



October 28, 2008

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for STP00-0000-00(759), P.I. No. 0000759, the proposed relocation of SR 79 along CR 278 to SR 43 east of the City of Lincolnnton. 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 November 11, 2008. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., 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.ga.gov](http://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 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 Area Office located at 4260 Frontage Road, Augusta, Georgia 30909. 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. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager Renee Decker at (478) 552-4659 or Jim Kitchings at (478) 553-2283.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony J. Collins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "A".

Anthony J. (Tony) Collins  
District Engineer

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Attachments

## **Project Description**

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration has initiated a project to realign SR 79 along County Road 278 / Petersburg Road to SR 43 east of the City of Lincolnton.

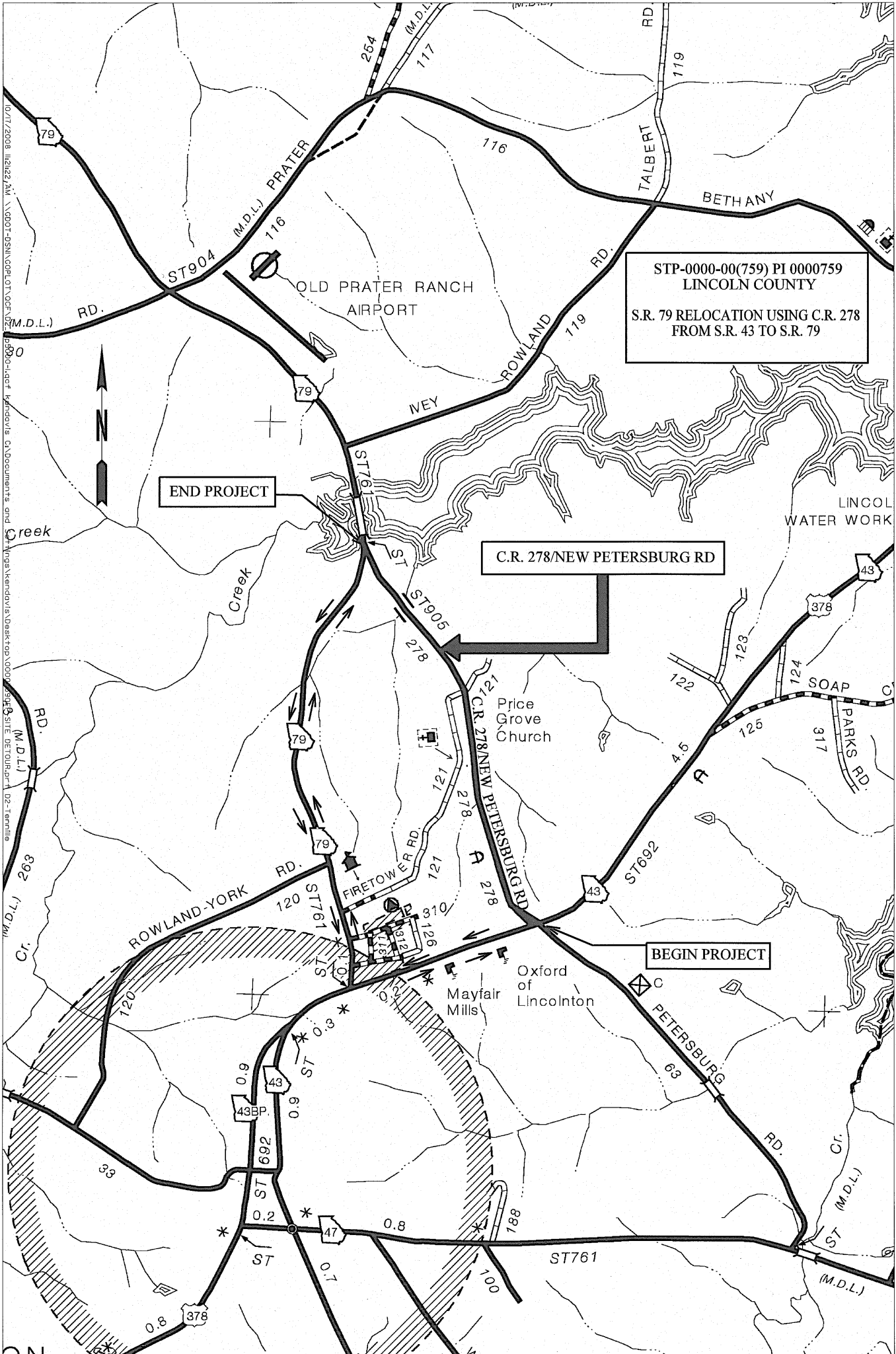
SR 79 serves as a commuter route between the City of Elberton and the City of Lincolnton. It is currently functionally classified as a Minor Arterial. The existing roadway is comprised of one 12-ft. travel lane in each direction with 6-ft. rural shoulders each side. The horizontal alignment meanders with vertical grades of 1% -7%. The land use along this route is a mixture of residential developments, lake properties, planted pines and hardwood timber outcroppings. The existing R/W along SR 79 is 100-ft. (50-ft. each side of the centerline). There will be additional right of way required from SR 79 that varies in width from 0-ft. to 20-ft. The traffic along SR 79 is comprised of lightweight vehicles, tractor-trailers, school buses and emergency vehicles. The posted speed along this portion of SR 79 is 55 MPH.

CR 278 / Petersburg Road serves as a commuter route for local traffic to access SR 43 and SR 79. It is currently functionally classified as a Local Road. The existing roadway is comprised of one 10-ft. travel lane in each direction with 2-ft. to 4-ft. rural shoulders each side. The horizontal alignment is poor and meanders with vertical grades of 1% - 7%. The land use along this route is a mixture of residential developments, industrial developments, churches and planted pines and hardwood timber outcroppings. The existing RW along CR 278 is 80-ft. (40-ft. each side of the centerline). There will be additional right of way required from CR 278 that varies in width from 0-ft. to 20-ft with additional widths out to 90-ft. required around drainage structures. The traffic along CR 278 is comprised of lightweight vehicles, school buses and emergency vehicles. The posted speed along this portion of CR 278 is not posted but will be posted 45 MPH with this project.

SR 43 serves as a main roadway from the City of Lincolnton to the Georgia – South Carolina State Line. It is currently functionally classified as a Minor Arterial. The existing roadway is comprised of one 12-ft. travel lane in each direction with 6-ft. rural shoulders each side. The horizontal alignment meanders with vertical grades of 1% - 3%. The land use along this route is a mixture of residential developments, lake properties, educational facilities and planted pines and hardwood timber outcroppings. The existing RW along SR 43 is 130-ft. (65-ft. each side of the centerline). A triangular shaped piece of RW will be required in the northwest quadrant of the intersection with CR 278. The traffic along SR 43 is comprised of lightweight vehicles, tractor-trailers, school buses and emergency vehicles. The posted speed along this portion of SR 43 is 55 MPH.

Currently, SR 79 enters the City of Lincolnton to SR 43 near the downtown section of the city. This area is comprised of historic districts with narrow streets and historic buildings located close to the existing roadways. This makes navigation very difficult for the trucks passing through the city along SR 79. The need exists to provide an alternative truck route on the east side of the City of Lincolnton that will allow trucks to use SR 79 to gain access to SR 43 and SR 47 on the southeast side of the City of Lincolnton. By re-routing SR 79 along CR 278 to SR 43, a new truck route will be established which will connect SR 79 to SR 43 and SR 47 connector, allowing the truck traffic to by-pass the City of Lincolnton and thereby relieving the congestion inside the city limits.

CR 278 will be closed for approximately 6 months to through traffic during construction. Local residents will continue to have maintained access.



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LINCOLN COUNTY  
S.R. 79 RELOCATION USING C.R. 278  
FROM S.R. 43 TO S.R. 79

END PROJECT

C.R. 278/NEW PETERSBURG RD

BEGIN PROJECT

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## Public Information Open House Comment Card

Project STP00-0000-00(759), Lincoln County, P.I. No. 0000759

November 28, 2008

*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*  
 *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.**

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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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**Mail To:**

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