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January 4, 2021

Honorable Becky Hood, Chairperson  
Gordon County Board of Commissioners  
P.O. Box 580  
Calhoun, GA 30703

Dear Chairperson Hood:

**SUBJECT: Approved State Highway and Highway Functional Classification Systems Revisions in the City of Calhoun and Gordon County: State Routes 53, 53 Spur, and 1208; (Project STP-OOMS-(7) and NH-STP-75-3(203), P.I. 662510 and 610870); Order of the Commissioner 3516**

This correspondence references an October 3, 2011, letter of notification which transmitted Order of the Commissioner 3516. In order to accommodate rights-of-way acquisition for the subject project, it was necessary to add proposed and existing alignments for State Route 53 to the State Highway System as State Route 1208 prior to construction.

We understand on January 4, 2021, the proposed alignment of State Route 53 was opened to traffic. While the temporary State Route designations have been removed from the subject roadway, this transfer does not alleviate the contractor from any outstanding responsibilities associated with this project. In addition, the old sections of roadway that were removed from the State Highway System previously designated as State Route 53 have become part of the local road system as appropriate for both maintenance and jurisdiction.

Additionally, the Federal Highway Administration approved adjustments to the Highway Functional Classification System in conjunction with the relocation of State Route 53 are now in effect.

Thank you for your assistance in providing an efficient highway system for our state and local communities. If you have any questions, please contact Jazmine Washington at (404) 347-0682.

Sincerely,

Digitally signed by Eric Conklin  
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Eric Conklin  
State Transportation Data Administrator

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Enclosure  
cc: Mr. Grant Waldrop, Cartersville District Engineer

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER**

**OF**

**THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF GORDON COUNTY AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CALHOUN**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation, notified the Commissioner of Gordon County and the Mayor of the City of Calhoun by Notice of Intent 3516, dated March 9, 2009, that the State Highway System should be revised as described herein; and

**WHEREAS**, Gordon County and the City of Calhoun have agreed, as appropriate by a properly executed Resolution, to accept for maintenance, ownership, utility accommodation, and as part of their respective local road systems the old section of State Route 53 that will remain open as a public road when removed from the State Highway System; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing section of State Route 53 shall be transferred to local jurisdiction when the new location of this route is opened to State Route service and the old section has been repaved by the Department.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in the public interest, the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation, under the authority vested in him pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia, does hereby order and direct that the State Highway System be revised as described in the following paragraphs.

- (1) Add to the State Highway System the projected South Calhoun Bypass as State Route 53, to be designated as State Route 1208 until opened for State Route service, at its junction with the existing alignment of State Route 53 thus proceeding along to its point of junction with State Route 53 and Mason Road (Gordon County Road 64).

Addition of approximately 6.80 miles (10.94 km) projected.

- (2) Remove from the State Highway System a section of State Route 53 when State Route 1208 is opened for State Route service, at its junction with State Route 53 Spur thus extending along to its point of junction with State Route 53 and Mason Road (Gordon County Road 64).

Removal and reversion as appropriate, to the County and the City approximately 6.45 miles (10.38 km) existing.

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- (3) Redesignate a section of State Route 53 as State Route 53 Spur, at its point of junction with State Routes 53 and Projected State Route 1208, thus proceeding along to its junction with State Route 53 Spur.

No mileage change.

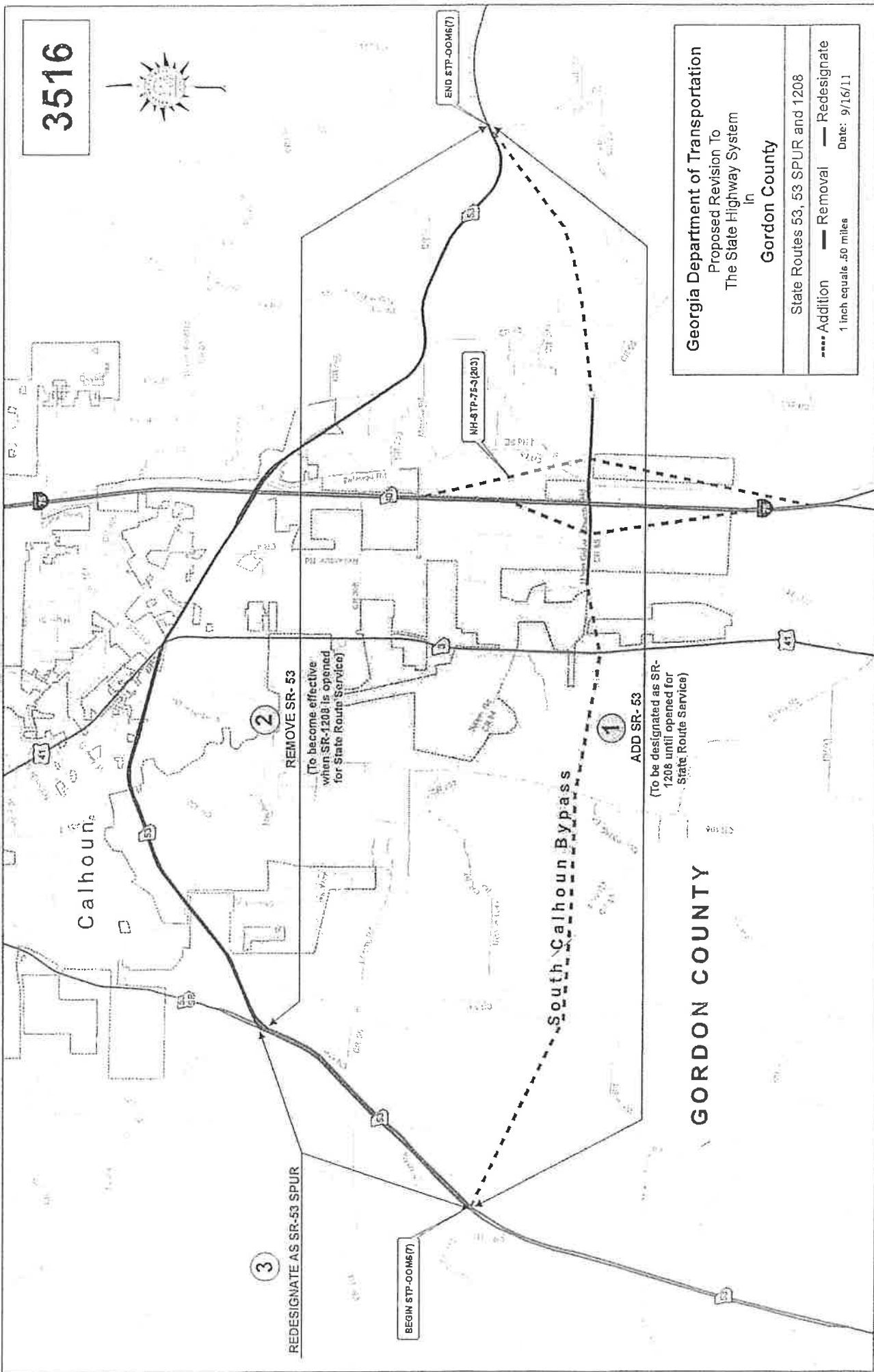
The foregoing descriptions are in conformity with sketch map 3516 and plans for Projects STP-OOMS (7) and NH-STP-75-3(203) appearing in the files of the Department of which a copy of the sketch map is attached for reference

This 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011

  
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Vance C. Smith, Jr., Commissioner  
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Attest:   
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Angela Whitworth, Treasurer  
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

3516



**Georgia Department of Transportation**

Proposed Revision To  
The State Highway System

In

**Gordon County**

State Routes 53, 53 SPUR and 1208

----- Addition    ——— Removal    - - - - Redesignate

1 inch equals .50 miles

Date: 9/16/11

**GORDON COUNTY**

## LOCAL STATE ROUTE ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION

**GEORGIA.** Gordon County and the City of Calhoun

**WHEREAS,** the Commissioners of Gordon County (hereinafter called the County) and the Mayor of the City of Calhoun (hereinafter called the City) are being notified that the Georgia Department of Transportation (hereinafter called the Department) intends to relocate and re-designate sections of State Route 53 in said County and City as described in Notice of Intent 3516 as shown on the sketch map attached thereto; and

**WHEREAS,** the County and City will accept as appropriate for ownership, maintenance, utility accommodation, and as part of their local road systems the old section of State Route 53 that will remain open as a public road when removed from the State Highway System, upon completion of the work required by the Department above; and

**WHEREAS,** upon execution of a forthcoming Order of the Commissioner 3516, the County and the City shall accept as appropriate, title and ownership of the property on the old section of State Route 53 being removed from the State System; and

**WHEREAS,** the Department shall continue to retain jurisdictional authority and maintenance responsibility on the old section of State Route 53 being removed from the State System until the improvements referenced in Notice 3516 are completed; and

**WHEREAS,** upon the completion of the road improvements described in said Order, the County and the City shall by operation of law have jurisdictional as well as maintenance and operational authority over the old section of State Route 53 that will remain open as a public road; and

**WHEREAS,** the advancement of this project to construction is contingent upon the execution of this Resolution.

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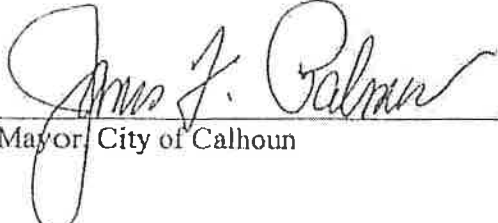
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the County and the City will execute this resolution and that a signed copy of this resolution be furnished to the Department

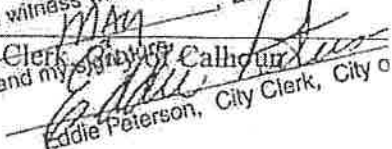
This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Chairman, Gordon County  
Board of Commissioners

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Clerk, Gordon County

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

  
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Mayor, City of Calhoun

GEORGIA, GORDON COUNTY;  
I certify that the foregoing is a true and exact  
the original which appears on record in the  
In witness whereof, I have this day 18  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2009 affixed the  
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Clerk, City of Calhoun  
and my seal  
  
Eddie Peterson, City Clerk, City of

3516  
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The above and foregoing Notice of Intent has been received and service of said notice acknowledged.

This 19 day of July, 2009.

\* Judy W. Bailey  
Chairman, Gordon County  
Board of Commissioners

Attest: \* Annette Henry  
Clerk, Gordon County

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Mayor, City of Calhoun

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, City of Calhoun