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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed SR 83 Connector from SR 11 to SR 83, PI Number 0000411. Our goal is two-fold: 1) to provide you with information on the proposed project and 2) to provide an opportunity for you to give us your comments on the proposed project. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project display. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, wearing nametags, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. There will be no formal presentation.

We hope you will take the opportunity to tell the GDOT what you think. Listed below are several ways to comment on the project. Your comments are important to us and, should you provide comments by one of the methods noted below, we will respond to you in writing usually within 30 days of the close of the comment period. All comments will become part of the project's official record.

While you are attending the open house, you can provide your comments today by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box, or you may choose to provide your verbal comments to the court reporter who will transcribe your comments.

You can also provide your comments by **Wednesday, November 14, 2018**, by using any of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 1. From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click Go;
 2. Then select *10/30/18 0000411 SR 83 Conn from SR 11 to SR 83*;
 3. Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

The project displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the GDOT District 1 Office located at 1475 Jesse Jewell Parkway NE, Suite 100, Gainesville, GA 30501 and at the GDOT District 1 Area 2 Office located at 450 Old Hull Road, Athens, GA 30601. Following the ten-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta address listed above.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Travis S. McDonald, at (404) 631-1650 or the environmental analyst, Liza Wygand, at (404) 631-1255.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Duff" with a stylized "D" and a small mark at the end.

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here: The State Route (SR) 83 Connector is needed to remove truck traffic out of and around the downtown historic district of the City of Monroe. Within the city limits, there are nine separate historic districts and five individual buildings currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Additionally, the crash data exceeds the state-wide average for accident rates on similar facilities. The City of Monroe desires economic development within the city and the county, and the alternate route is needed to make Walton County a more desirable location for industry, as demonstrated within the City of Monroe and Walton County future land uses plans.

The purpose of the project is to provide an alternative route for truck traffic that currently uses SR 11 through the City of Monroe's historic district from Interstate 20 (I-20) heading north to SR 316 and/or I-85. The proposed bypass would allow trucks and commuters using SR 11 from I-20 and SR 316 an alternative to the already-congested downtown. Eliminating the truck traffic through downtown Monroe would thereby renew some of the roadway capacity that would help promote economic development for the city and additionally minimize the extent of stop-and-go conditions which would help reduce the incidence and severity of crashes related to the truck traffic. The City of Monroe envisions the historic downtown to be a business district that is desirable to small businesses, that is pedestrian friendly, and that would draw local residents and visitors to the area. As previously stated, the land use immediately adjacent to the corridor is listed as an employment center on the Walton County Future Land Use Map. Getting the trucks out of the downtown streets and onto a route that is efficient for truck movement could be desirable for industry or warehousing which would bring economic growth to the city as well as Walton County. Returning downtown Monroe to a commercial business district and maintaining the historic nature of the area could stimulate the economy by attracting visitors and promoting a pedestrian-friendly environment.

Project Description: The proposed project would consist of the construction of the 4.7-mile, two-lane SR 83 Connector to provide an alternative route around the historic downtown of the City of Monroe in Walton County. The proposed SR 83 Connector would begin at SR 11 approximately 0.5 mile south of the Monroe city limits, extend eastward and northward, and end at the intersection of Good Hope Road with Unisia Drive. Physical construction of the SR 83 Connector would terminate at this intersection; however, connectivity northward to SR 10/US 78 would be provided by SR 83 (Unisia Drive) to its intersection with SR 10/US 78 and James Huff Road. The proposed typical section along the SR 83 Connector would consist of two 12-foot lanes (one travel lane in each direction) with 10-foot outside shoulders (4 feet paved). The required right-of-way (ROW) to implement the proposed project will be typically 100 feet (50 feet each side of the roadway centerline) with bulb out sections at cross drains extending a maximum distance of 115 feet from the centerline.

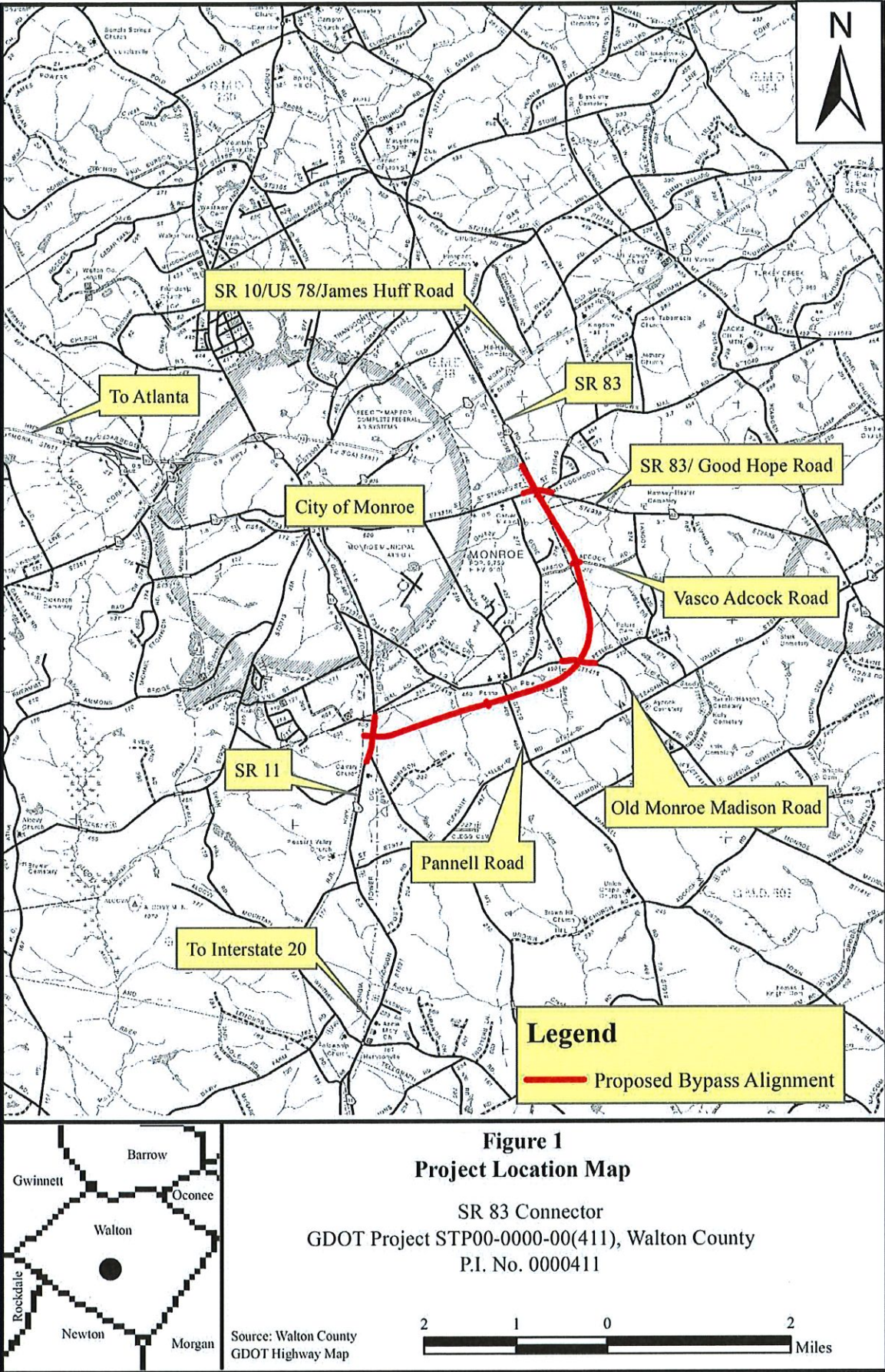
At intersection locations, single 12-foot right- and left-turn lanes would be provided. The existing segment of SR 83 (Unisia Drive) would remain as a two-lane roadway for approximately 0.30 mile north of its intersection with Good Hope Road. Crossroad improvements to tie into the SR 83 Connector would be made at the roadway's proposed intersections with the following roadways:

- SR 11 (including improvements to intersections of SR 11 with L and P Parkway and Mt. Paran Church Road)
- Brush Creek Drive
- Pannell Road
- Old Monroe Madison Highway (including improvements to intersections of Old Monroe Madison Highway with Gene Bell Road NE and Peters Cemetery Road),
- Vasco Adcock Road
- SR 83/Good Hope Road (including improvements to intersection of Good Hope Road with Unisia Drive and Snows Mill Road)

Off-site detours will be required to divert local traffic on Pannell Road, Gene Bell Road, and Vasco Adcock Roads. These detours may last up to 6 months to construct the new intersections with the proposed bypass route. The detour lengths are as follows:

- Pannell Road: 3.0 miles
- Gene Bell Road: 1.2 miles
- Vasco Adcock Road: 2.7 miles

Please refer to the detour maps provided in this handout for detailed route information.



SR 83 CONNECTOR MONROE BYPASS (PI 0000411)
PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

LEGEND

- PROPOSED OFF-SITE DETOUR
- LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY
- ROAD CLOSED
- PROPOSED SR 83 CONNECTOR
- DETOUR TRAFFIC FLOW ARROW

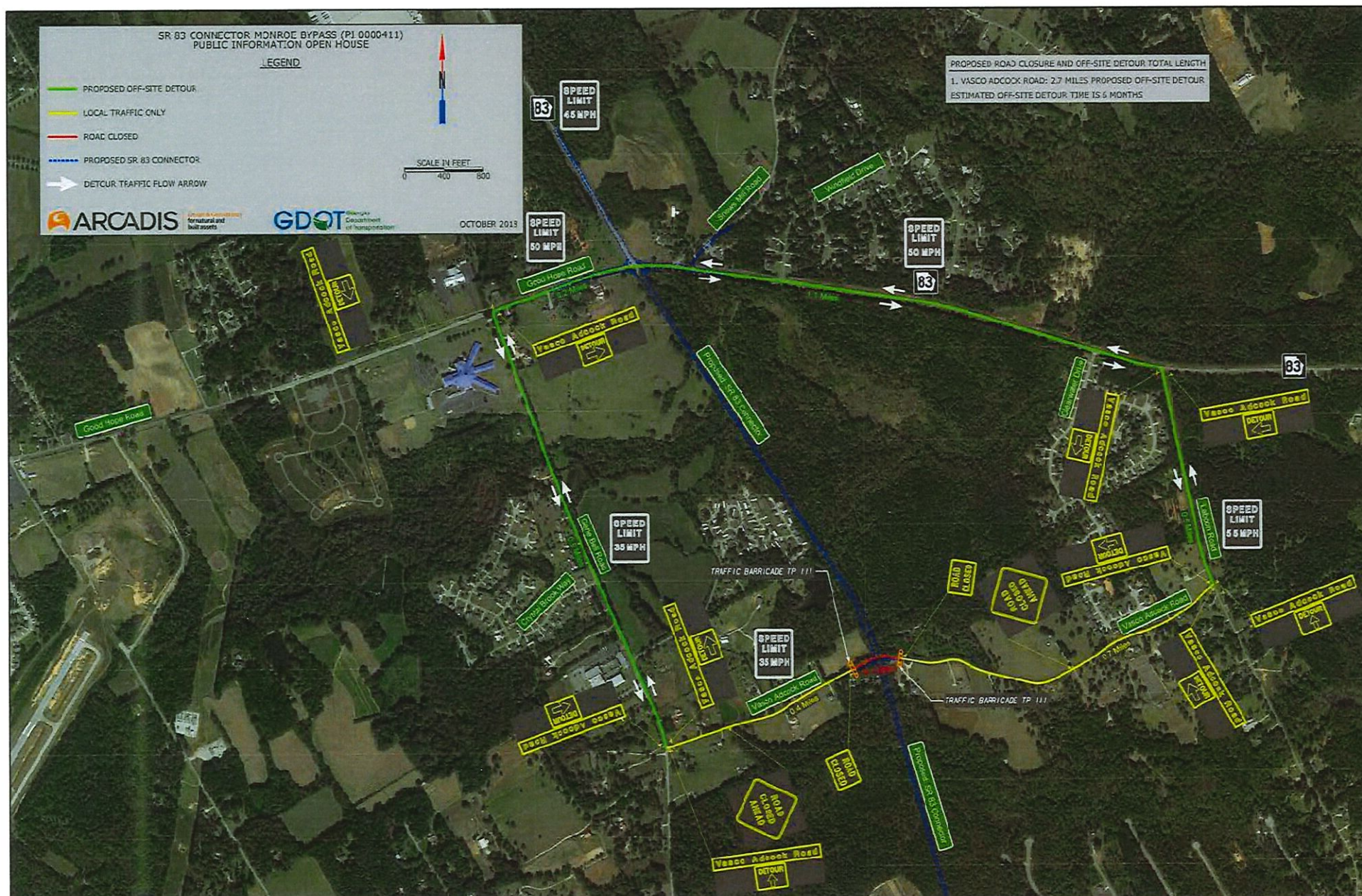
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PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE AND OFF-SITE DETOUR TOTAL LENGTH
1. GENT BELL ROAD: 1.2 MILES PROPOSED OFF-SITE DETOUR
2. PANNELL ROAD: 5.0 MILES PROPOSED OFF-SITE DETOUR
ESTIMATED OFF-SITE DETOUR TIME IS 6 MONTHS

Vasco Adcock Road Detour Route



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? (check your response)

☐ **For** ☐ **Against** ☐ **Conditional** ☐ **Uncommitted**

General Comments _____

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) ☐ **Newspaper** ☐ **Signs** ☐ **GDOT Website** ☐ **Radio**

☐ **Word of Mouth** ☐ **Social Media** ☐ **Other** _____

Was the location of the Open House 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 ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

Mail to:

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