

t-GEIS

transportation-Focused Generic Environmental Impact Statement

What is the t-GEIS Transportation Study?

The t-GEIS Transportation Study is a transportation-focused generic environmental impact statement being undertaken to identify and evaluate the transportation impacts that potential population growth scenarios at Cornell over the next decade might have on transportation systems and neighborhoods in the surrounding community. Strategies for mitigating those potential impacts will be identified in this study.

The t-GEIS Transportation Study is a proactive effort. The desired outcome is to develop strategies that promote a "Best in Class," sustainable transportation system with greater participation in walking, bicycling, transit use, park-and-rides, and other alternatives to single-occupant vehicle use.

The bottom-line goal is to develop Ten-Year Transportation Impact Mitigation Strategies (TIMS) that will identify ways to reduce adverse transportation impacts of potential Cornell population growth and improve sustainable commuting options for Cornell employees and students.

Why Do This Study Now?

As a successful teaching and research institution, Cornell has been growing. In recent years, there has been considerable interest in sustainable growth and Cornell-related commuting and bus ridership. For several years, the Town of Ithaca and Cornell have participated in county-wide discussions on these issues. The Town, simultaneously, has worked proactively to develop its own transportation plan. Cornell and the Town agreed that a t-GEIS was the next logical step.

How Can You Be Involved?

There are numerous opportunities for public input throughout all phases of the t-GEIS Transportation Study process, including public open houses, public hearings and direct communication with project team members. Regular updates about the project can be found on the project web site: <http://www.tgeisproject.info/>