



July 23, 2013

Thank you for attending the public information open house for STP00-00MS-00(007), P.I. No.662510, the proposed construction of the South Calhoun Bypass. In this handout package you will find a project description, location map, and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, who can be identified by the nametags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with a GDOT representative. There will be no formal presentation.

A court reporter will be available for those persons who would like to make a verbal statement about the project. You may also complete a comment card and deposit it into the box provided here, or send in written comments about the project until August 2, 2013. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental Administrator, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. Comments can also be made via the web at [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov). Click on **Public Outreach** from the **Projects** dropdown menu at the top right side of the page. All comments will be made a part of the project record. We hope you will take advantage of one of these opportunities to let GDOT know your view of the proposal.

The displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after the public information open house at the Georgia Department of Transportation District 6 Office located at 500 Joe Frank Harris Parkway, Cartersville, Georgia 30120. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at this same location and at the Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Environment Services, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public information open house and for giving us your comments. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager Steve Adewale at 404.631.1578 or Larry Bowman at 404.631.1362 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

# **Project Description**

## **PI No. 662510, Gordon County**

### **South Calhoun Bypass**

The proposed bypass would begin on SR 53 south of CR 113, approximately 5.25 miles southwest of the I-75. The project would end at SR 53 approximately 2.7 miles southeast of I-75.

The western end of the bypass, from the project start at SR 53 to approximately US 41, would consist of earthwork for a typical section of four 12-foot lanes, separated by a grassed median. Initially, only two lanes would be paved, for a typical section consisting of one 12-foot travel lane in each direction with 10-foot rural shoulders, all on new alignment. This section of the new alignment bypass would cross Oak Grove Road at-grade, with a new bridge over Brays Road. A second bridge would cross over the CSX Railroad, CR 5/McDaniel Station Road, and Oothcalooga Creek.

After this second bridge the typical section would change to rural section with four 12-foot lanes separated by a 20-foot raised median. The bypass would cross US 41 at-grade, and tie into existing Union Grove Road to continue the alignment eastward. Once the alignment begins to follow Union Grove Road, the typical section would again change to an urban section with four 12-foot lanes, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and a raised 20-foot median.

The bypass west of I-75 would end at approximately Marine Drive, where it would tie into project PI No. 610870, construction of a new interchange at I-75. This project is currently under construction. The bypass project would pick up east of a realigned Johnson Lake Road/Belwood Road at Union Grove Road. The urban section with four 12-foot lanes, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and a raised 20-foot median would continue until the main intersection entrance with Shaw Industries. At this point, the typical section would convert back to a rural section with four 12-foot lanes separated by a 20-foot median with 10-foot rural shoulders, all on new alignment turning northwest off of the existing Union Grove Road. A new bridge would be constructed for the bypass over Union Grove Church Road, and a new connector road would be constructed between the bypass and Union Grove Road with access to Union Grove Church Road

East of the bridge over Union Grove Church Road, the typical section changes again to a rural two-lane section with one 12-foot lane in each direction, to the project terminus at SR 53.

Because of the varying proposed typical sections, required right-of-way (ROW) varies throughout the project corridor. At the west end of the project, the ROW varies from 200 to 400 feet. The urban section near US 41 would require an approximately 200-foot ROW. The four lane rural section east of the interchange would require a ROW ranging from 125 to 200 feet. The ROW for the two-lane typical section on the east end of the bypass to the project terminus would vary from 175 to 430 feet.

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Public Information Open House Comment Card

**Project STP00-00MS-00(007), Gordon County, P.I. No. 662510**

**South Calhoun Bypass**

*Please print responses.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you support the project?       *For*     *Against*     *Conditional*     *Uncommitted*

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about this meeting?       *Radio*     *Newspaper*     *Signs*     *Word of Mouth*     *Other*

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Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend?       **Yes**       **No**

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

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Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?       **Yes**       **No**

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you. \_\_\_\_\_

Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel?       **Yes**       **No**

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?       **Yes**       **No**

Please share your suggestions on improving the way GDOT conducts public meetings.

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