

## Vision 2020: The Comprehensive Plan for Rock Hill, South Carolina



### III. Transportation Element

#### OVERVIEW

Since Rock Hill's last Comprehensive Plan update in 2000, South Carolina State Law regarding comprehensive plans was amended to require that two additional elements be included in the plan; these elements are Transportation and Priority Investment. While transportation was often addressed in the Community Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan, state legislation passed in 2007 now requires that Transportation be a stand alone element.

Rock Hill and its surrounding area account for the most populated portion of York County, South Carolina. Rock Hill is home to more than 64,000 residents; three post-secondary educational institutions; and more than 2,900 employers. Collectively, these three demographic components represent the primary demand to Rock Hill's transportation network.

Rock Hill's citizens rely on various modes of transportation for work, school, and recreational activities. These transportation alternatives include automobiles, bicycles, pedestrian trails, public transit, aircraft, and others. Given the number and variety of transportation choices, it is important that all transportation systems, facilities, and options be examined in a thorough and comprehensive manner, so that those who live, work, recreate, and do business here are aware of, and can benefit from them all.

Transportation is an essential element in that it evaluates existing transportation facilities and systems and plans for their growth or change in light of critical local topics such as population, economic development, and most importantly, land use. Planning for the impact of population growth and new development on the roadways and transportation networks will be essential to maintaining the general health, safety and welfare of Rock Hill's residents, workers, and visitors. This Element examines current facilities, programs, and plans that affect the transportation system within the Rock Hill area.

Transportation Key Facts	
>	The RFATS Metropolitan Planning Organization is the transportation policy-making agency for Rock Hill and other communities in the region
>	2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (2009) is the primary planning instrument for identification, prioritization, and funding of transportation improvements
>	Percent of roadway miles in the 2020 Planning Area owned by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- SCDOT = 56%</li><li>- Rock Hill = 24%</li><li>- York County or privately held= 20%</li></ul>