4,536	2.3%
Persons who speak English less than very well	1,844	1.3%	37	0.1%	142	0.6%	2,023	1.0%
Other Indo European	1,884	1.3%	290	1.1%	182	0.7%	2,356	1.2%
Persons who speak English less than very well	490	0.3%	36	0.1%	79	0.3%	605	0.3%
Asian/Hawaiian Islander	1,384	1.0%	118	0.4%	57	0.2%	1,559	0.8%
Persons who speak English less than very well	605	0.4%	23	0.1%	34	0.1%	662	0.3%
Other Language other than English	306	0.2%	92	0.3%	49	0.2%	447	0.2%
Persons who speak English less than very well	82	0.1%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	82	0.0%

U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5 year Estimate 2008-2012; Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for Population 5 years and older at the county level.

The 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan estimated based on 2010 Census data that the portion of Jones County in MATS had a population of 12,247. Table–3 shows the percentage of those in Jones County that are Limited English Proficient (LEP) to be 0.4%. If this percentage is evenly distributed, this means that there is an estimated 49 persons who are LEP in the Jones County portion of MATS.

Bibb County has as total population of 155,547.

Bibb County has an LEP population 3,021.

The 12,247 population from Jones County added to the Bibb County total population of 155,547 equals 167,794 population for MATS excluding Monroe County.

Adding the estimated 49 LEP persons from Jones County in MATS to the 3,021 LEP persons from Bibb County equals 3,070 LEP persons in MATS. This means that there is approximately 1.8% of the MATS total population that is LEP.

In the 2000 Census, the other race category (Other than African American & White) was 2.6% for Bibb County and was 1.8% for Jones County. In the 2010 Census, the other race category (Other than African American & White) was 4.7% for Bibb County and was 2.3% for Jones County. As the other race category within the MATS area continues to grow so will the LEP population.

LEP Recommendations

The Macon Transit Authority states that they have had very little contact with LEP persons and that they have had no complaints and/or inquiries from LEP individuals.

The Macon Area Transportation Study has had virtually no contact with LEP persons and has had no complaints and/or inquiries from LEP individuals.

In the Public Participation Plan Update, it is anticipated that the number and types of contacts with the public will be closely monitored. This will include contact with LEP individuals.

Website page created for Civil Rights with subsections for:

- Title VI Documentation updates,
- Limited English Proficiency Plan,
- Contact information for staff and/or inquiries and complaints
- Complaint Form
- Complaint Procedure
- Monitor the number of hits on each page.

Advertisements for public comments for the Transportation Improvement Program, Long Range Transportation Updates, and Public Participation will include as brief LEP statement.

Emails for regular scheduled and special called meetings will have an LEP statement.

Advertisements for public outreach meetings will have an LEP statement.

LEP statement will be prominently posted so that it is visible to those entering the public outreach meetings.

Provide a translation option on each page of the MATS website in the very near future:

<http://www.maconbibbz.org/articleList.php?category=13>

It is intended that the pages can be translated into any of several languages (Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish.)

LEP Plan will be evaluated periodically along with the Public Participation Plan.

MATS staff will continue to attend training as it becomes available.