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Thank you for attending the public information open house for project NHS-0000-00(691), P.I. No. 0000691, the proposed construction of a new rest area within GDOT right-of-way in the median of I-16 at approximately Mile Post 97 in Candler County, Georgia. 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. Department of Transportation (DOT) 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 DOT 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 22, 2007. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Harvey D. Keepler, State Environmental/Location Engineer, Georgia Department of Transportation, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30336-1593. Comments can also be made via the web at [www.dot.state.ga.us](http://www.dot.state.ga.us). Click on **Public Outreach** from the list of Featured Links. All comments will be made a part of the project record. We hope you will take advantage of one of these opportunities to let the Department 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 Statesboro Area 6 Office located at 17213 US Highway 301 North, Statesboro, Georgia, 30458. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at this same location and at the Office of Environment/Location, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, GA 30336-1593, as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public information open house and for giving us your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Story".

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Attachments

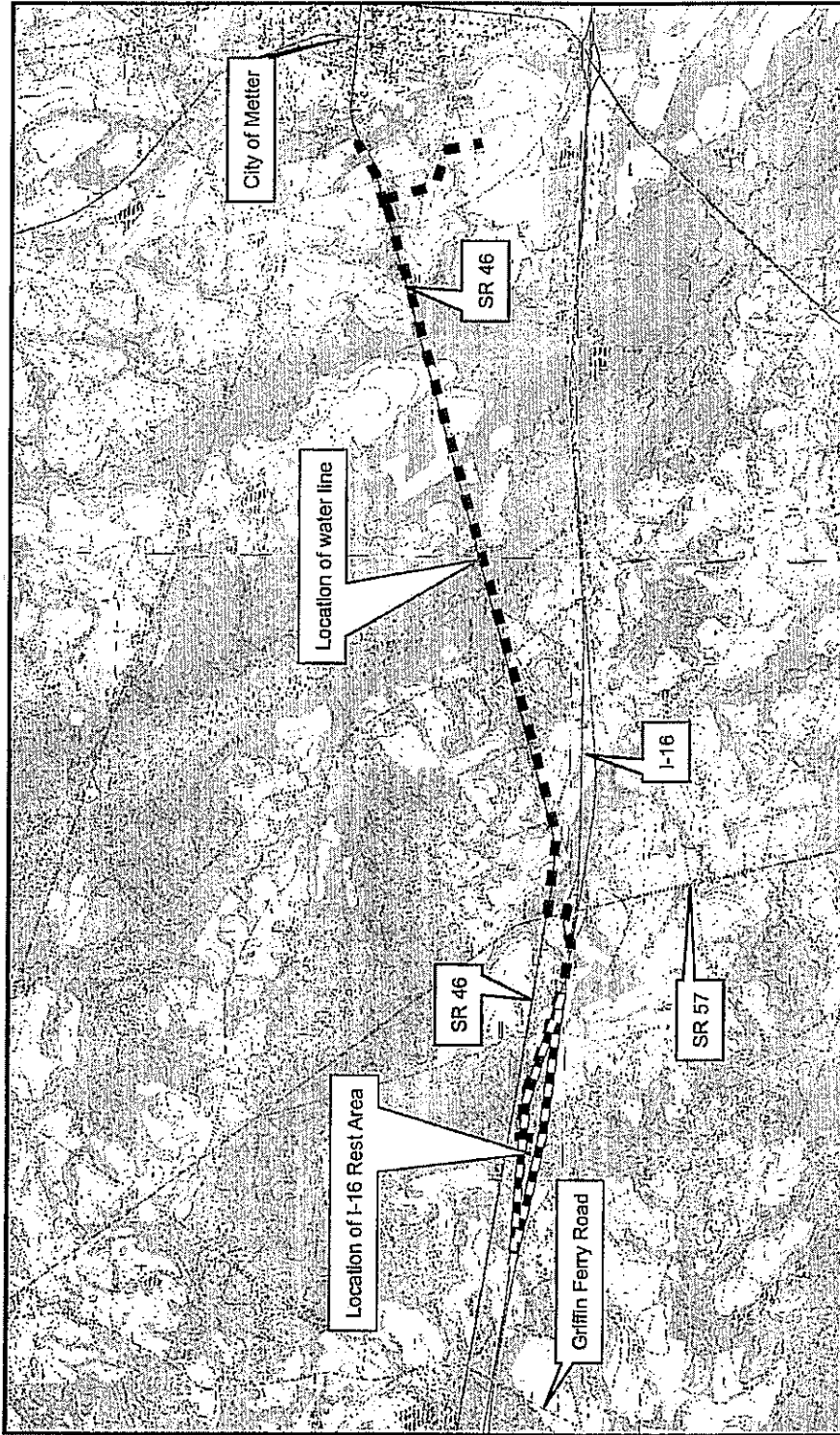
**NHS-0000-00(691), Candler County, PI 0000691  
New Rest Area in I-16 Median**

**Project Description**

The project consists of construction of a new rest area within GDOT right-of-way in the median of I-16 at approximately Mile Post 97. The new facility will be located approximately 7.0 miles west of the City of Metter and just west of the interchange of I-16 and SR 57. The purpose of this project is to construct a facility along I-16 that could be used as an information center or relief center during an evacuation for thousands of people from the Georgia coastal areas. As a result, the GDOT has determined that there is a need for a facility between Savannah and Macon that could be used as an information center, command center or as a relief site for thousand of travelers during an evacuation.

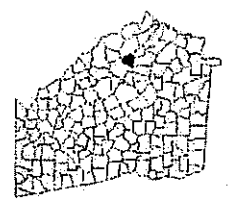
The project would include the construction of two new bridges that would "scissor" (the mainline eastbound and westbound directions) so that ingress to and from the rest area site would be provided on the right hand side of the mainline along both directions of I-16. West of the site, the eastbound mainline is proposed to bridge over the westbound mainline. East of the site, the westbound mainline is proposed to bridge over the eastbound mainline. As a result, in the vicinity of the rest area site, traffic would travel in the appropriate direction for right-hand exit and entrance ramps. The rest area would include office space, display station area, restroom facilities, parking areas, picnic areas, lighting, landscaping, overflow parking for hurricane evacuation, and water and sewer systems. The mainline detours would be constructed on temporary easement and no additional right-of-way would be required.

The proposed project would also include the construction of approximately 7.5 miles of water line to connect to the City of Metter water system and a sewer treatment facility on site. This would provide water and sewer services to the proposed rest area and would be constructed within the exiting right-of-way along SR 46 and I-16.



**Figure 1**  
**Project Location**  
 GDOT Project NHS-0000-00(691), Candlet County  
 P.I. No. 0000691

Sources: Cobbtown, Metter, Metter SE, Stillmore,  
 OA Quadrangles, USGS 7.5 Series (Topographic)



Georgia Department of Transportation  
Public Information Open House Comment Card  
NHS-0000-00(691), Candler County, PI 0000691

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*Please print responses.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you support the project?     For     Against     Conditional     Uncommitted

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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

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.

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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 the DOT personnel?     Yes     No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?     Yes     No

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

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