

Road Improvements

Cove Area Plan



Access Management
The City should work with ALDOT to control access to businesses along US 431. As commercial development continues to grow along this corridor, creative solutions will be needed to improve safety and alleviate congestion. This could include shared access; eliminating left turns; and/or building service roads behind businesses where space is available.

Old Big Cove Rd.
The Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in its most recent Long-Range Transportation Plan identified Old Big Cove Road between Sutton Rd. and Taylor Rd. as a corridor that is expected to become congested over the next 25 years. A corridor study should be completed for this road, and pending the results of the study and funding, the road should be widened.

Redesigning “The Taylors”
The Taylors (Taylor Rd. and Taylor Ln.) are increasingly popular with bicyclists and pedestrians. Traffic volumes are well below capacity, and with most of the land around them already developed, are not projected to be impacted by congestion within the next 25 years.

Based on the input we received from residents at the public meetings and upon further research internally, we have identified the Taylors as a candidate for a redesign in accordance with the City’s Complete Streets policy. The redesign would allow for safer bike and pedestrian access between neighborhoods and amenities (such as the new recreation center) as well as maintaining free flow for vehicles. No new rights-of-way would be required for this project. The project could be divided into two phases: Phase 1 (pink) and Phase 2 (purple).

A typical cross-section of the redesign is available for review as part of this Plan. Before any construction begins, the City will hold another public meeting in the Cove for residents to review final plans and submit comments.

Safety Improvements
Many of the roads in the Cove have not been improved in decades, long before the current surge in population. To accommodate future population growth, these roads will require safety improvements, such as wider shoulders and left turn lanes. Segments that will likely need safety improvements are highlighted in blue on the map.

Bicycle and pedestrian facilities should be built when more significant improvements are made. In addition, the City should ensure that there are no gaps in sidewalk coverage along these improved roads-- for example, between subdivisions.

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