

each area. These initial classifications were compared to DOT's functional classifications and a few adjustments were made to match DOT's classifications.

A table listing the roads and their proposed classifications, and a table of characteristics for each classification is included in this report. It is acknowledged that the current conditions of many of these roads do not meet the specified characteristics for their classification.

Bicycle Plan Component

In addition to roadway improvements for vehicular traffic, a bicycle component was added to the Thoroughfare Plan in 2003. The purpose of establishing a bicycle plan is to provide a guide for the acquisition of right-of-way and construction of bicycle lanes in conjunction with other road improvement projects. Incremental implementation of this plan will establish a network of bicycle trails throughout Lowndes County for transportation and recreational use. It is acknowledged that the use of bicycles for day-to-day transportation will likely be limited to urban areas such as the cities (Valdosta, Hahira, Remerton, Dasher and Lake Park). Therefore, recreation will be the primary use of bicycle lanes and paths along the road systems of Lowndes County, at least initially.

a) Identify denser residential and developed areas in Lowndes County. Density of development in Lowndes County was determined visually by plotting address points from the GIS database. The following is a list of these areas:

- Bemiss Corridor from Valdosta to Moody Air force base
- Exit 5/Lake Park/Twin Lakes area
- Exit 22/North Valdosta Area
- State Route 38 (U.S. Highway 84)/Exit 16/Exit 18 area
- SR 7 (US 41) subdivision areas
- Old US 41 North

b) Identify destinations within and near the denser developed areas in Lowndes County. After identifying the denser developed areas listed above, the following destinations were identified in those areas:

- Moody Air Force Base
- Guest Road Park
- Lowndes County Schools
- Exit 5 Retail Area