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PREFACE

This report summarizes the traffic histories of major routes (all principal and minor arterials and select collectors) in the Jonesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Area for the ten-year period between 2003 and 2012. Data and findings are separated by jurisdiction – Jonesboro, Brookland, Bono, Bay and Craighead County – with discussions of the major routes within each jurisdiction. For each route, a table of traffic count data from 2003 to 2012 is provided for every segment where traffic counts were recorded. For additional historical context, the tables also include an average of the traffic counts for each location from 2000 to 2002, rounded to two significant figures. Graphs are provided to further illustrate trends.

While it is natural to extrapolate from past trends to predict future conditions, readers are urged to exercise caution when using historical traffic volume trends to predict future traffic volumes. Traffic volumes are a product of many factors, including: the extent of existing development, the connectivity of the street network, pavement conditions, the availability of alternate modes of transportation, the functional role of a roadway, the size of the driving population and the price of fuel. As such, efforts to predict future traffic volumes should take into account not only past trends, but also the myriad factors that will affect traffic volumes in the future, including: the availability of land for new development, the expected intensity of future development or redevelopment, planned improvements to the transportation system, and anticipated economic and demographic changes.

The traffic counts presented below were provided by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. Most of the counts were collected using pneumatic hose counters positioned for relatively short periods (typically 24 or 48 hours). The values were adjusted (by AHTD staff) using seasonal and heavy-vehicle factors and rounded (typically to two or three significant figures). Given the limitations of pneumatic counters, the day-to-day variability of traffic volumes, and the limitations of the adjustment process, some error is inherent in the use of such data to analyze traffic conditions.

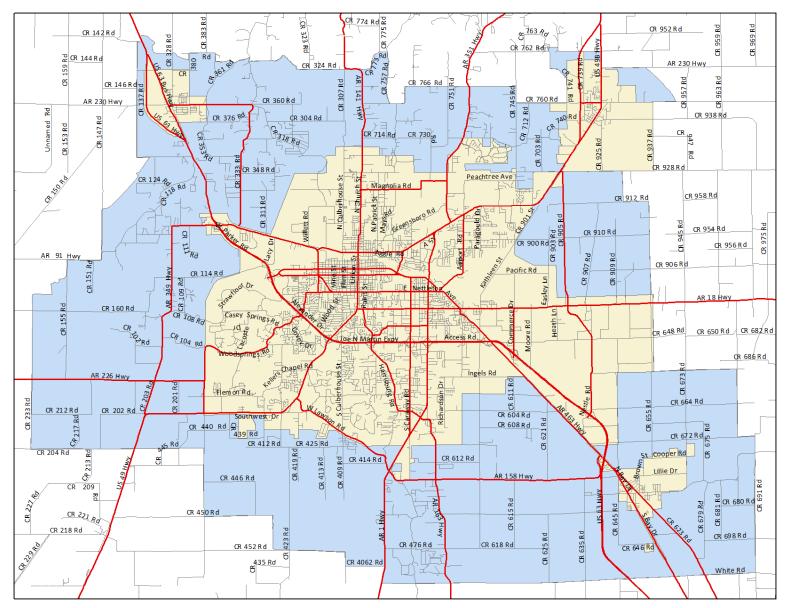


Figure 1. Major Roadways in the Jonesboro MPO Study Area

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The population of the Jonesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Area grew rapidly over the last decade – by approximately 20% – and that growth is reflected in increased traffic volumes on many of the major roadways in the area. For instance, traffic volumes on segments of Stadium Boulevard (US 49), Johnson Avenue (AR 91/US 49), Caraway Road and Southwest Drive (US 49) grew by more than 25%. The rapid growth of traffic volumes on these and other streets can be explained, in part, by intense development – both residential and commercial – but also by a lack of alternative routes to reach newly developing residential and commercial centers, as in the case of Stadium Boulevard¹ and Southwest Drive. Several roads in the industrial park area, including Highland Drive (AR 18) and Commerce Drive (AR 18S), experienced increased traffic volumes, which is indicative of a resilient manufacturing base in a tough economy.

Just as the growth of some parts of the MPO Area can be seen in increasing traffic volumes, the decline of other parts of the MPO Area can be seen in decreasing traffic volumes. For instance, Caraway Road, once the premier commercial strip in Jonesboro, saw a clear decline in traffic volumes at several locations as the new commercial strip – Stadium Boulevard/Johnson Avenue – developed. Traffic volumes in other areas – such as the West End neighborhood – were relatively flat over the last ten years, which is typical of areas that are built out and experiencing little redevelopment.

Jonesboro's neighbors – Brookland, Bono and Bay – also experienced increased traffic volumes on major roadways, particularly their business routes (US 49B, US 63B and US 463). Historical traffic count data are not available on some major roadways, such as College Street in Bono and School Street in Brookland.

Despite significant increases in traffic on many roadways that serve regional trips, regional traffic volumes were relatively flat over the last ten years. Specifically, the available data suggest that regional traffic along AR 1, AR 1B, AR 18, AR 141, and US 63 increased by less than 10% between 2003 and 2012. However, regional traffic did increase significantly along US 49 North (the Jonesboro-Brookland-Paragould corridor).

¹ Stadium Boulevard was renamed Red Wolf Boulevard late 2013, after the data were collected and analyzed for this report.

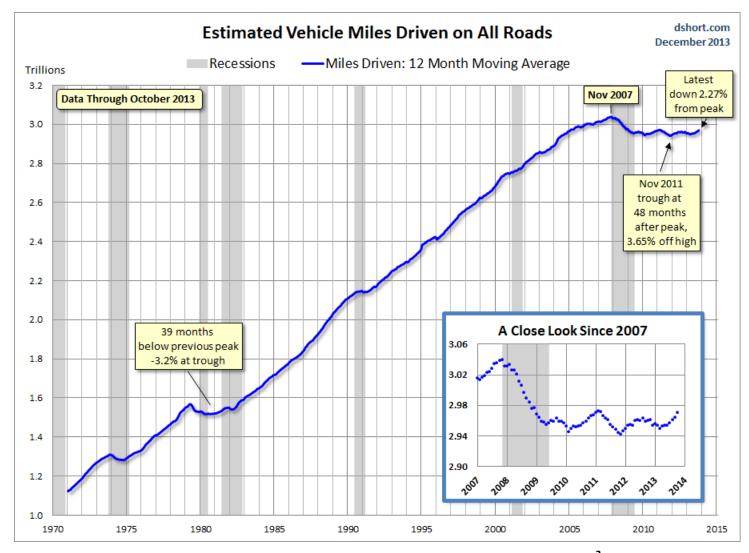


Figure 2. Estimated Vehicle Miles Traveled in the United States, 1971–2013²

² Figure 2 was developed by Doug Short (Advisor Perspectives) using data reported by the Federal Highway Administration and the Census Bureau. See <u>http://www.advisorperspectives.com/dshort/updates/DOT-Miles-Driven.php</u>.

In addition to the general trends discussed above, close inspection of the data yields the following specific findings:

- Traffic volumes on US 63 increased significantly within the heavily developed portion of Jonesboro that is, between Washington Avenue and Stadium Boulevard – but were relatively flat to only modestly higher elsewhere. Traffic counts on the US 63 access roads suggest that some locations along the US 63 corridor (freeway lanes plus access roads) are experiencing traffic volumes in excess of 40,000 vehicles per day.
- Traffic volumes on Stadium Boulevard increased significantly over the last ten years, but the pace of traffic growth appears to have slowed over the last five years.
- Percentagewise, the most rapid growth in traffic volumes for any major street in the Jonesboro MPO Area occurred on Southwest Drive (US 49) south of US 63, where traffic volumes nearly doubled between 2003 and 2012, and now exceed 20,000 vehicles per day.
- Traffic volumes entering the Jonesboro MPO Area on US 49 South decreased significantly over the last decade, while traffic entering the Jonesboro MPO Area increased significantly along AR 226. Taken together, these changes suggest that improvements to US 67 and AR 226 are already influencing traffic between Northeast Arkansas and Central Arkansas.
- Traffic volumes in Northeast Jonesboro increased dramatically over the last decade, a product of the commercial redevelopment of Johnson Avenue (US 49), continued residential development along Old Greensboro Road (AR 351), and increased regional traffic along US 49.
- South of US 63, traffic volumes on Caraway Road and Harrisburg Road (AR 1B) and to a lesser extent Stadium Boulevard (AR 1) increased significantly, concurrent with the rapid growth of the multifamily housing stock south of US 63.

How does what is happening in Jonesboro compare with what is happening elsewhere? The national trend in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) between 1971 and 2013 is illustrated in *Figure 2*. Although VMT grew substantially during that period, it began to plateau in 2004, and dropped dramatically in 2007. Some of the drop after 2007 can be explained by high gasoline prices and the recession, shown by the vertical gray band. But according to some observers, the long-term trend to reduced driving dates back before these events, to 2000 when per capita driving began to flatline; actual rates have fallen since 2005.

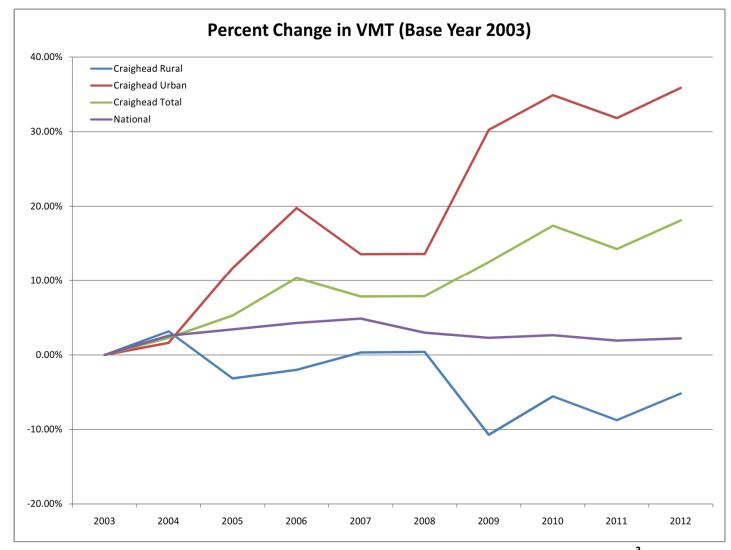


Figure 3. Percent Change in Vehicle Miles Traveled in Craighead County, 2003–2012³

³ Figure 3 was developed using data collected by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for the Federal Highway Administration's Highway Performance Monitoring System.

Local and national trends in VMT between 2003 and 2012 are illustrated in *Figure 3*. Whereas the national trend in VMT (the purple line) was relatively flat over the last decade, Craighead County VMT (the green line) increased during that period. Additionally, whereas national VMT declined by approximately 2% following the recent recession, local VMT increased by nearly 10%. These data suggest that, while national travel behaviors changed over the last decade, Craighead County remains an auto-centric community. However, the data also suggest that travel patterns within Craighead County are changing. Specifically, whereas urban VMT increased by more than 35% over the last decade, rural VMT decreased by roughly 5%. Because resources for financing transportation infrastructure are increasingly scarce, changes in travel patterns and traveler behaviors should be closely monitored so that new infrastructure is placed in the areas of greatest need.

Jonesboro

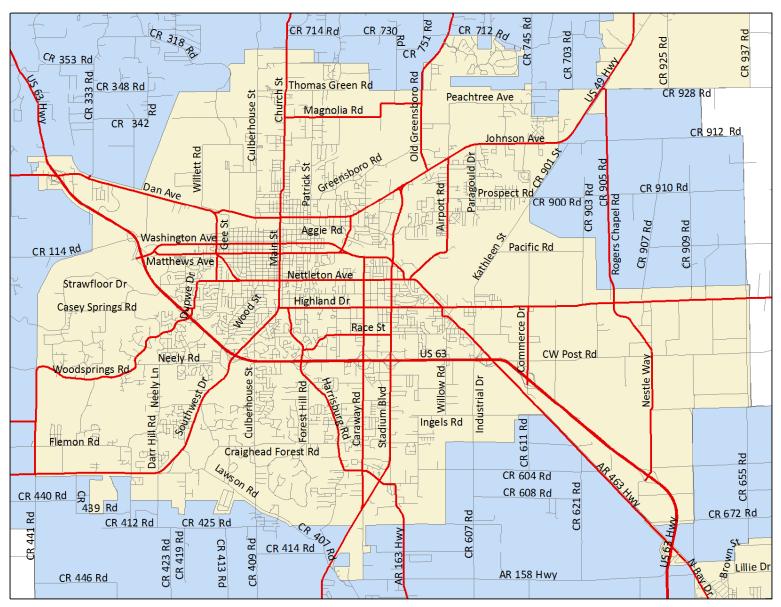


Figure 4. Major Roadways in the City of Jonesboro



Figure 5. US 63 between the Jonesboro City Limits and Caraway Road

As indicated in *Table 1*, over the last decade, traffic along US 63 increased significantly between Washington Avenue and Caraway Road. For example, as illustrated in *Figure 6*, between Southwest Drive and Harrisburg Road, traffic volumes increased from 27,000 vehicles per day in 2003 to 32,000 vehicles per day in 2012. However, north of the Washington Avenue interchange, traffic volumes were relatively flat over the last ten years. Of particular interest, the relatively flat traffic volumes north of the Jonesboro city limits suggest that regional traffic volumes entering/exiting Jonesboro on US 63 North have changed little over the last decade.

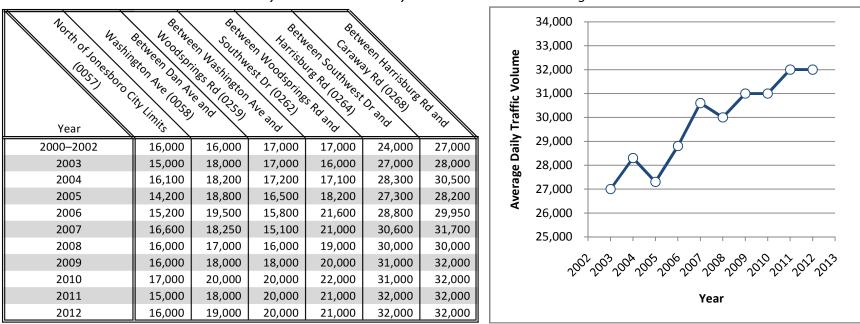
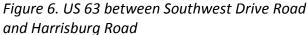


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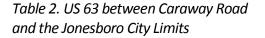


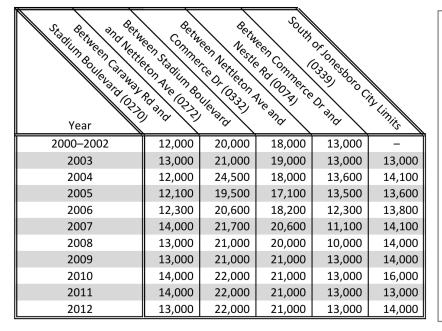
In 2011, AHTD began taking counts on the US 63 access roads. In the future, these data will facilitate a better understanding of the changing traffic patterns along the US 63 corridor. It is worth noting that, in 2012, Parker Road carried approximately 8,000 trips per day between Woodsprings Road and Southwest Drive and approximately 10,000 trips per day between Southwest Drive and Harrisburg Road.

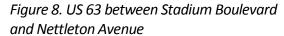


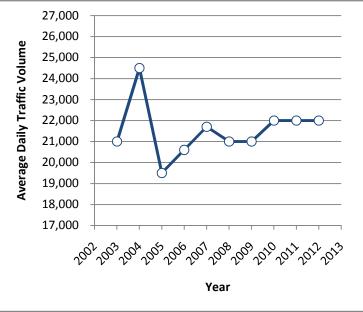
Figure 7. US 63 between Caraway Road and the Jonesboro City Limits

As the traffic counts reported in *Table 2* note, east of Caraway Road, traffic volumes on US 63 fluctuated, but experienced little net change, over the last decade. For example, as illustrated in *Figure 8*, the net change traffic volume between Stadium Boulevard and Nettleton Avenue was approximately 1,000 vehicles (less than 5%) between 2003 and 2012. The relatively flat traffic volumes south of the Jonesboro City Limits suggest that regional traffic volumes entering/exiting Jonesboro on US 63 South have changed little over the last decade. The most significant increase in traffic volumes on US 63 east of Harrisburg Road was experienced on the segment between Nettleton Avenue and Commerce Drive, which experienced a net increase of approximately 2,000 vehicles per day over the last decade.









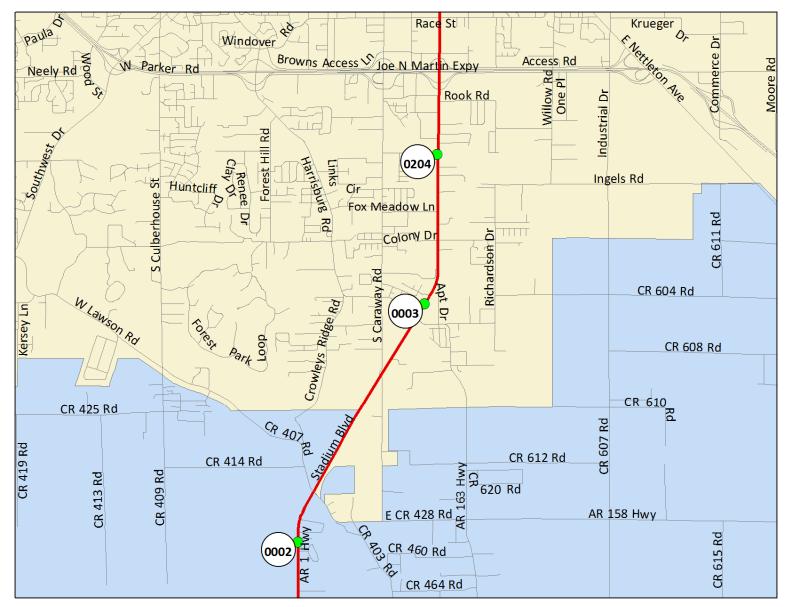


Figure 9. Stadium Boulevard (AR 1) South of US 63

Traffic counts for Stadium Boulevard south of US 63 are reported in *Table 3*. South of US 63, traffic volumes on Stadium Boulevard increased modestly over the last decade, but they have changed little since 2006. Traffic volumes between Fox Meadow Lane and US 63 increased from approximately 16,000 vehicles per day in 2003 to approximately 18,200 vehicles per day in 2006, but stabilized at 18,000 vehicles per day through 2012. Traffic entering/exiting the city of Jonesboro along AR 1 increased only modestly over the last decade.

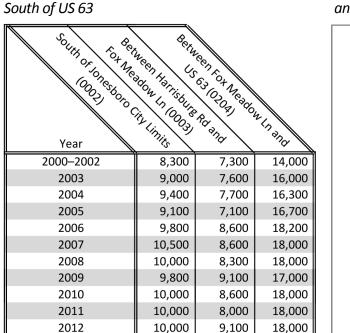
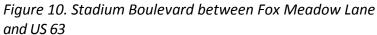


Table 3. Stadium Boulevard



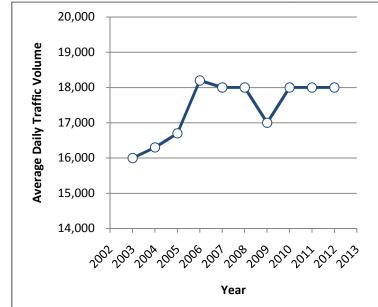




Figure 11. Stadium Boulevard (US 49) North of US 63

The ten-year traffic history of Stadium Boulevard north of US 63 is presented in *Table 4*. Consistent with the rapid development of US 49, traffic volumes on Stadium Boulevard grew considerably over the last ten years. *Figure 12* illustrates that traffic volumes in proximity to the Mall at Turtle Creek increased from 27,000 vehicles per day in 2003 to 32,000 vehicles per day in 2012. Similarly, traffic volumes between Aggie Road and Johnson Avenue increased from 28,000 vehicles per day in 2003 to 37,000 vehicles per day in 2012.

While the trend is not clear, there is some evidence that the pace of traffic growth along Stadium Boulevard slowed over the last five years. For instance, after increasing rapidly between 2003 and 2006, traffic volumes between Stallings Lane and Aggie Road have been relatively flat since 2006. More generally, traffic volumes at several locations Stadium Boulevard appear to have peaked in 2009/2010 and were generally below those peak volumes in 2011 and 2012.

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2004	26,100	26,500	29,100	28,300	30,100	21,900
2005	25,900	29,600	28,100	28,700	31,500	23,800
2006	27,300	29,700	29,300	30,300	37,500	25,800
2007	27,500	29,700	30,600	30,600	36,200	26,700
2008	27,000	29,000	31,000	31,000	36,000	27,000
2009	30,000	33,000	31,000	31,000	37,000	28,000
2010	30,000	31,000	32,000	33,000	38,000	30,000
2011	30,000	32,000	31,000	30,000	37,000	29,000
2012	29,000	30,000	32,000	31,000	37,000	28,000

Figure 12. US 63 between Southwest Drive and Harrisburg Road

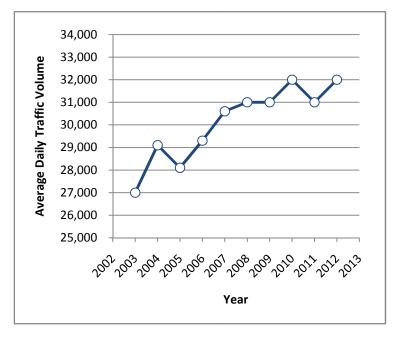
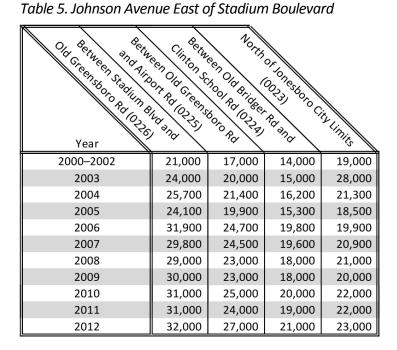
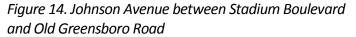




Figure 13. Johnson Avenue (US 49) East of Stadium Boulevard

Table 5 reports ten-year traffic volumes for Johnson Avenue east of Stadium Boulevard. Traffic volumes at each of the locations depicted in *Figure 13* increased significantly over the last decade. *Figure 14* shows traffic volumes between Stadium Boulevard and Old Greensboro Road, which increased from 24,000 vehicles per day in 2003 to 32,000 vehicles per day in 2012. These values are consistent with the continued residential development along Old Greensboro Road and the commercial redevelopment of Johnson Avenue. The steady increase in traffic volumes along US 49 North (between Jonesboro and Brookland) is indicative of a steady increase in intercity and regional trips. The apparent surge in traffic volumes between 2005 and 2006 is probably not representative of average daily traffic volumes during that time frame, but is instead probably caused by a data-entry error or unusually high volume day.





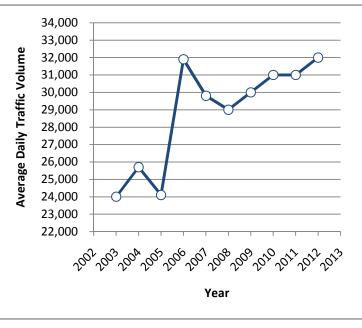
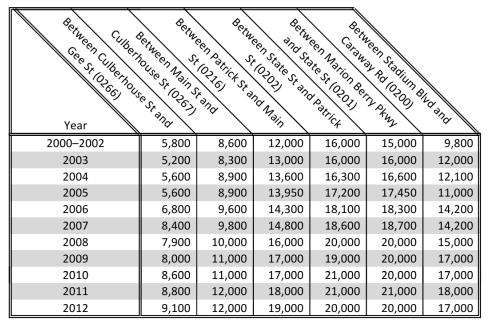


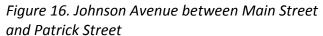


Figure 15. Johnson Avenue (AR 91) between Gee Street and Stadium Boulevard

Table 6 shows that traffic along Johnson Avenue increased significantly between Gee Street and Stadium Boulevard over the last decade. For example, as illustrated in *Figure 16*, traffic between Main Street and Patrick Street increased from 13,000 vehicles per day in 2003 to 19,000 vehicles per day in 2012.







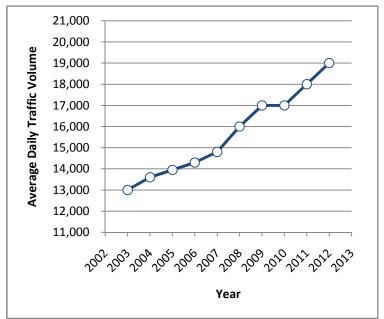
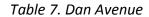




Figure 17. Dan Avenue (AR 91)

Traffic volumes on Dan Avenue increased modestly over the last ten years, as indicated in Table 7. For instance, Figure 18 illustrates that traffic volumes between Gee Street and Lacy Drive increased from 8,800 vehicles per day in 2003 to 11,000 vehicles per day in 2012. The increase in traffic volumes east of the Dan Avenue interchange hints at an increase in intercity and regional traffic along the US 63 corridor, though the influence of other trip generators (such as Joe Mack Campbell park) cannot be excluded. On the other hand, traffic volumes entering/exiting the city of Jonesboro along AR 91 have changed little over the last decade.



2000-2002

2003

2004

2005

2006

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Between US 63 and Jonesboro

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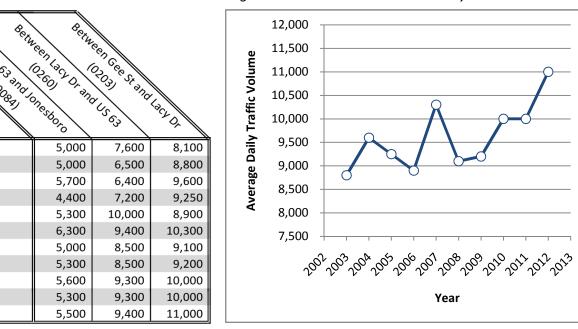


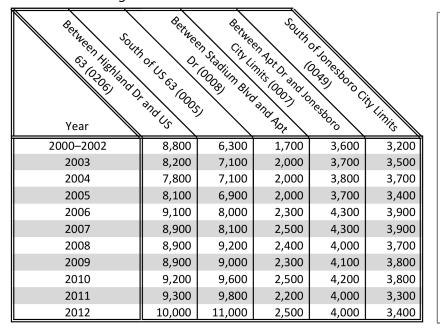
Figure 18. Dan Avenue between Lacy Drive and US 63

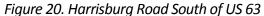


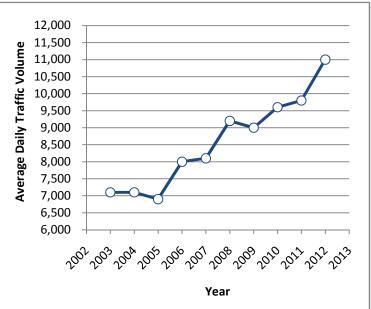
Figure 19. Harrisburg Road (AR 1B & AR 163)

Table 8 reports ten-year traffic volumes for Harrisburg Road. North of Stadium Boulevard, traffic volumes on Harrisburg Road increased steadily over the last decade. For instance, as illustrated in *Figure 20*, traffic volumes south of the US 63 interchange increased from approximately 7,100 vehicles per day in 2003 to approximately 11,000 vehicles per day in 2012. These values are consistent with the growth of multifamily housing south of US 63 over the last decade. South of Stadium Boulevard, traffic volumes on Harrisburg were relatively flat over the last decade, and there was little change in traffic volumes entering the city of Jonesboro along Harrisburg Road (AR 163).









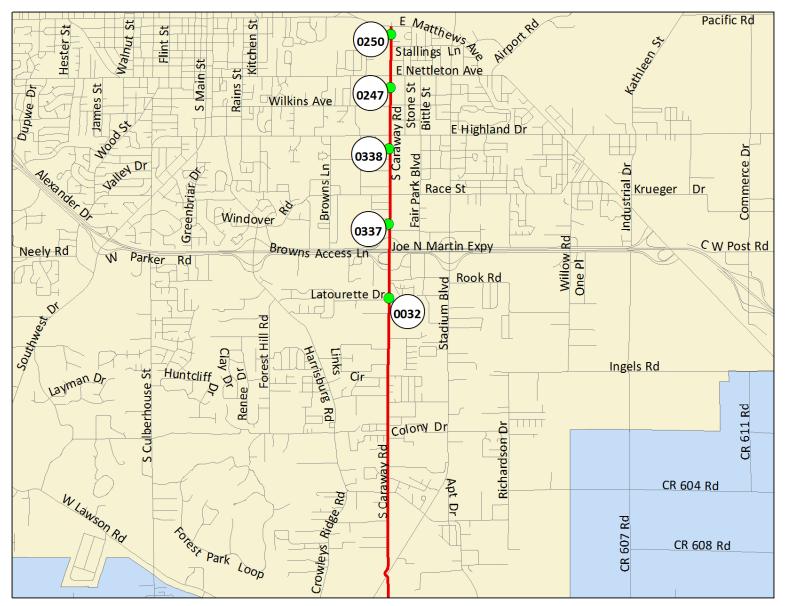
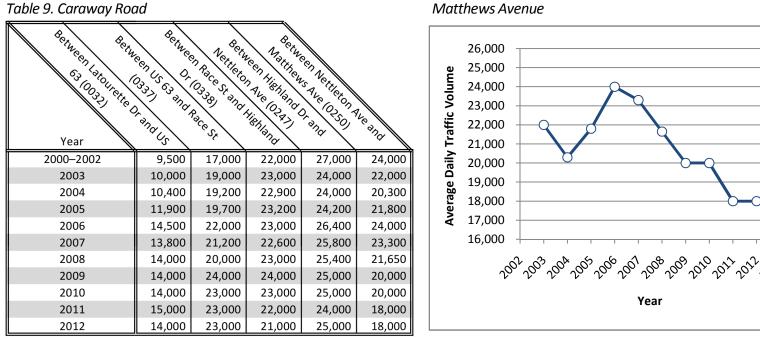


Figure 21. Caraway Road

The ten-year traffic history of Caraway Road is reported in *Table 9*. Traffic volumes on Caraway Road increased significantly in proximity to US 63 over the last decade. For instance, traffic volumes between US 63 and Latourette Drive increased from 10,000 vehicles per day in 2003 to 14,000 vehicles per day in 2012. These values are consistent with the growth of multifamily housing along South Caraway Road over the last decade. In contrast, traffic volumes between Race Street and Matthews Avenue remained steady or declined over the last decade. *Figure 22* illustrates that traffic volumes between Nettleton Avenue and Matthews Avenue declined from a peak of 24,000 vehicles per day in 2006 to 18,000 vehicles per day in 2012.



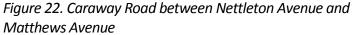
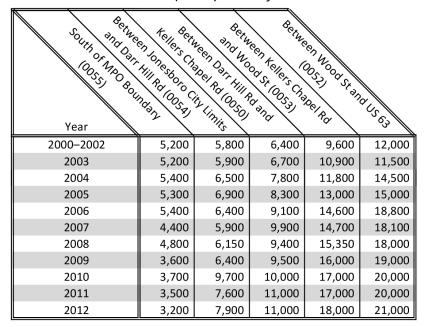


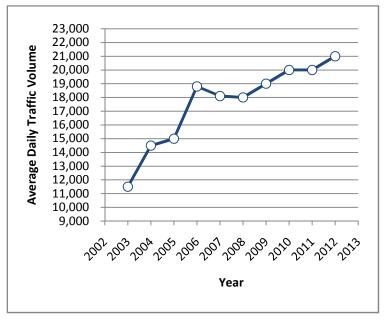


Figure 23. Southwest Drive (US 49) South of US 63

Table 10 presents the ten-year traffic history of Southwest Drive between the MPO Boundary and US 63. South of US 63, traffic volumes on Southwest Drive increased significantly over the last decade, such as between US 63 and Wood Street where traffic increased from 11,500 vehicles per day in 2003 to 21,000 vehicles per day in 2012. These values are consistent with the continued residential development of southwest Jonesboro. The idea that the source of this traffic is residential rather than regional is underscored by the decrease in traffic south of the MPO boundary.

Table 10. Southwest Drive (US 49) South of US 63





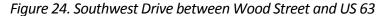
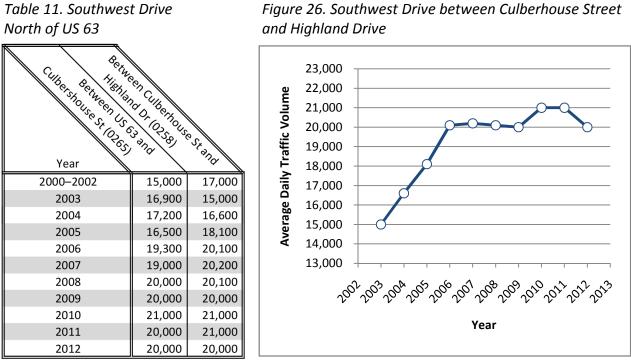




Figure 25. Southwest Drive North of US 63

As indicated in Table 11, traffic volumes on Southwest Drive initially increased significantly between US 63 and Highland Drive before flattening out around 2008.



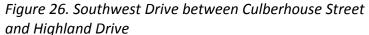
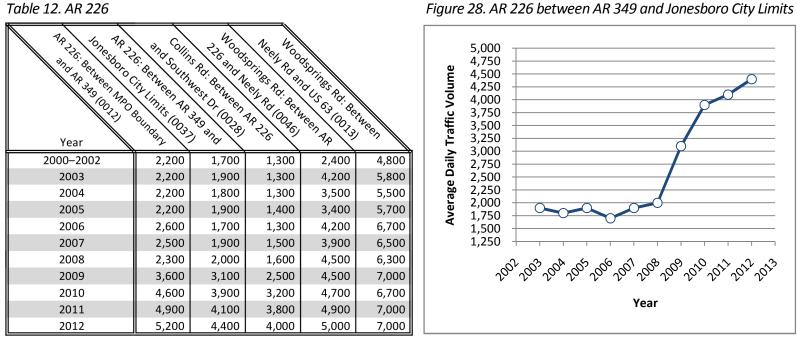




Figure 27. AR 226

Table 12 reports ten-year traffic volumes for AR 226. Figure 28 shows that traffic volumes on the AR 226 connector to US 67 have more than doubled over the last ten years, and volumes on Woodsprings Road have more than tripled between AR 226 and US 49 over that same time frame. These values suggest that a significant number of new trips on Southwest Drive are regional in nature.



During this same time period, traffic volumes entering the city of Jonesboro on US 49 decreased. It is reasonable to believe that these trends are related and that traffic that once used US 49 to travel to and from Little Rock is now using AR 226, which is becoming an increasingly attractive route as a result of recent and ongoing capacity improvements between the Jonesboro city limits and US 67.

Figure 28. AR 226 between AR 349 and Jonesboro City Limits

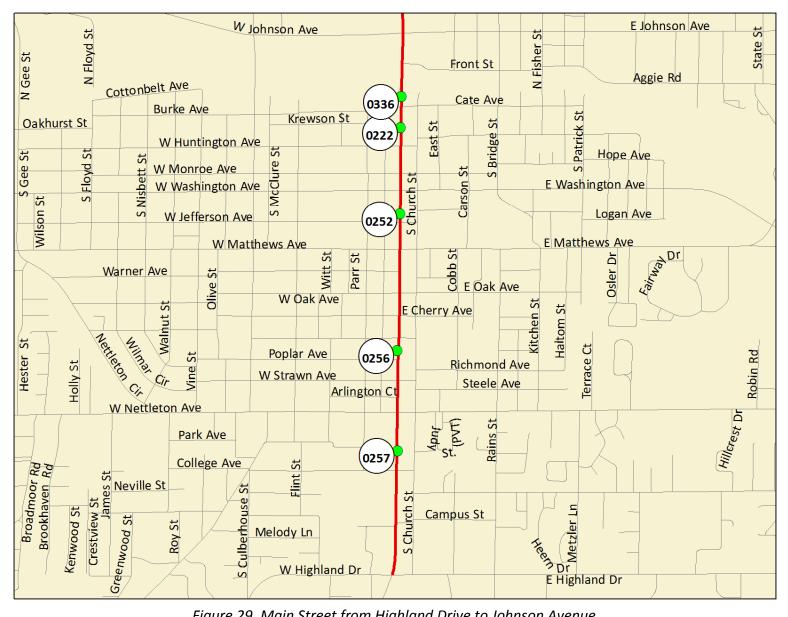
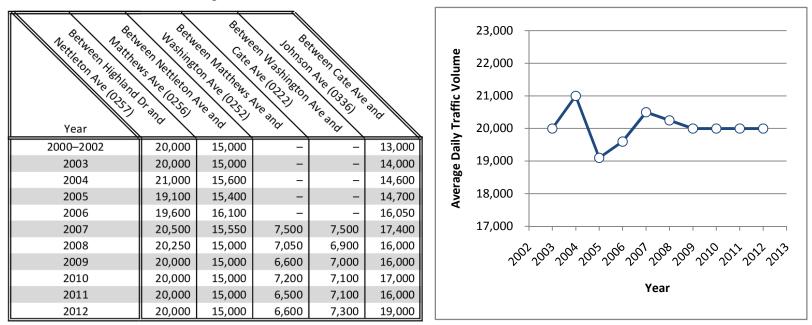


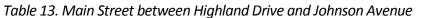
Figure 29. Main Street from Highland Drive to Johnson Avenue

Table 13 presents the ten-year traffic history of Main Street between Highland Drive and Johnson Avenue. South of Johnson Avenue, traffic volumes on Main Street have been relatively flat over the last ten years. While there was some fluctuation in traffic volumes between Highland Drive and Nettleton Avenue, as illustrated in *Figure 29*, there was no net change in traffic volumes over that time period. A modest increase in traffic volumes over the Main Street overpass is evident, though the apparent increase in traffic volumes over the Main Street overpass between 2011 and 2012 is probably the result of traffic redirection due to the temporary closure of the Bridge Street overpass.

Figure 30. Main Street between Highland Drive

and Nettleton Avenue





While not reported in *Table 13*, traffic volumes on Union Street are slightly higher than traffic volumes on Main Street between Washington Avenue and Cate Avenue, and roughly equal to traffic volumes on Main Street between Matthews Avenue and Washington Avenue.

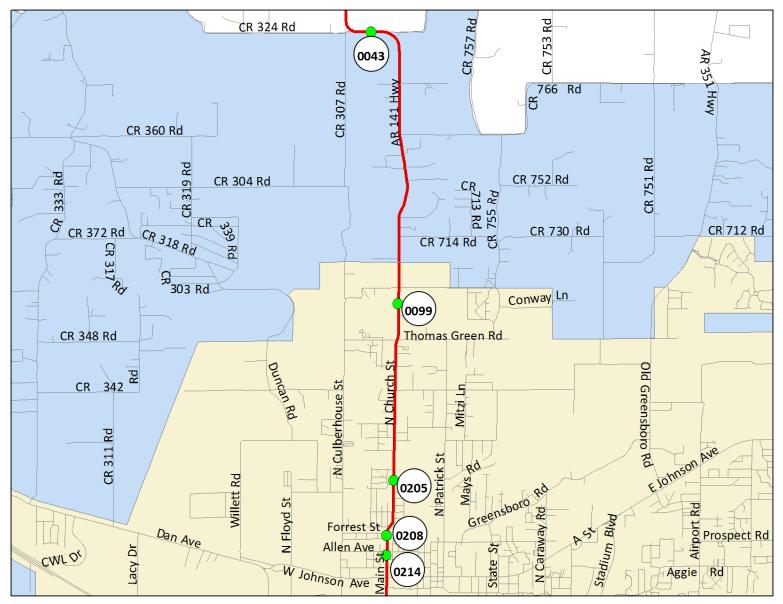
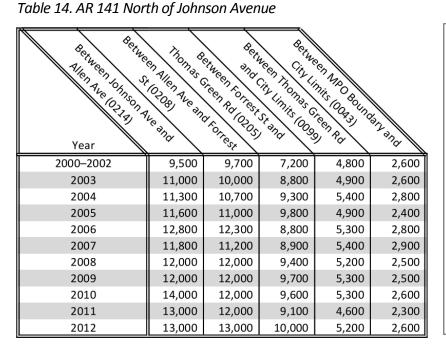
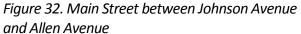
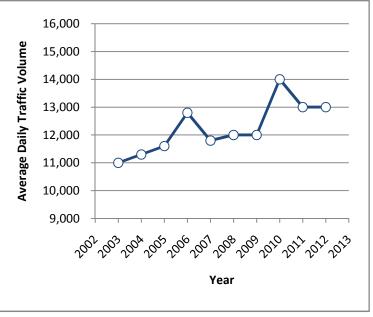


Figure 31. Main Street/North Church Street (AR 141) North of Johnson Avenue

Table 14 reports ten-year traffic volumes for AR 141 (Main Street/North Church Street). While North of Johnson Avenue, traffic volumes on Main Street/North Church Street increased modestly, the volume of traffic entering/exiting Jonesboro along North Church Street (AR 141) has changed little over the last decade.







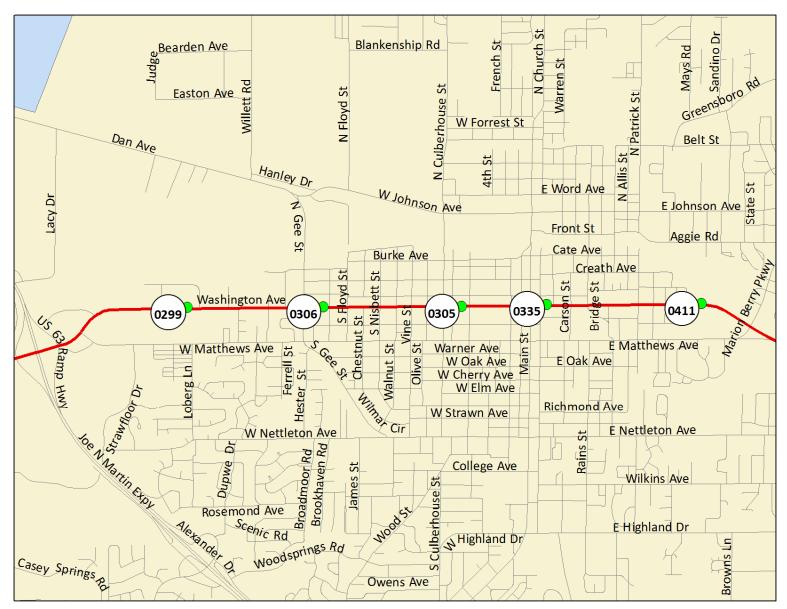
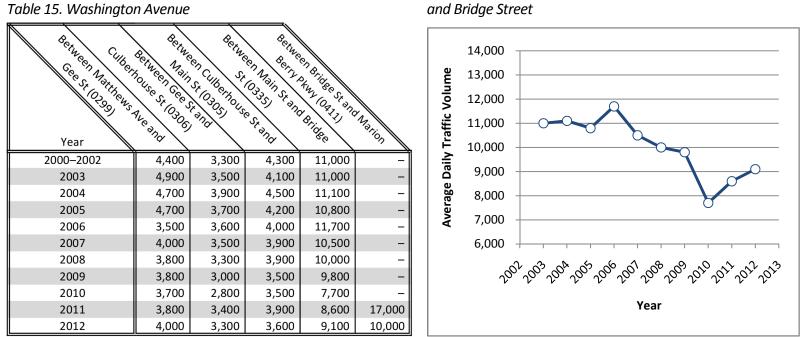
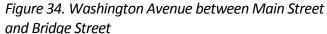


Figure 33. Washington Avenue

Table 15 presents the ten-year traffic history of Washington Avenue. West of Main Street, traffic volumes on Washington Avenue showed a modest decrease. Given recent major changes in connectivity resulting from the opening of Marion Berry Parkway and the closure of Caraway Road, it is difficult to evaluate the trends in traffic volumes on Washington Avenue east of Main Street, though, as illustrated in *Figure 34*, traffic volumes between Main Street and Bridge Street were down from approximately 11,000 vehicles per day in 2003 to approximately 9,000 vehicles per day in 2012.





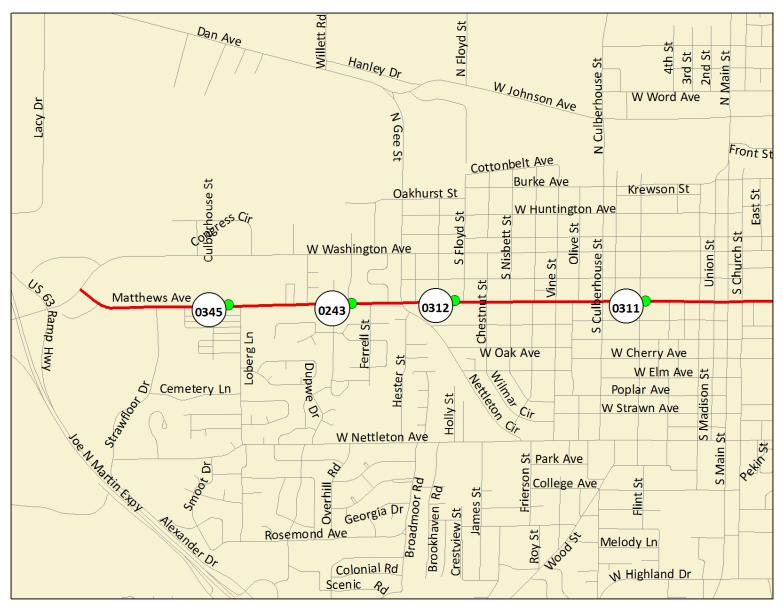
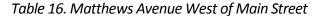
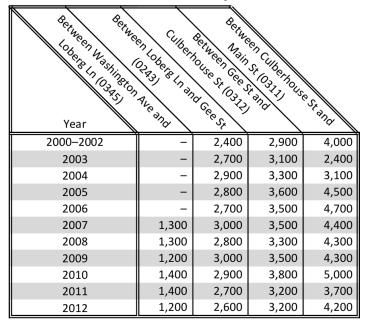
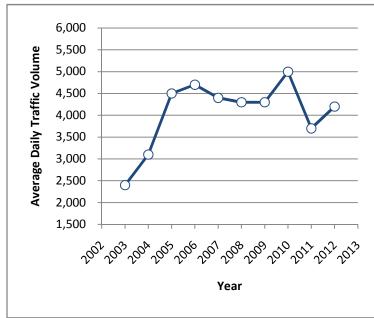


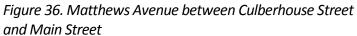
Figure 35. Matthews Avenue West of Main Street

Table 16 reports ten-year traffic volumes for Matthews Avenue west of Main Street. West of Main Street, traffic volumes on Matthews Avenue were relatively flat over the last decade. For instance, as illustrated in *Figure 36*, after experiencing returning to pre-2003 traffic volumes in 2005, traffic on Matthews Avenue between Culberhouse Street and Main Street has been relatively stable – approximately 4,500 vehicles per day – since 2005.









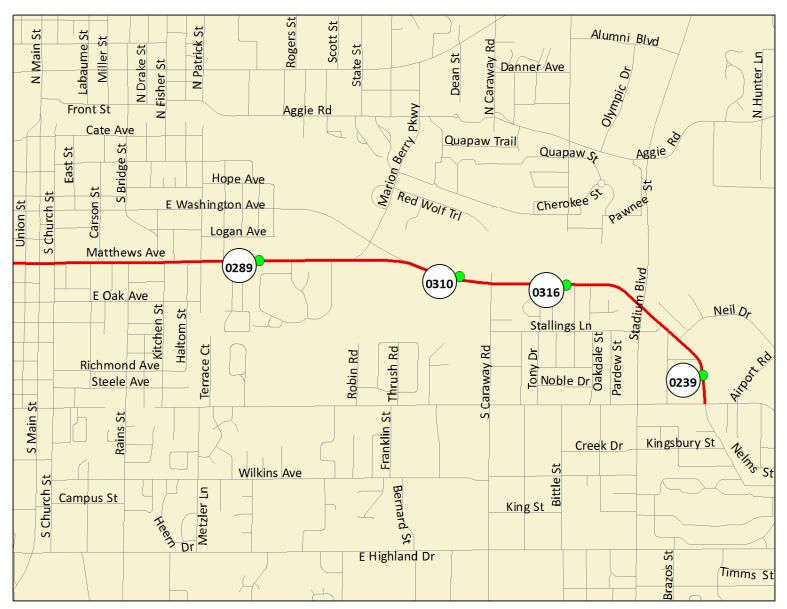
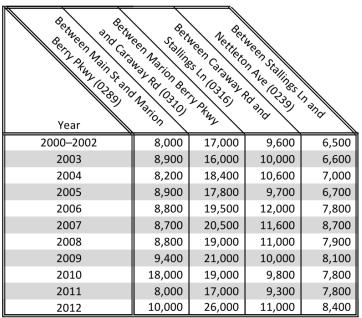
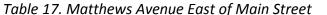


Figure 37. Matthews Avenue East of Main Street

Table 17 presents the ten-year traffic history of Matthews Avenue east of Main Street. Given recent major changes in connectivity resulting from the opening of Marion Berry Parkway and the closure of Caraway Road, it is difficult to evaluate the trends in traffic volumes on Matthews Avenue, particularly between Main Street and Caraway Road. However, after averaging 21,000 vehicles per day or less between 2003 and 2011, traffic volumes between Marion Berry Parkway and Caraway Road jumped to 26,000 vehicles per day in 2012, which may represent the new baseline at that location.





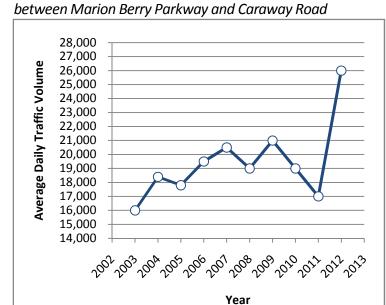


Figure 38. Matthews Avenue between Marion Berry Parkway and Caraway Roa

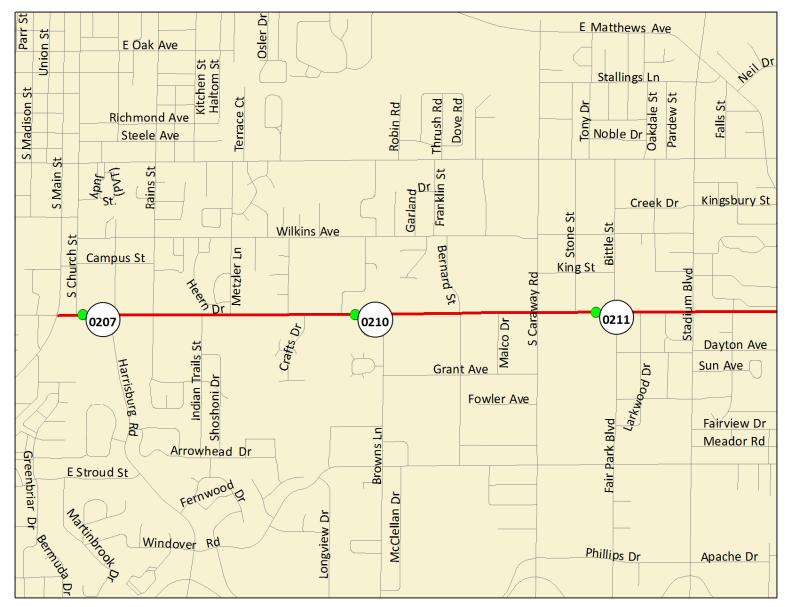


Figure 39. Highland Drive (AR 18) between Main Street and Stadium Boulevard

Traffic volumes on Highland Drive were relatively flat between Main Street and Caraway Road over the last decade (see Table 18). For instance, as illustrated in *Figure 40*, traffic volumes between Harrisburg Road and Caraway Road fluctuated between 19,000 vehicles per day and 20,000 vehicles per day, resulting in no net change in traffic volumes between 2003 and 2012. However, traffic volumes between Caraway Road and Stadium Boulevard increased from approximately 17,000 vehicles per day in 2003 to approximately 20,000 vehicles per day in 2012, though volumes have relatively flat since the Mall at Turtle Creek opened in 2006.

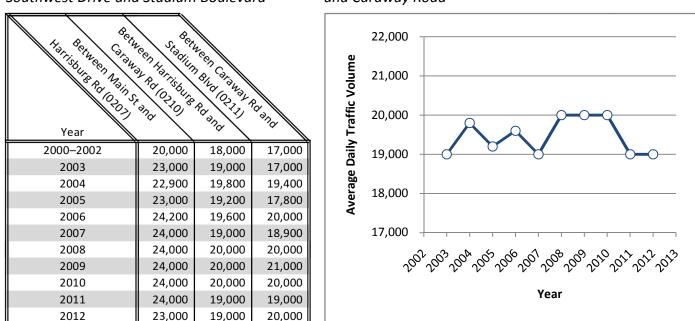


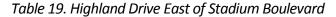
Table 18. Highland Drive between Southwest Drive and Stadium Boulevard

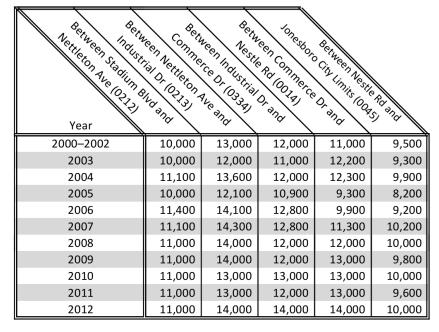
Figure 40. Highland Drive between Harrisburg Road and Caraway Road

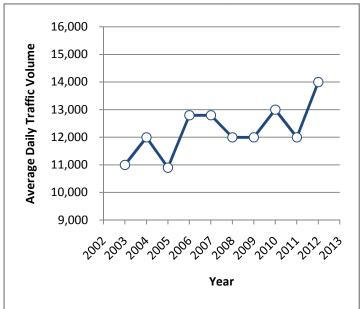


Figure 41. Highland Drive (AR 18) East of Stadium Boulevard

Table 19 presents the ten-year traffic history of Highland Drive between Stadium Boulevard and the Jonesboro City Limits. Over the last decade, volumes on Highland Drive increased modestly in proximity to Jonesboro's industrial parks. For instance, as illustrated in *Figure 42*, traffic volumes between Industrial Drive and Commerce Drive increased from approximately 11,000 vehicles per day in 2003 to approximately 14,000 vehicles per day in 2012. However, traffic volumes entering/exiting the city of Jonesboro along Highland Drive (AR 18) have changed little over the last decade, suggesting that regional traffic volumes were relatively flat over that time period.







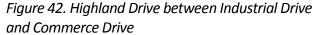




Figure 43. Commerce Drive (AR 18S)

Table 20 shows that traffic volumes on Commerce Drive increased significantly over the last decade, from approximately 5,400 vehicles per day in 2003 to approximately 8,000 vehicles per day in 2012 between US 63 and Krueger Drive. Traffic counts on the Commerce Drive interchange ramps suggest that most of the trips on Commerce Drive originate from US 63 southbound and depart on US 63 northbound.

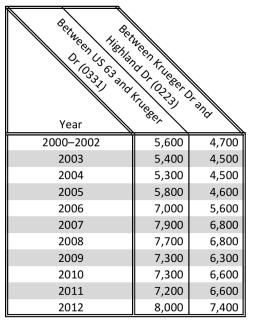
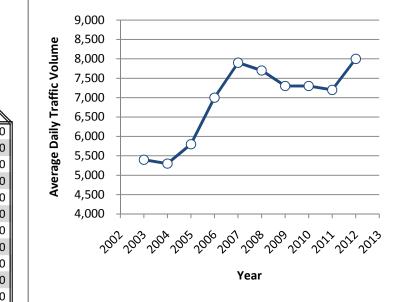


Table 20. Commerce Drive

Figure 44. Commerce Drive between and Highland Drive



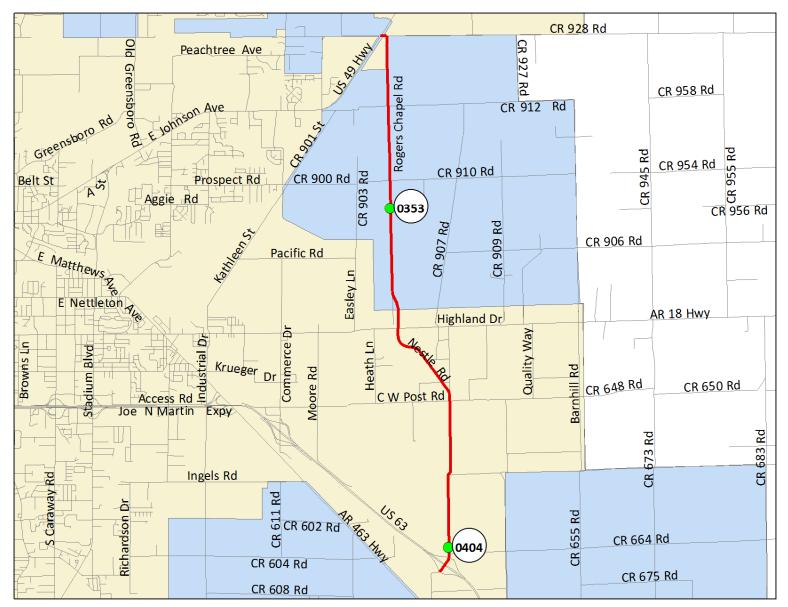
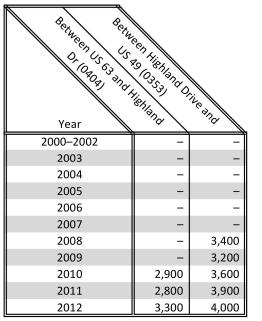
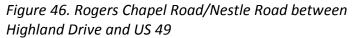


Figure 45. Rogers Chapel Road/Nestle Road

Table 21 reports ten-year traffic volumes on Rogers Chapel Road/Nestle Road. While the available counts on Rogers Chapel Road/Nestle Road are inadequate to establish a ten-year trend, the available data generally suggest a slow increase in traffic volumes along the route, as illustrated in *Figure 46*. Traffic counts on the Nestle Road interchange ramps suggest that most of the trips on Nestle Road originate from US 63 northbound and depart on US 63 southbound.

Table 21. Rogers Chapel Road/ Nestle Road





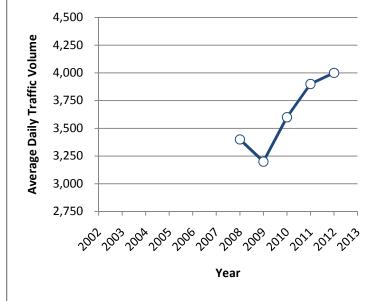




Figure 47. Airport Road (AR 351)

The ten-year traffic history of Airport Road is presented in *Table 22*. Traffic volumes on Airport Road increased modestly over the last decade. For instance, as illustrated in *Figure 48*, traffic volumes between Nettleton Avenue and Aggie Road increased from approximately 4,700 vehicles per day in 2003 to approximately 5,800 vehicles per day in 2012.



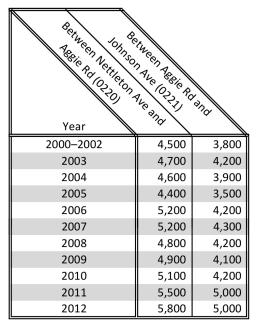


Figure 48. Airport Road between Nettleton Avenue and Aggie Road

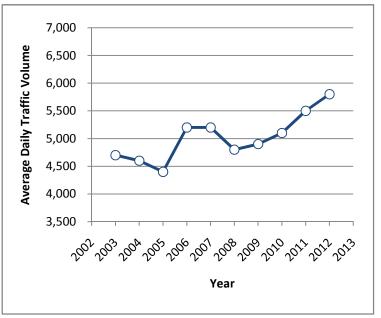
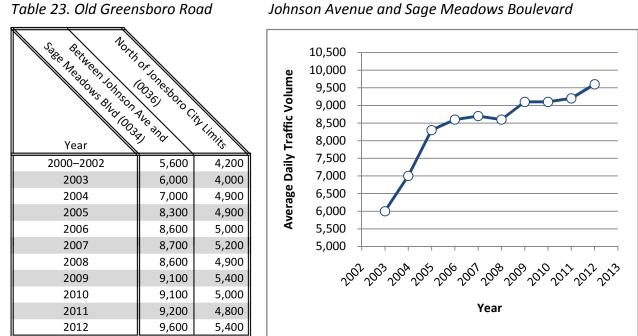




Figure 49. Old Greensboro Road (AR 351) and Magnolia Road

As indicated in Table 23, traffic volumes on Old Greensboro Road have increased significantly over the last ten years, consistent with continued residential development along the route. Figure 50 illustrates how traffic volumes between Johnson Avenue and Sage Meadows Boulevard increased from approximately 6,000 vehicles per year in 2003 to approximately 9,600 vehicles per day in 2012. Traffic volumes also increased modestly north of Sage Meadows Boulevard, suggesting that some of the new traffic on Old Greensboro Road originates from outside the city of Jonesboro.

Figure 50. Old Greensboro Road between





Traffic count data for Magnolia Road/Ponderosa Drive/Peachtree Avenue are unavailable.

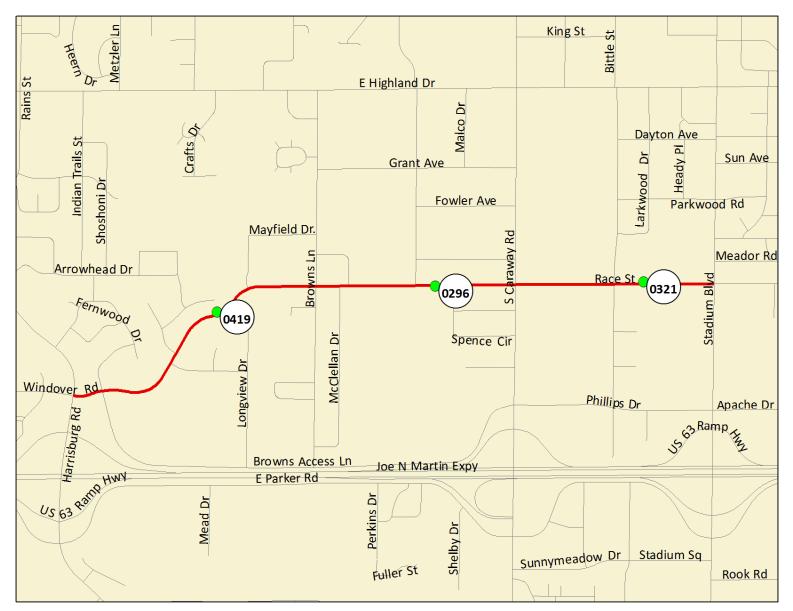


Figure 51. Windover Road/Race Street

Table 24 presents the ten-year traffic history of Windover Road/Race Street. East of Stadium Boulevard, traffic volumes on Race Street grew only modestly over the last decade, which is to be expected given the poor connectivity of East Race Street. West of Stadium Boulevard, traffic volumes on Windover Road/Race Street experienced significant year-to-year fluctuations, resulting in a modest net increase in traffic volumes over the last decade, shown in Figure 52.

Figure 52. Race Street between Caraway Road

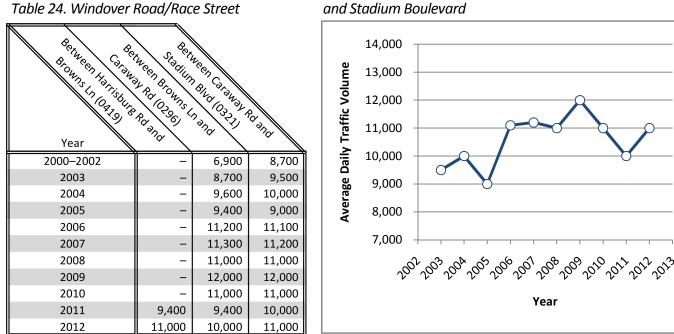


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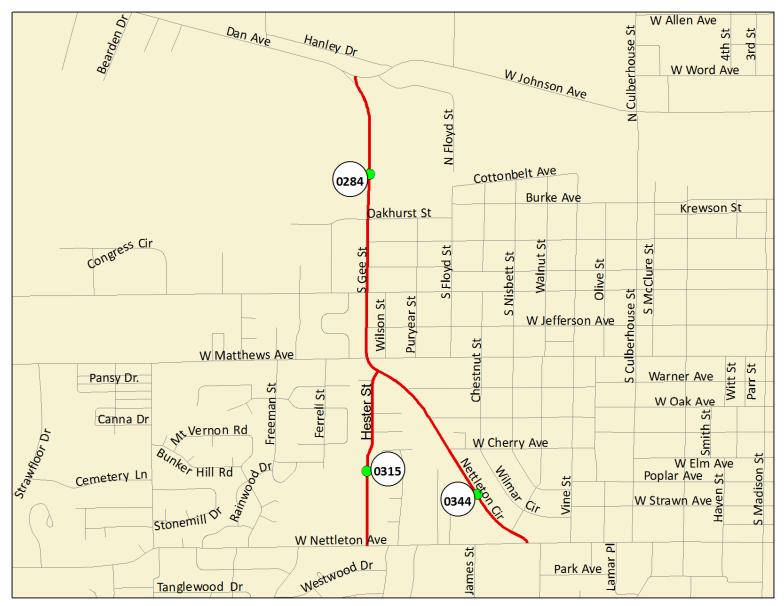
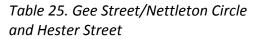
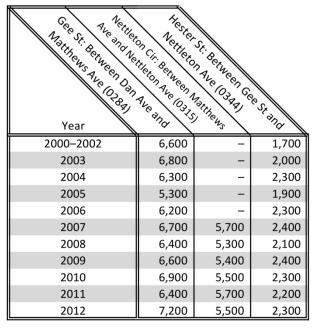
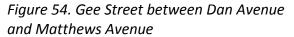


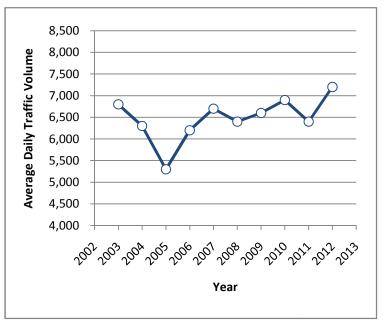
Figure 53. Gee Street/Nettleton Circle & Hester Street

Table 25 reports ten-year traffic volumes on Gee Street/Nettleton Circle and Hester Street. As illustrated in *Figure 54*, traffic volumes on Gee Street/Nettleton Circle changed little over the last decade. Likewise, traffic volumes on Hester Street consistently averaged just over 2,000 vehicles per day.









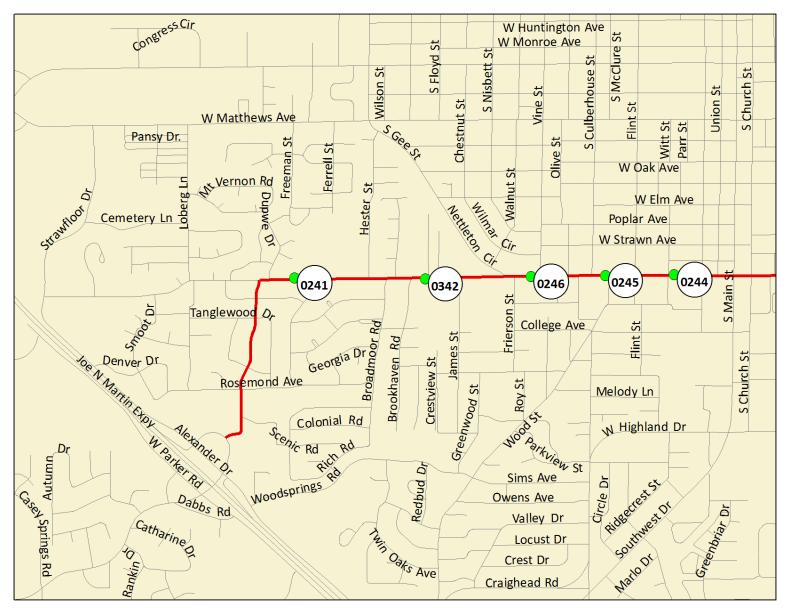


Figure 55. West Nettleton Avenue and Dupwe Drive

Ten-year traffic counts for Nettleton Avenue west of Main Street are reported in Table 26. As the data in Table 27 suggest, traffic volumes on West Nettleton Avenue have changed little over the last decade.

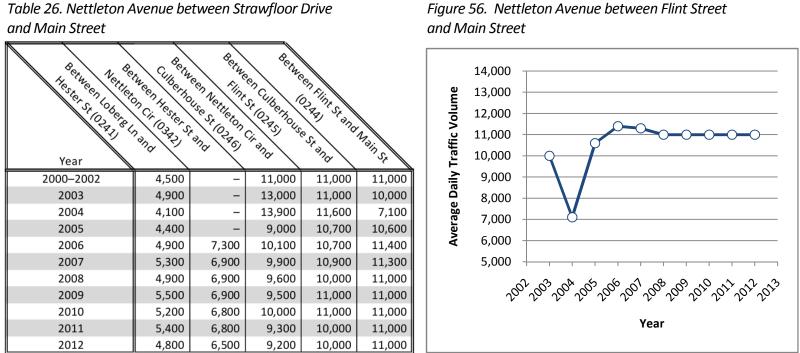


Figure 56. Nettleton Avenue between Flint Street

While historical traffic counts are not available for Dupwe Drive, recent traffic counts indicate that the road serves approximately 3,000 trips per day.

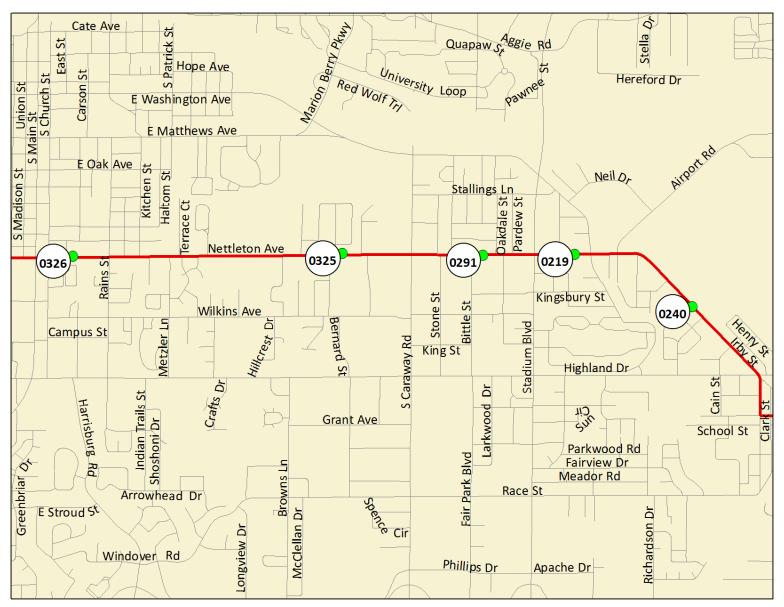
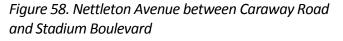


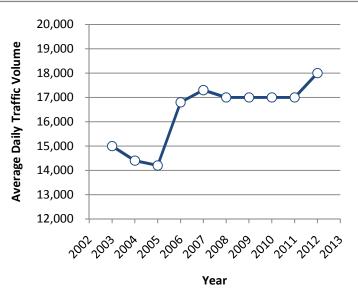
Figure 57. Nettleton Avenue between Main Street and Highland Drive

Table 27 presents the ten-year traffic history of Nettleton Avenue between Main Street and Highland Drive. Traffic volumes on Nettleton Avenue grew significantly between Caraway Road and Stadium Boulevard over the last decade, as illustrated in *Figure 58*, from approximately 15,000 vehicles per day in 2003 to approximately 18,000 vehicles per day in 2012. Elsewhere, traffic volumes grew only modestly over the last ten years and have been relatively flat or slightly down since 2006.

Table 27. Nettleton Avenue between Main Streetand Highland Drive

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2004	10,100	12,400	14,400	9,100	13,000
2005	11,000	12,600	14,200	9,600	12,800
2006	11,700	13,800	16,800	11,800	14,700
2007	11,700	13,800	17,300	11,300	14,300
2008	11,000	13,000	17,000	11,000	14,000
2009	11,000	13,000	17,000	11,000	13,000
2010	12,000	14,000	17,000	11,000	13,000
2011	11,000	14,000	17,000	11,000	13,000
2012	11,000	14,000	18,000	11,000	13,000





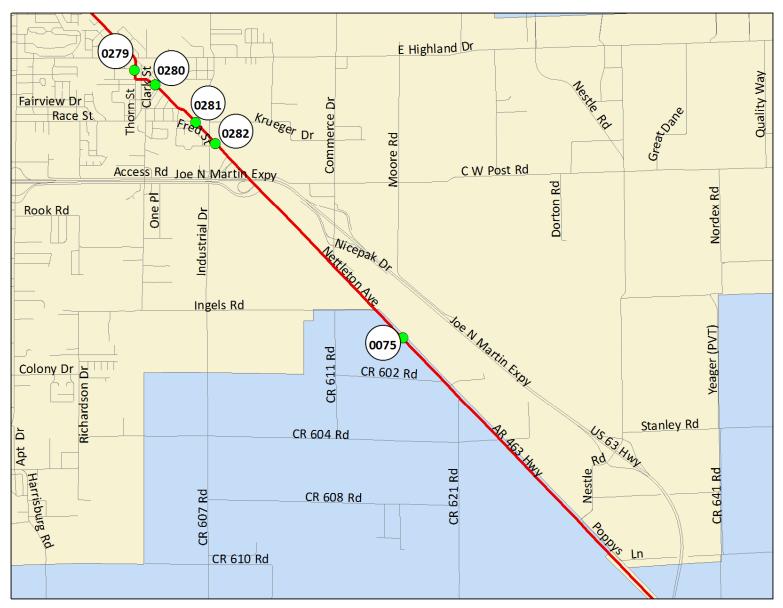
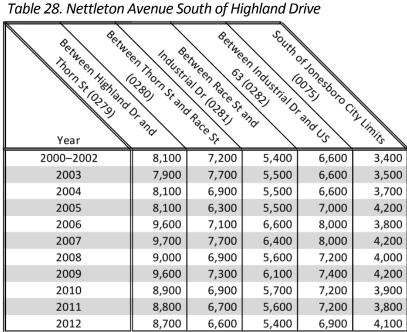


Figure 59. Nettleton Avenue (AR 463) South of Highland Drive

Table 28 presents the ten-year traffic history of Nettleton Avenue from Highland Drive to the Jonesboro City Limits. East of Highland Drive, traffic volumes on Nettleton Avenue generally increased between 2003 and 2007, but declined thereafter. *Figure 60* illustrates how traffic volumes between Highland Drive and Thorn Street increased from approximately 7,900 vehicles per day in 2003 to approximately 9,700 vehicles per day in 2007 but declined to approximately 8,700 vehicles per day by 2012. The relatively flat traffic volumes south of the Jonesboro City Limits suggest that regional traffic volumes entering/exiting Jonesboro along AR 463 have changed little over the last decade.



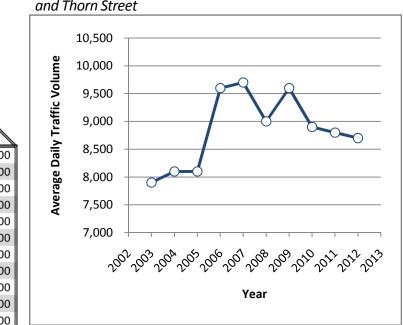


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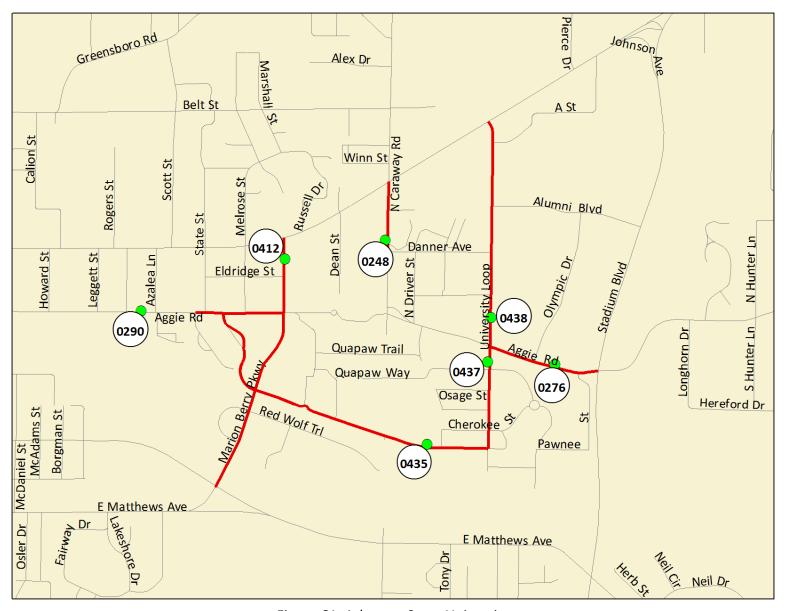


Figure 61. Arkansas State University

Ten-year traffic data for major roads on the ASU campus are presented in *Table 29*. Due to the significant changes to campus access and internal circulation over the last decade, and a lack of historical data at some locations, it is difficult to evaluate traffic trends on the ASU campus. Generally speaking, it appears to be the case that East Aggie Road served as the primary entrance to campus in 2012, followed by Marion Berry Parkway, though it is impossible to determine from the available data how much of the traffic on Marion Berry Parkway is site traffic (rather than through traffic). West Aggie Road served as a minor entrance to campus as did North Caraway Road, which is now used primarily for access to student housing and the parking deck. Traffic volumes on University Loop – approximately 9,400 vehicles per day north of Aggie Road in 2012 – reflect the importance of that route as a both campus entrance and internal circulator.

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2004	3,300	-	4,400	-	-	-	7,700
2005	3,100	-	4,300	-	-	-	7,300
2006	2,800	-	5,000	-	-	-	8,700
2007	2,500	-	4,000	-	-	-	7,500
2008	2,500	-	4,500	-	-	-	7,900
2009	1,300	-	6,300	-	-	-	8,500
2010	1,100	-	6,600	-	-	-	8,700
2011	970	1,800	5,900	4,200	12,000	5,400	7,000
2012	2,400	12,000	2,200	4,000	9,400	5,900	9,500

Table 29. ASU Entrances and Circulators

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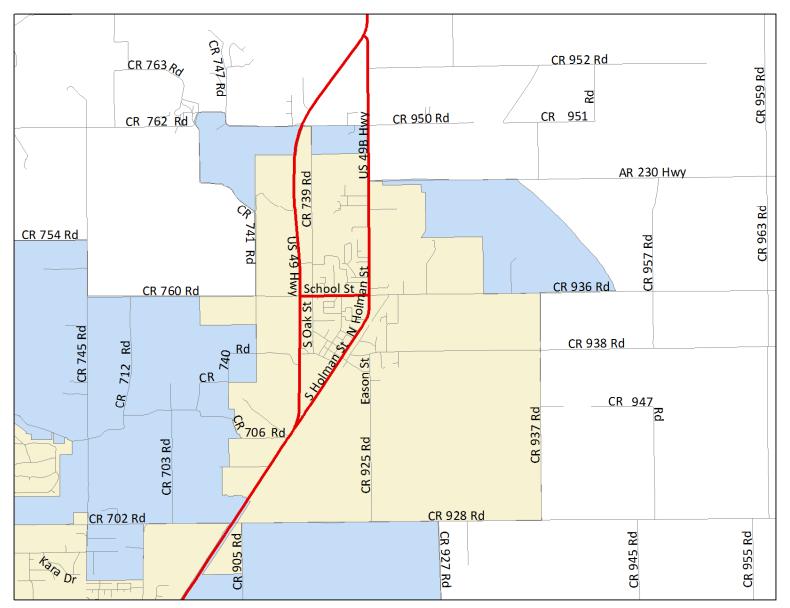


Figure 62. Major Roadways in the City of Brookland



Figure 63. US 49 Bypass (Brookland)

Table 30 reports ten-year traffic volumes on the US 49 Bypass. Traffic volumes on US 49 increased significantly over the last decade. For instance, as illustrated in *Figure 64*, traffic volumes from School Street north to the Brookland City Limits increased from approximately 12,100 vehicles per day in 2003 to approximately 16,000 vehicles per day in 2012. The significant increase in traffic volumes north of the Brookland City Limits is indicative of a significant increase in regional traffic along US 49 over the last ten years.

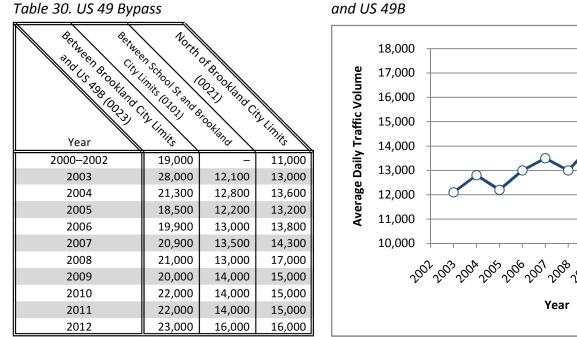


Figure 64. US 49 between Brookland City Limits and US 49B

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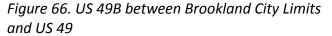
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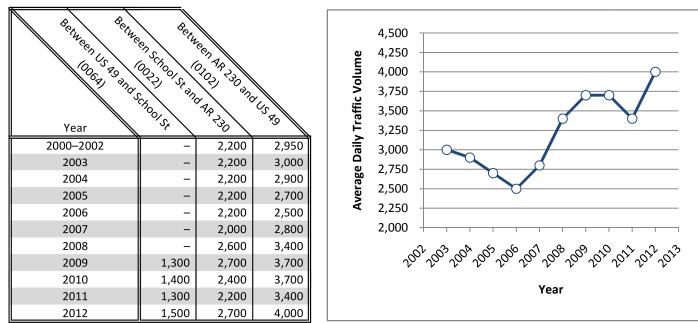


Figure 65. US 49B (Holman Street)

Traffic volumes on US 49B increased modestly over the last decade (see *Table 31*) – a reflection of the modest growth of the city of Brookland over that time frame. For instance, *Figure 66* illustrates that traffic between the Brookland City Limits and US 49 increased from approximately 3,000 vehicles per day in 2003 to approximately 4,000 vehicles per day in 2012.

Table 31. US 49B





Reports from City of Brookland officials and citizens suggest that traffic volumes on School Street have increased significantly over the last decade. Currently, AHTD is not collecting traffic counts along that route.

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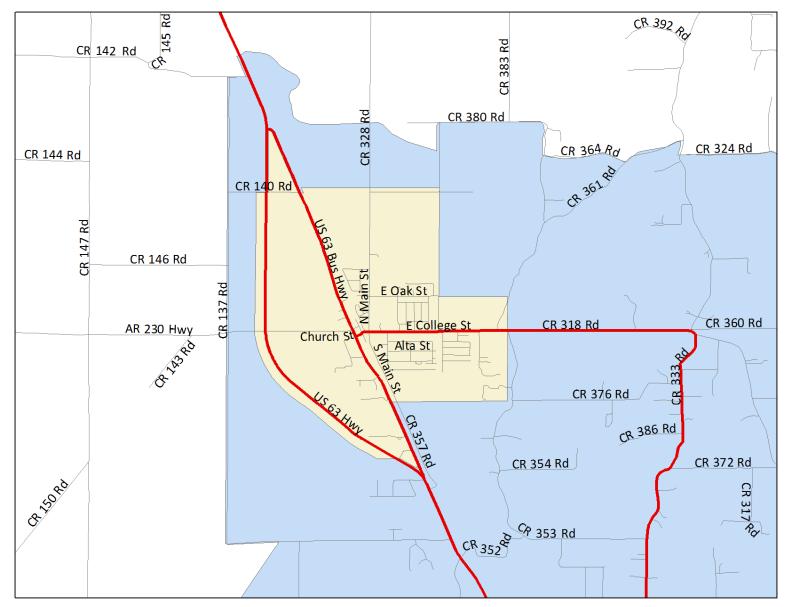


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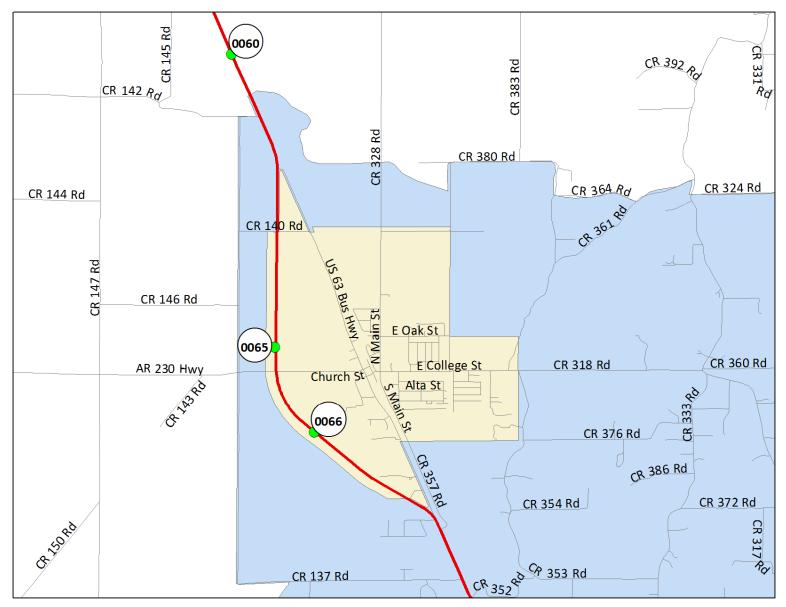
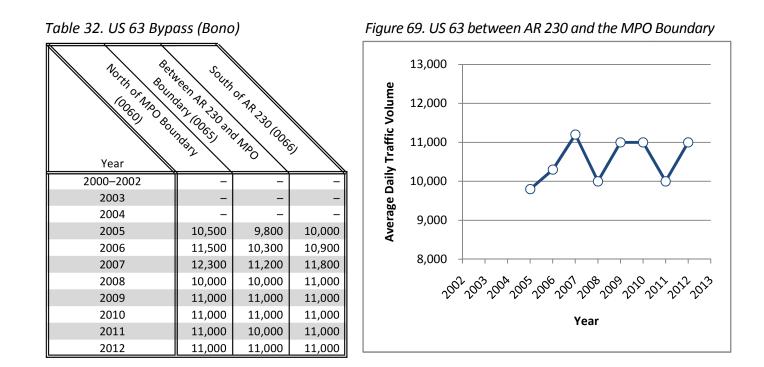


Figure 68. US 63 Bypass (Bay)

The ten-year traffic history of the US 63 Bypass is reported in *Table 32*. As illustrated in *Figure 69*, traffic volumes on US 63 Bypass have changed little since construction of the roadway was completed in 2005. In particular, traffic volumes north of the MPO boundary have been relatively stable over the last decade, suggesting that regional traffic volumes were flat over that time period.



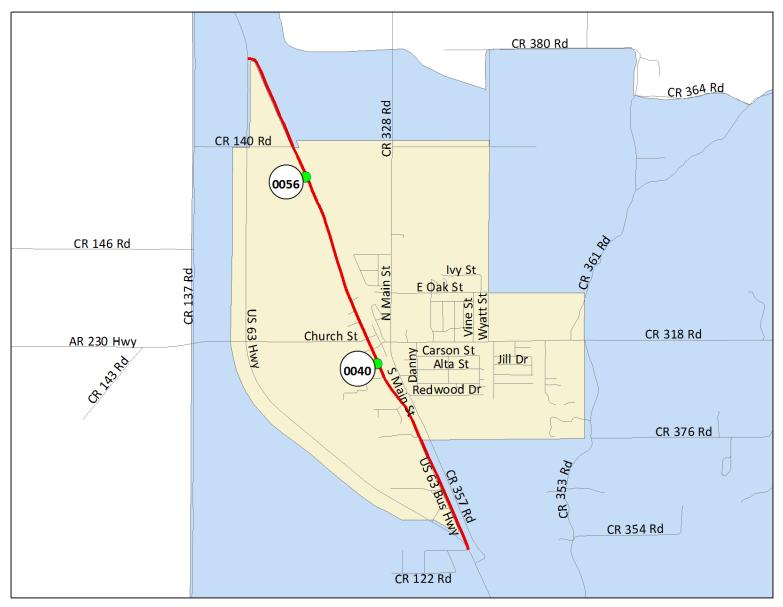


Figure 70. Old Greensboro Road (AR 351) and Magnolia Road

Table 33 presents the ten-year traffic history of US 63B. As illustrated in *Figure 71*, south of AR 230 traffic volumes on US 63B increased from approximately 3,400 vehicles per day in 2003 to approximately 4,800 vehicles per day in 2012 – a reflection of the modest growth of the City of Bono over the last decade and the resulting increases in intercity trips between Bono and Jonesboro. North of AR 230, traffic volumes were relatively flat over the last ten years.

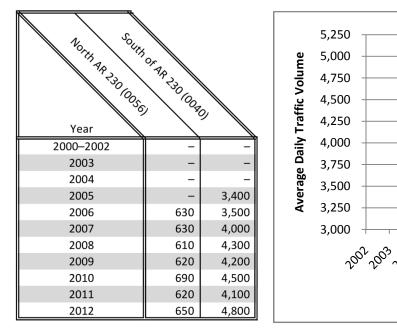


Figure 71. US 63B South of AR 230

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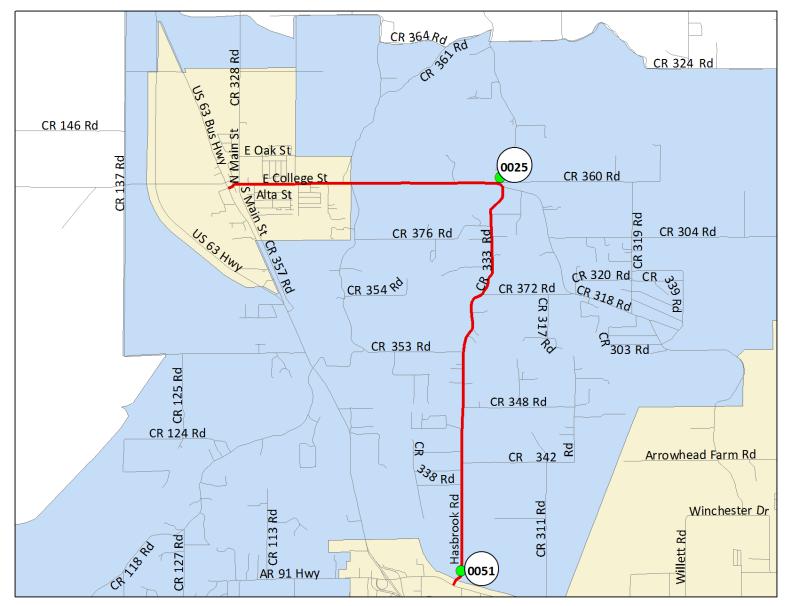


Figure 72. Hasbrook Road (CR 333) and College Street (CR 318)

As Table 34 indicates, traffic volumes on Hasbrook Road (CR 333) have declined slightly over the last decade, with volumes just north of the Jonesboro City Limits going from 4,300 vehicles per day in 2003 to approximately 3,800 vehicles per day in 2012.

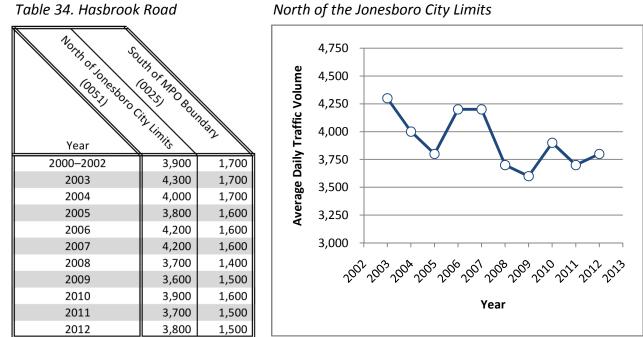


Figure 73. Hasbrook Road North of the Jonesboro City Limits

Historical traffic counts are not available for College Street (CR 318).

Bay



Figure 74. Major Roadways in the City of Bay



Figure 75. US 63 Bypass (Bay)

Table 35 reports the ten-year traffic history of the US 63B Bypass around Bay. As illustrated in *Figure 76*, despite some wide fluctuation in recorded traffic volumes over the last ten years, the net change in traffic volumes was minimal.

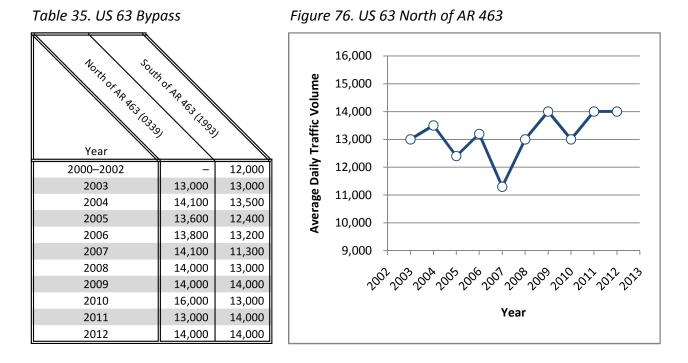
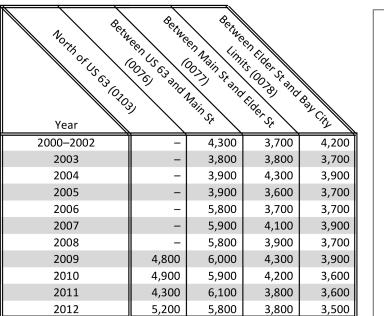




Figure 77. AR 463 (Bay Drive)

Table 36 reports ten-year traffic volumes for AR 463 (Bay Drive). South of Main Street, traffic volumes on AR 463 have been relatively flat over the last decade, suggesting that regional traffic movements along AR 463 have changed little over that time period. North of Main Street, however, traffic volumes on AR 463 appear to have increased significantly between 2005 and 2006, but have been relatively stable since 2006, as illustrated in *Figure 78*.





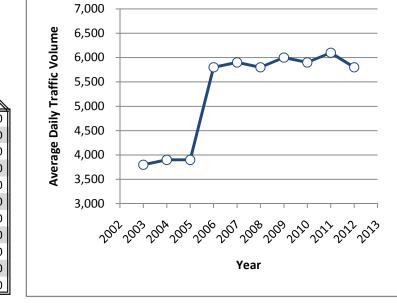


Figure 78. AR 463 between US 63 and Main Street



Figure 79. Main Street (CR 623) & Elder Street

The ten-year traffic histories of Main Street (CR 623) and Elder Street are presented in *Table 37*. Traffic volumes on Main Street have changed little over the last decade, as shown in *Figure 80*, averaging slightly more than 3,000 vehicles per day over that time period. Likewise, ignoring the relatively high traffic count record for 2003, traffic volumes on Elder Street were relatively flat over the last ten years.

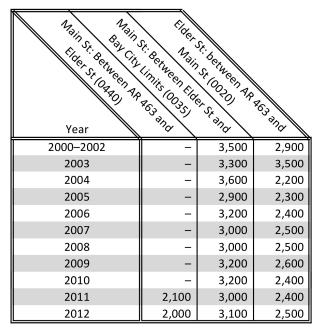
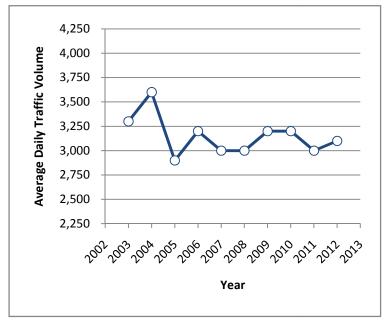




Figure 80. Main Street between Elder Street and Bay City Limits



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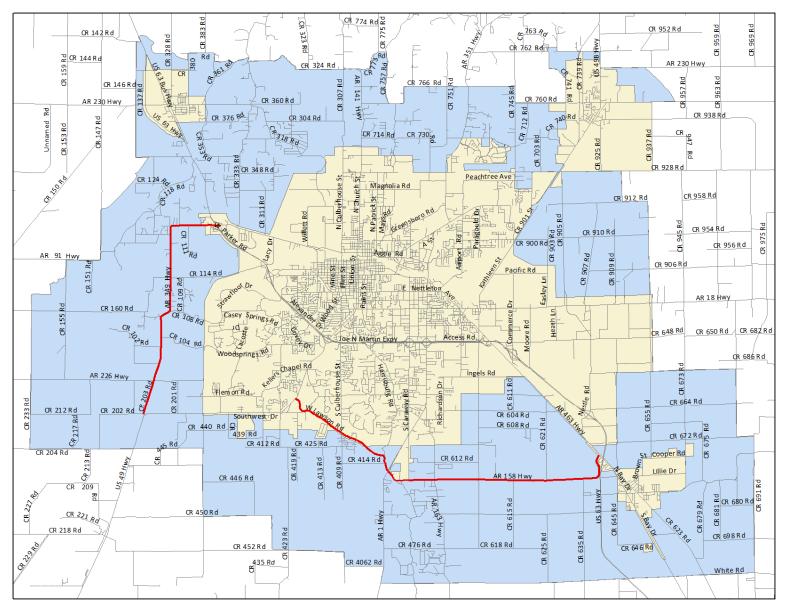


Figure 81. Other Major MPO Roadways in Craighead County



Figure 82. Lawson Road and AR 158

The ten-year traffic histories of Lawson Road and AR 158 are presented in Table 38. While historical data for Lawson Road is not available, it is reasonable to believe that volumes increased with the growth of the Valley View School District and other trips (such as freight) between US 49 and AR 1. As illustrated in *Figure 83*, traffic volumes on AR 158 were relatively flat over the last ten years.

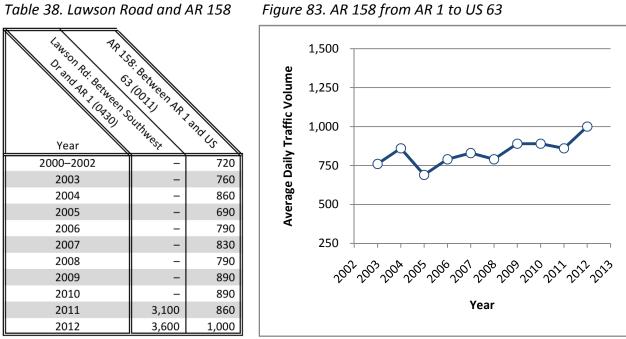


Figure 83. AR 158 from AR 1 to US 63

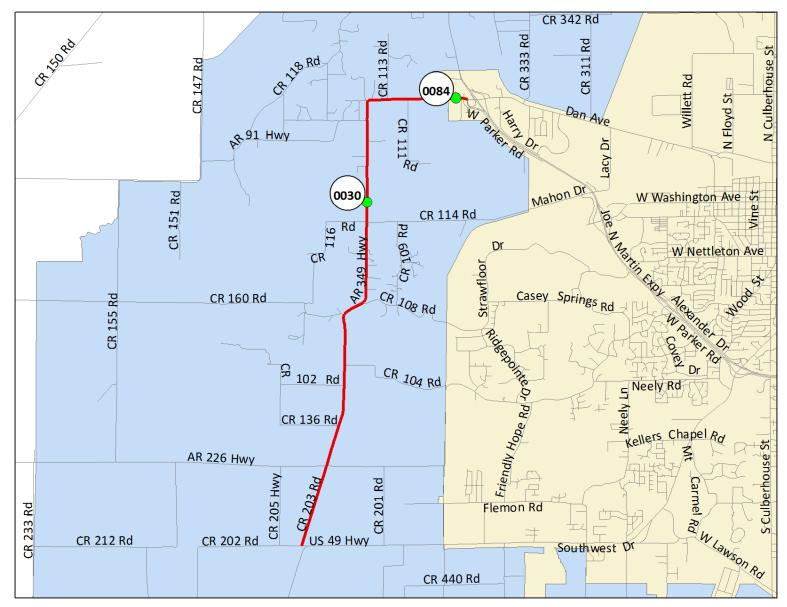


Figure 84. AR 349/AR 91

Table 39 reports the ten-year traffic history of the AR 349/AR 91 connector between US 63 and AR 226. Despite some fluctuation, there was little net change in traffic volumes on AR 349, as illustrated in *Figure 85*, or AR 91, as indicated by the data in *Table 39*.

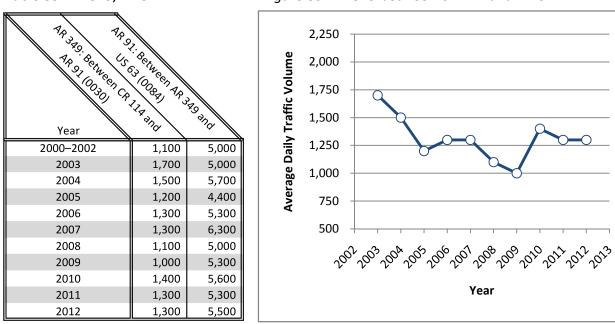


Table 39. AR 349/AR 91

Figure 85. AR 349 between CR 114 and AR 91



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