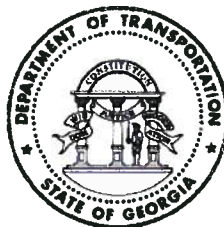


Keith Golden, P.E., Commissioner



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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January 31, 2012

Thank you for attending the public information open house for BR000-0000-00(304), P.I. No. 0000304, the proposed State Route (SR) 66 at Brasstown Creek bridge replacement. In this handout package you will find a project description, location map, and comment card.

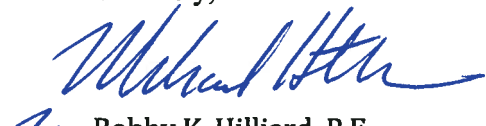
As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, who can be identified by the nametags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project 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 February 14, 2012. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental Administrator, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. Comments can also be made via the web at www.dot.ga.gov. Click on **Public Outreach** from the **Information Center** 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 Cleveland Area Office located at 942 Albert Reid Road, Cleveland, Georgia 30528 and at the District One Office located at 2505 Athens Highway SE, Gainesville, Georgia 30507. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at these same locations and at the Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Environmental Services, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th 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 Hiral Patel at (706) 601-1849 or Paul Alimia at (404) 631-1353 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,


Bobby K. Hilliard, P.E.
State Program Delivery Engineer

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Attachments

SR 66 at Brasstown Creek Bridge Replacement
Project BR000-0000-00(304), Towns County
P.I. 0000304

Project Description

The proposed project would replace the existing bridge, correcting the grade, on State Route (SR) 66 over Brasstown Creek, 0.5 mile northwest of Young Harris, Georgia. The existing bridge, constructed in 1940, consists of a concrete bridge deck, concrete bents, and a concrete T-beam superstructure. The bridge is in need of widening and is considered functionally obsolete. In accordance with Policy 2405-1, the existing bridge meets the established criteria for replacement due to unacceptable load capacity. The proposed project would replace the existing bridge with a structurally adequate bridge.

The proposed project would begin approximately 1,700 feet southeast of Brasstown Creek and would end approximately 2,800 feet northwest of Brasstown Creek. The project limits would extend approximately 580 feet west on Byers Creek Road for a total project length of approximately 5,080 feet (0.96 mile).

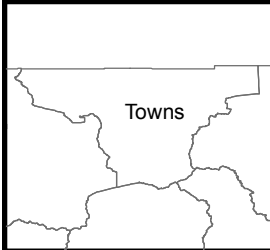
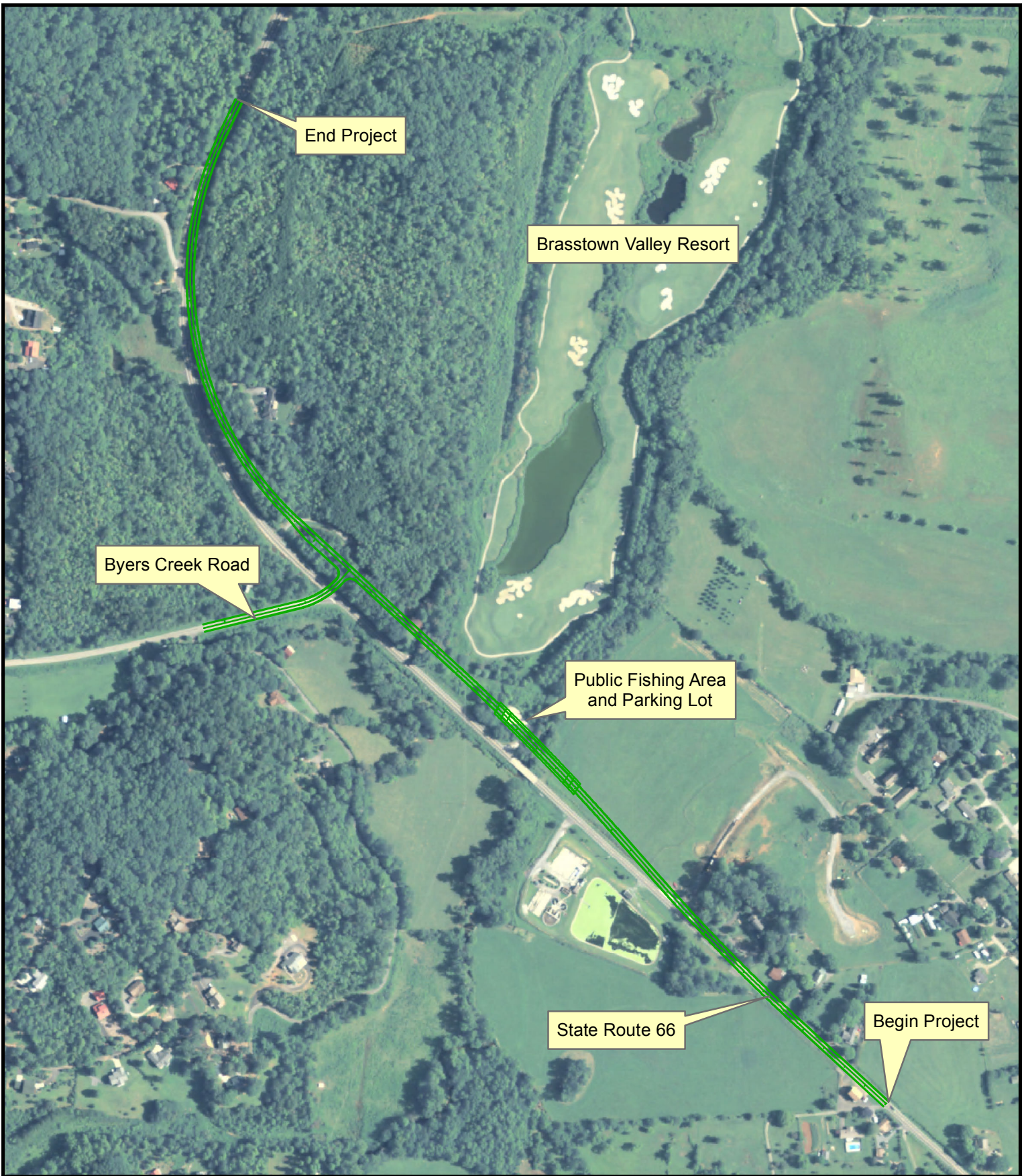
The existing section of SR 66 in the project area is a rural two lane roadway with 12-foot travel lanes and rural shoulders. The existing bridge over Brasstown Creek is approximately 120 feet long by 27.9 feet wide and accommodates two 12-foot travel lanes. The existing right-of-way is approximately 100 feet.

The proposed roadway approaches would consist of two 12-foot travel lanes with 10-foot shoulders, 2 feet of which would be paved. The bridge would be a two lane structure approximately 350 feet in length and 44 feet wide, and consist of two 12-foot lanes with 10-foot shoulders. The required right-of-way would vary between 100 feet and 210 feet (including existing right-of-way). The proposed bridge would be offset approximately 95 feet (centerline to centerline) northeast of the existing bridge. Traffic would be maintained on the existing bridge during construction.

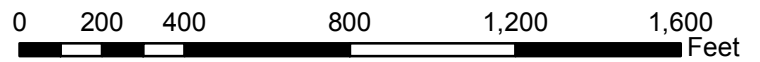
A public fishing area and parking lot within the Brasstown Valley Resort are located on the northeastern side of SR 66 northwest of Brasstown Creek. The parking lot and access to the fishing area would be reconstructed as part of the proposed project.

Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act of 1966 refers to the temporary and/or permanent use and/or constructive use of land from a significant publicly owned park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or any historic site for transportation purposes. The Brasstown Valley Resort qualifies for protection as a Section 4(f) resource.

The proposed project is anticipated to require right-of-way from within the Brasstown Valley Resort boundary. Construction activities within the Brasstown Valley Resort boundary include construction of SR 66 and the SR 66 Bridge over Brasstown Creek. The right-of-way acquisition would take place from the public fishing area and parking lot, areas that are used for recreational activities. However, the public fishing area and parking lot would be reconstructed. Access to the Brasstown Valley Resort would be maintained during construction. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires that the public have the opportunity to review and comment on the impacts before *de minimis* requirements are satisfied. This Public Information Open House and the associated public comment period are considered the opportunity for public review and comment to fulfill the *de minimis* requirements.



Project Location
SR 66 at Brasstown Creek Bridge Replacement
Project BR000-0000-00(304), Towns County



Georgia Department of Transportation

Public Information Open House Comment Card

Project BR000-0000-00(304), Towns County, P.I. No. 0000304

January 31, 2012

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

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

Comments _____

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

Other _____

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.

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.

Mail To:

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