

**A Proposal for a
Comprehensive Street and Traffic Plan
for Jonesboro, Arkansas**

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A comprehensive street and traffic plan for the City of Jonesboro will involve not only the development of plans for major streets and highways for the city and adjacent area and traffic operations and parking for the central business district, but also the coordination of such planning with land use planning and zoning.

Planning studies, preparation of a comprehensive plan, and local participation and action are important elements in the development of the comprehensive street and traffic plan for the City.

Planning studies

1. A study of the growth and development of the city and adjacent area, the study of existing land uses and land use potentials, and a study of community facilities and utilities.
2. An analysis of the studies made in "1" above; an evaluation of future growth and development in respect to residential, commercial and industrial uses and the effect such growth and development may have in respect to traffic circulation, streets and highways.
3. A study of the impact of growth on the central business district in respect to traffic volumes and parking demand.
4. The obtaining of sufficient traffic data, including external origin and destination, coverage counts, turning movements, vehicle classification, parking data, etc.
5. The analysis of data collected in "4" above, with necessary expansions, maps, tabulations and charts.

Preparation of comprehensive plan

1. The preparation of a comprehensive plan for streets and highways, traffic operation and parking, such comprehensive plan to include:
 - a. An evaluation of the existing state highways serving Jonesboro; recommendations in respect to improvements and relocations.
 - b. The identification of existing and future internal major streets.

- c. The identification of streets in need of extension or opening, wider right-of-way or greater pavement width, and of streets that may be vacated.
- d. Recommended rights-of-way and pavement widths for streets of various classifications in the master street plan.
- e. A traffic operations plan for the central business district, including traffic control devices, channelization, movement, one-way streets, etc.
- f. A parking plan for the central business district.
- g. Recommendations in respect to parking for commercial development along major streets and highways and on streets in city proper.

Local participation and action

The City of Jonesboro may designate the City Planning Commission or any other officially designated committee to coordinate the study, to receive and review data and recommendations, and to make such recommendations to the City Council as may be necessary in the course of developing the comprehensive street and traffic plan. The City Council shall be responsible for the acceptance and implementation of the report and recommendations.

The City Planning Commission, however, is to be responsible for all matters pertaining to official plans and regulations as provided by state statute.

Preparation and publication of report and plan

The preparation (writing of text and editing) of the report and plan for publication shall be the responsibility of the City Planning Division, University of Arkansas.

The publication of the report and plan shall be the responsibility of the City of Jonesboro in cooperation with the Arkansas State Highway Department and the University of Arkansas.

A Cooperative Project

The preparation of the comprehensive street and traffic plan for Jonesboro, Arkansas, shall be a cooperative project between the City of Jonesboro, the Arkansas State Highway Department, and the University of Arkansas.

The City of Jonesboro is responsible for reviewing data and recommendations and for adopting plans and regulations such as pertain to the development and implementation of the plan.

It is also responsible for the publication of the report and plan with financial assistance as may be agreed upon by the Arkansas State Highway Department.

The Arkansas State Highway Department is responsible for the securing of data on traffic and parking, for the analysis and projection of such data, for the evaluation of the state highway system in relation to the City of Jonesboro and recommendations pertaining thereto, and for the preparation of a plan for traffic operations and parking in the central business district as an essential part of the comprehensive street and traffic plan.

The City Planning Division, University of Arkansas, is responsible for the study of growth, development, and land use, and will participate in the preparation of the comprehensive street and traffic plan. The Division is responsible especially for those phases of the plan relating to local problems as contrasted with those of or affecting the state highway system. The writing of the over-all report and the preparation of a draft presenting the recommendations as to highways are the responsibility of the City Planning Division, the City of Jonesboro, and the Arkansas State Highway Department, in cooperation with the Bureau of Public Roads.

The City Planning Division shall act as the technical planning staff for the City of Jonesboro in the preparation of the comprehensive plan and shall coordinate with the Arkansas State Highway Department all local matters as they pertain to the development of the over-all plan.

It is estimated that it will take from 12 to 18 months to undertake the studies and to prepare the report and recommendations.

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Lot 3 in Ridgecrest Addition was discussed by owner, John Busby, and his attorney, Douglas Bradley. The action of the Planning Commission on March 12, 1959, was discussed, and applicants and their engineer, Fred Haywood, conferred with the Planning Commission concerning the requirements made by the Planning Commission on that date. It was pointed out that the area concerned was protected as right-of-way in the Master Street Plan, but that, after long consideration, the plan had been amended in certain respects and that such previous amendments made it proper to amend the Master Street Plan to delete the street along the north side of Lot 3 in Ridgecrest Addition.

Motion was made, and unanimously adopted, that the Planning Commission transmit to the City Council the findings, information and recommendation that the protected right-of-way shown in the Master Street Plan along the north side of Lot 3 in Ridgecrest Addition had been deleted by amendment to the Master Street Plan because the same is not considered to be any longer required in the public interest, and that closing of such street be recommended to the City Council, provided (a) the owner execute a dedication of right-of-way for a turning radius on the south side of said lot which would permit the traffic to flow from Ridgecrest Addition to Culberhouse, and (b) execute, record and deliver a perpetual easement for utility lines, and that the owner, John Busby, had complied with these requirements. According to the information and judgment of the Planning Commission, the closing of this platted but unopened street would not, now that the requirements had been met, adversely affect the public interest.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Neal Thayer, Secretary of the City Planning Commission, Jonesboro, Arkansas, certifies that the above is a true and correct copy of the actions of the City Planning Commission on April 9, 1959, concerning the proposed closing of a platted street along the north side of Lot 3 in Ridgecrest Addition.

This 20th day of April, 1959.



Neal Thayer, Secretary