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Project Name: Hinesville Bypass

Project Number: NH000-0026-03(056)

PI Number: 522570

Brief, general description: The Georgia Department of Transportation is in the preconstruction stages of a project to provide a freight route around the cities of Hinesville and Walthourville to decrease the heavy truck traffic through the cities.

Project Location: The project is located on US 84/SR 38 and SR 119 in Liberty and Long counties near Hinesville, Georgia.

Proposed Project Description: The proposed bypass would begin at Oglethorpe Highway (US 84/SR 38) one-half mile south of SR 119, just outside of the City of Walthourville in Long County. The alignment would be on new location, parallel to SR 119. The bypass would cross over CSX railroad, then intersect with Arnold Road, Griffin Road and Dunlevie Road. The bypass would then cross into Liberty County and continue on new location to the existing alignment of SR 119. The proposed bypass would become SR 119 and existing SR 119 from Walthourville would be realigned to intersect the new roadway.

Preconstruction Info: The concept report is under development. A Practical Alternatives Report has been prepared and submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Project Schedule:

Public Involvement Phase: Spring 2014

PIOH Dates/Locations Not Scheduled

PHOH Dates/Locations Not Scheduled

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Right of Way 2015

Construction Start Date: 2017 (tentative)

Construction Duration: 24 months (estimated)

Background:

The City of Hinesville has grown along with Fort Stewart and the surrounding area. US 84/SR 38 is the primary route used by manufacturing and logging concerns that exist west and south of Hinesville.

A traffic study completed in 2010 by Moreland Altobelli and approved by GDOT and the Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (HAMPO) identified the need to shift regional traffic away from the section of US84/SR38 that travels through the center of Hinesville. According to the HAMPO travel

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demand model, approximately 40% of the traffic currently on US 84/SR 38 in Hinesville is regional traffic. Due to commercial development and a large number of driveways, the roadway's functionality as regional thoroughfare is diminished.

As documented in HAMPO's travel demand model, traffic volumes on US 84/SR 38 inside the City of Hinesville are expected to increase 64% by the 2035 design year, which would result in most of the roadway segments and intersections within the City of Hinesville operating at unacceptable traffic conditions (LOS E or LOS F). Therefore, the capacity of US 84/SR 38 is unable to handle the future traffic demand. The regional traffic also includes a large number of tractor trailer trucks traveling between manufacturers in Wayne County and the Port of Savannah. The roadway segment of US 84/SR 38 through Hinesville has 19% trucks as determined from the daily truck classification data collected in August of 2010.

This project in conjunction with other projects in the area will create a more desirable route for the heavy truck traffic to bypass the cities of Hinesville and Walthourville.

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