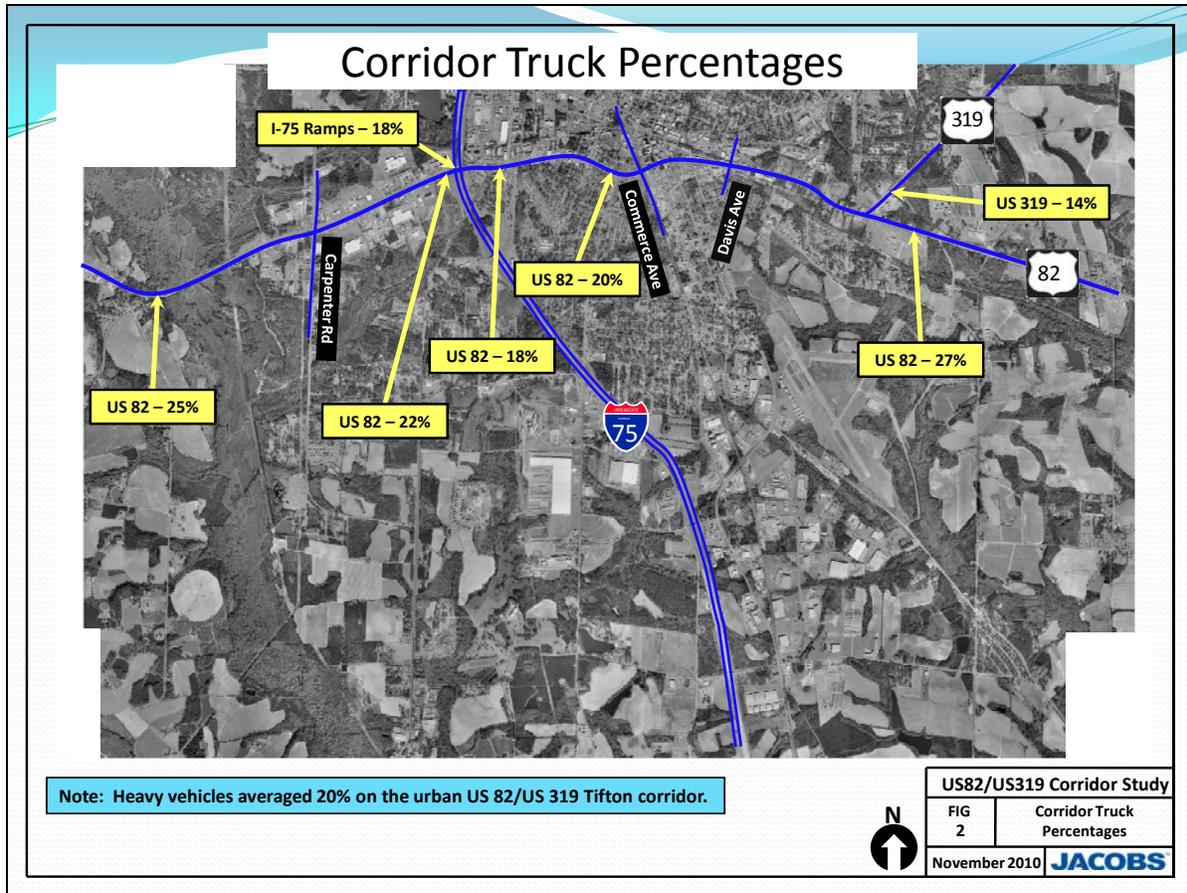


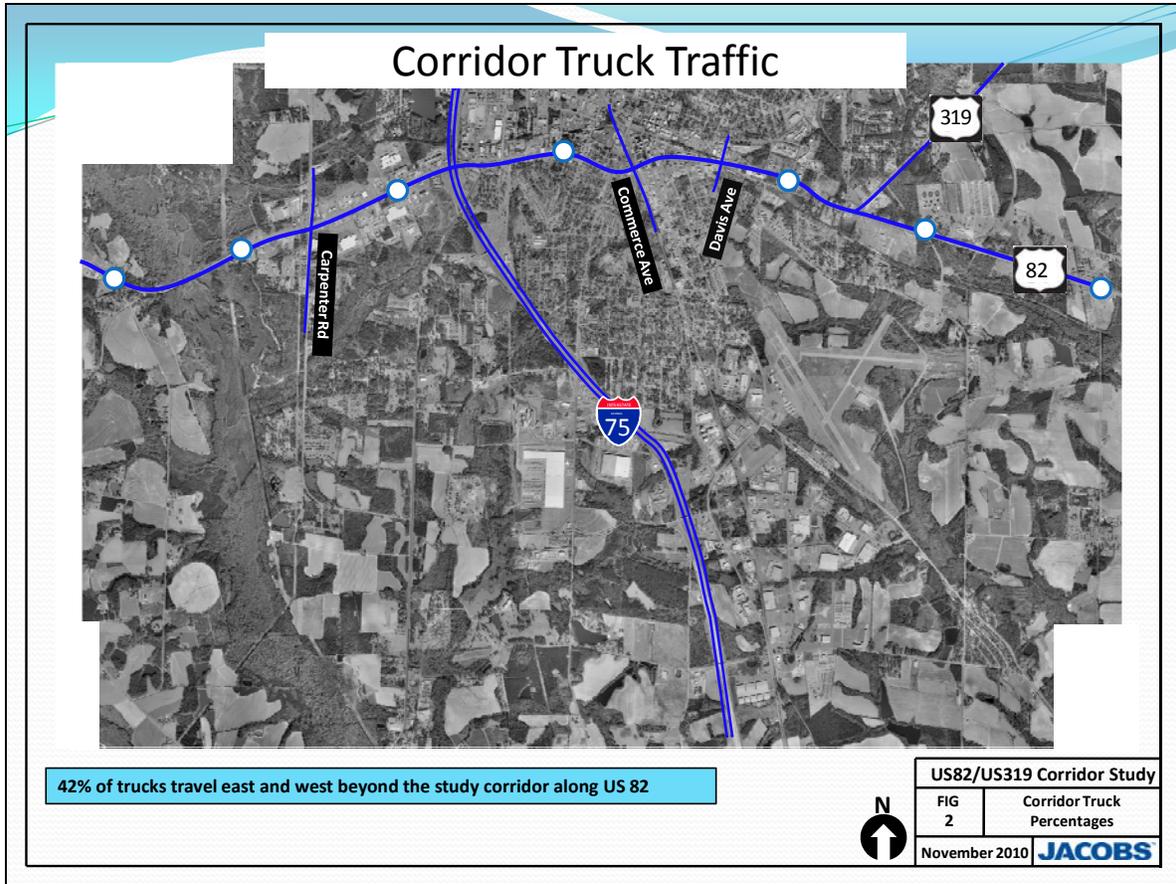


Traffic Volumes

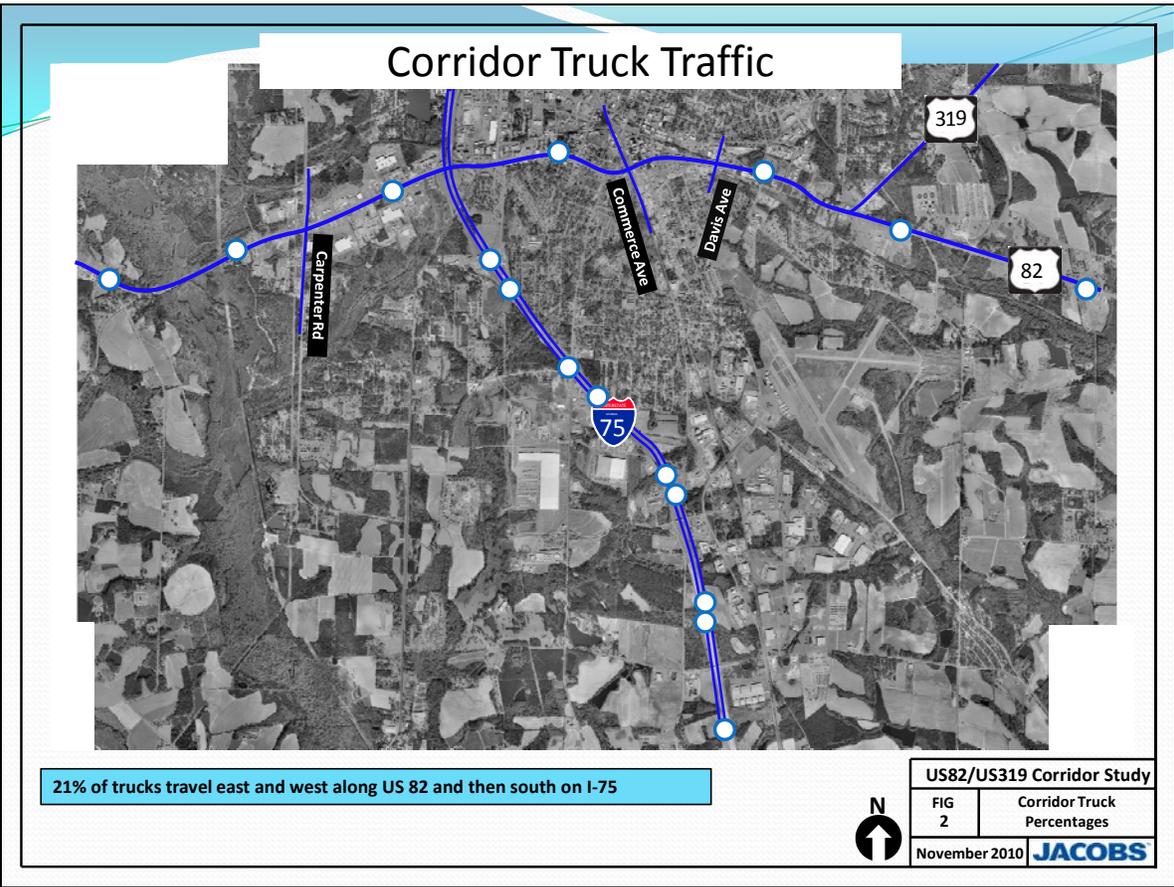
As noted earlier, traffic volumes, particularly those of truck traffic, are the major generators of congestion, lack of mobility and safety concerns along the corridor.



An important goal for this project is the reduction of truck traffic through downtown Tifton. The anecdotal information we received from stakeholder interviews and conversations with our citizens advisory committee was confirmed by traffic counts along the corridor. As expected, the results show a remarkable amount of truck traffic along the corridor. Percentages range from 14% on US 319 north of US 82, to 25% on US 82 west of Carpenter Road, to a high of 27% on US 82 just east of the intersection with US 319. The average percentage of track traffic for the study corridor is 20%.



Where are all of these trucks going? With the convergence of I-75, US 41, US 82, US 319 and SR 125 within the city limits, Tifton is a regional crossroads for moving goods and freight. An origin and destination study was completed to figure out where the trucks are coming from and where they are going. We found the highest percentage of trucks, at 42%, are traveling east or west beyond the study corridor along US 82.



The next highest truck movement shows trucks traveling east or west along US 82/US 319 and entering I-75 heading south. 21% of all trucks in the corridor are making this movement.