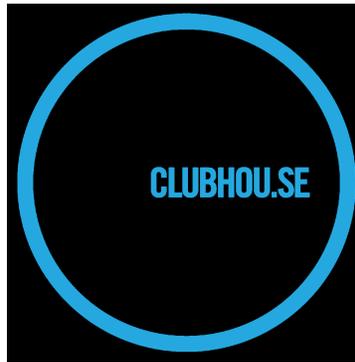


# Partnership for Inclusive Innovation

Innovation, Opportunity and Shared Economic Success



## Partnership for Inclusive Innovation Announces First \$250,000 Grant for Pilot Program to Advance Entrepreneurial Opportunities Throughout Georgia

The [Partnership for Inclusive Innovation](#), with the support of Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan, has announced its first funded pilot program, [theClubhou.se: Mesh Network](#). This organization aims to empower entrepreneurs and provide resources to create new businesses in traditionally under-resourced communities. The pilot was competitively selected and will receive \$250,000 to expand its existing efforts in Augusta, Ga., to four other Georgia cities, which will be determined by a feasibility study launched by [Make Startups](#), a division of [theClubhou.se](#), in early 2021.

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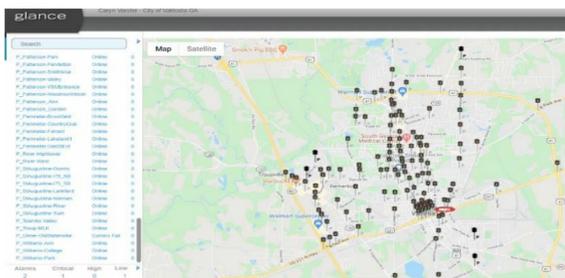
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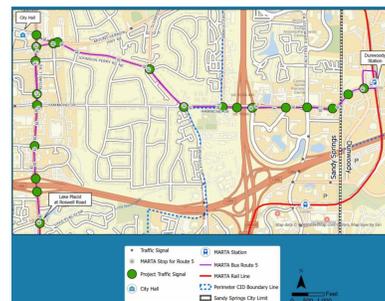
## Georgia Smart Holds Fall Workshops

Georgia Smart Communities participated in three supporting workshops this fall as part of the Georgia Smart program. Teams worked with Georgia Tech professors [Chris Le Dantec](#) and [Yanni Loukissas](#) to reach beyond the technical challenges of their projects and consider the underlying stakeholders and supporting data needs. The workshops were designed to help the communities make connections across the projects to build the human and organizational capacities that make up a smart community. Each year these workshops provide a setting for the communities to learn from each other. Le Dantec noted that "this year, with our limited ability to meet in person due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the workshops were even more important as a venue to work with our communities to figure out how to manage stakeholder engagement and outreach so that each project is successful and sustainable."

[Learn More About the GA Smart Communities](#)



Software used in the City of Valdosta's Traffic Management Center (TMC) showing the city's signalized intersections.



City of Sandy Springs proposed transit signal priority along MARTA Bus Route 5.

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## #SMARTer Together Returns in 2021

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Are you a Georgia Tech student with Podcast experience looking for part-time work Spring Semester? We are currently hiring a Podcast Student Assistant for 2021. If interested, please send resume to [SCI2@gatech.edu](mailto:SCI2@gatech.edu).

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## In Case You Missed Past Issues..... Here are our top five articles from 2020

[New panel to advise Lt. Gov. Duncan on growing tech in Georgia](#)

[The Mystery of the Missing Bus Riders](#)

[Resiliency of On-Demand Multimodal Transit Systems during Pandemic Response](#)

[Georgia Tech's New Georgia Smart Communities Challenge Winners Empower Development Throughout the State](#)

[Cleantech incubator launched at Savannah's SeaPoint Industrial Terminal Complex](#)

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### In the News:

*AJC: Plan for Climate Solutions takes Georgia-Specific Approach*

*Axios: New Hope for "Smart Cities"*

*Business Radio X: Carmen Foskey Bergman with SeaPoint Industrial Terminal Complex (Podcast)*

*CNBC: Smart Cities Post-COVID: Debra Lam and Nicole Raimundo at CNBC @Work Spotlight event*

### Upcoming Events:

1/11-14 - [CES 2021](#)

1/21 - [The New Normal: A Sustainable Response to Covid-19 \(Viewing and Discussion\)](#)

6/16-17 - [CoMotion Miami](#)

6/20-24 - [World Cities Summit 2021](#)

11/16-18 - [Smart City Expo World Congress](#)

## Happy Holidays! We look forward to seeing you in 2021!

The [Partnership for Inclusive Innovation](#) is a public-private partnership comprised of the state of Georgia, private entities, and the Georgia Institute of Technology. Launched in 2020 to lead coordinated, statewide efforts to position Georgia as the technology capital of the East Coast, and under the leadership of Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan, board chairman Dr. G.P. Bud Peterson, and Executive Director Debra Lam, the organization guides efforts and pilot programs to help foster access, growth, entrepreneurship and inclusive innovation statewide. The Partnership's ultimate goal is to achieve inclusive innovation throughout Georgia. The organization aspires to define Georgia's entrepreneurial identity as a national leader in technology research, development, and implementation.

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