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Date: Friday, June 21, 2013

Project Name: Inside Widening of SR 403/I-85

Project Number: MSL00-0003-00(246)
PI Number: 0003246

Brief, general description: The Georgia Department of Transportation is in the preconstruction stages of a project to widen SR 403/I-85 from north of SR 109 in Troup County to north of Forest Road in Meriwether County to provide additional capacity to meet future traffic demand.

Project Location: The project begins just north of SR 109 (M.P. 18.312) in Troup County and ends north of Forest Road (M.P. 33.259) in Meriwether County.

Proposed Project Description: The project consists of three elements as follows:

1. Widen SR 403/I-85 to the inside by adding one 12-foot lane and a 14-foot inside shoulder (12-foot paved and 2-foot graded)
2. Replace existing guardrail on the outside to meet current standards.
3. Replace existing bridges over Beech Creek and Flat Creek.

Preconstruction or Construction Info: Construction will be accomplished in three phases, outlined below. There is flexibility in how the contractor chooses to construct the phases.

1. Phase 1 – Replace existing rumble strip and inlay with asphaltic concrete on the outside shoulder and shift traffic to the outside. (Restrict truck traffic to inside lane.)
2. Phase 2 – Widen SR 403/I-85 to the inside and construct portion of new bridges.
3. Phase 3 – Shift traffic on to newly constructed pavement and construct remainder of new bridges. Construct rumble strip on the outside shoulder. Replace existing guardrail on the outside shoulder.

Project Schedule:

Public Involvement Phase: Not required. (All proposed work will be within existing right-of-way.)

Let Date: August 2015 (tentative)
Construction Start Date: August 2015 (tentative)
Construction Duration: 24 months (estimated)

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Detour Info: Not Applicable.

Background:

The existing viaduct was constructed in 1922 and has signs of considerable deterioration.

- The project has been under design/study since 2003.
- The project matches the existing alignment; therefore, no ROW acquisition will be needed.
- Roadwork includes inside widening.

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