



PROJECT VITAL SIGNS

Issue 1

What Is **revive285 top end**?

Countless improvements are planned and programmed for the top end of I-285, and the list keeps growing! **revive285 top end** will identify how these proposed improvements, both individually and as a whole, will impact and improve I-285.

revive285 top end is an innovative approach to a comprehensive solution for I-285's top end. As part of our mission to provide safe and efficient transportation systems for Georgia, the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) are developing an overall corridor concept for I-285's top end, incorporating each of the separate projects currently planned and programmed for the corridor. In addition, **revive285 top end** will:

- Complete the level of environmental study required for projects to advance to final design and construction.
- Examine projects for opportunities for enhancement in order to maximize their benefit to the corridor.
- Explore opportunities to accelerate implementation.

How Will **revive285 top end** Build on Previous Planning and Study Efforts?

Several plans and studies have been conducted to examine travel conditions on I-285 and to seek bold, new solutions for current and future needs. Local plans also offer valuable information on the corridor and how it fits into the community's larger vision for growth.

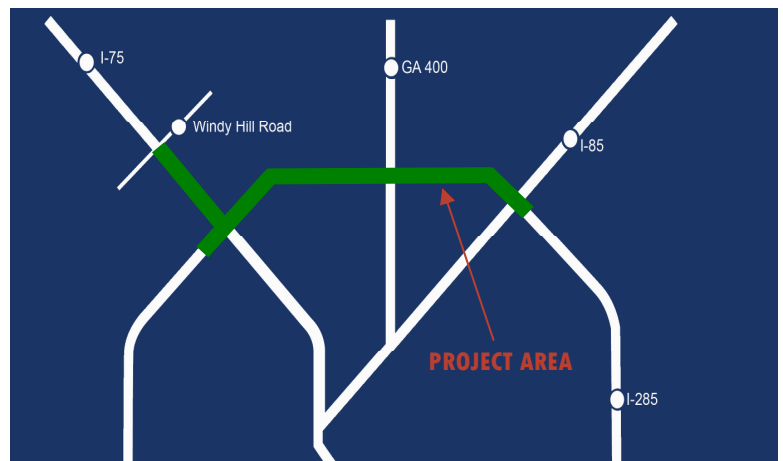
revive285 top end will examine the lessons learned from previous and ongoing efforts, incorporate relevant data and local goals and objectives, and identify issues and opportunities.

Previous Plans and Studies

- I-285 Strategic Implementation Plan (I-285 Planning Study)
- I-285 Transit Corridor Study
- Interstate System Plan (ISP)
- HOV System Implementation Plan
- Statewide Transportation Plan (SWTP)
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- 2006-2008 State Transportation Improvement Program
- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- DeKalb County Comprehensive Transportation Program
- Cobb County Comprehensive Transportation Program
- Fulton County Transportation Planning and Projects
- Northwest I-75/I-575 HOV/BRT Project

Did You Know?

I-285's top end is one of the most heavily traveled corridors in Georgia, serving between 200,000 and 250,000 vehicles per day!



How Will **revive285 top end** Help Accelerate Identified Projects?

Georgia DOT will be looking at strategies to implement identified projects as quickly as possible. The **revive285 top end** project represents an important step in the project development process, which is the environmental and engineering analyses that all projects must go through to advance to the construction phase. It may be necessary to complete the environmental studies for the entire I-285 corridor prior to finalizing the concepts for individual projects. Completion time for the corridor's environmental document is anticipated to be at least three years. Individual environmental clearance for identified projects may take less time.

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Project Elements

Overall Project Approach

The anticipated approach for **revive285 top end** is to:

- Review and assess the projects planned and programmed for the corridor.
- Complete evaluation, revision, and development of concepts simultaneously with required environmental studies.
- Engage the public throughout the process, taking full advantage of tools designed to inform, consult, and involve the public at key decision-making points.
- Examine opportunities to accelerate implementation and determine the most effective strategy for implementing currently planned and programmed projects for the corridor.

The graphic below depicts the project work flow and specifically highlights current work being completed as part of the Corridor Planning phase. Look for future issues of *Project Vital Signs* as the project progresses through each work phase depicted below.

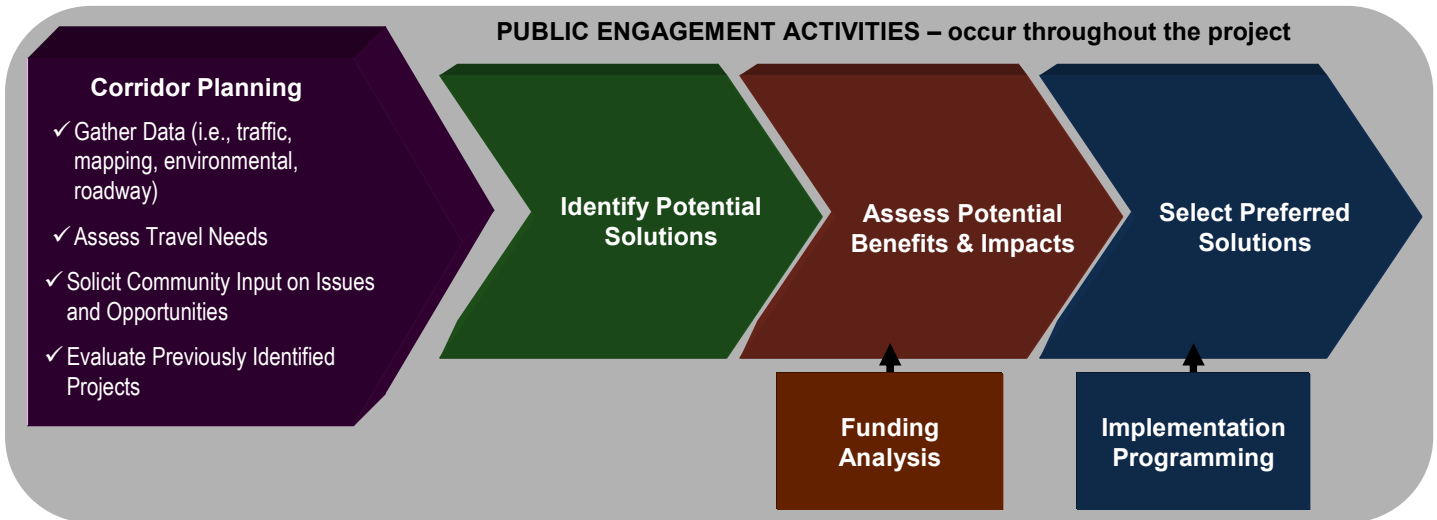
I-285 Perimeter **Vital Statistics**

OFFICIAL FINISH DATE
October 15, 1969

ORIGINAL COST
\$90 million

LENGTH
62.5 miles
(currently 8 to 10 lanes)

EXITS
45 numbered exits
(43 actual interchanges/3 partial)



How Will the Public Be Involved?

The **revive285 top end** project team will be conducting extensive public involvement activities throughout the project. Some activities anticipated include:

- Public Meetings
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Focus Groups
- Opinion Polls/Traveler Surveys
- On-line Surveys

Be sure to visit
our website at
www.revive285.com
to learn about
upcoming activities.

How Will the Public Be Informed?

The **revive285 top end** project team will use extensive materials and strategies to keep the community informed about the project, its progress, and results, including:

- Website
- Hotline
- E-newsletter
- Media
- Project Update Reports
- Speaker's Bureau

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