

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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May 10, 2011

Thank you for attending the public information open house for MSL00-0001-00(340), P.I. No. 0001340, the proposed State Route (SR) 520/US 82 South Tifton Bypass. In this handout package you will find a project description, a location map for each alternative presented, and a 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 May 24, 2011. 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 <u>www.dot.ga.gov</u>. Click on <u>Public</u> <u>Outreach</u> from the <u>Information Center</u> 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 District Four Office located at 710 West 2nd Street, Tifton, Georgia 31793. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at this same location 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 Steve Adewale at (404) 631-1578 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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA

MSL00-0001-00(340), Tift County P.I. No. 0001340 SR 520/US 82 South Tifton Bypass

Project Description

To address the needed truck traffic relief on SR 520/US 82 through Tifton, the Georgia Department of Transportation has begun evaluating alternatives to improve SR 520/US 82 through Tifton as well as bypass alternatives to the north and to the south of the existing alignment. A Citizens Advisory Committee was formed and includes local government representatives, community organization representatives, business representatives, and area residents. Based upon feedback from the Citizens Advisory Committee, two alternatives were identified for further consideration. These alternatives are the Orange Alternate and the Purple Alternate.

Orange Alternate

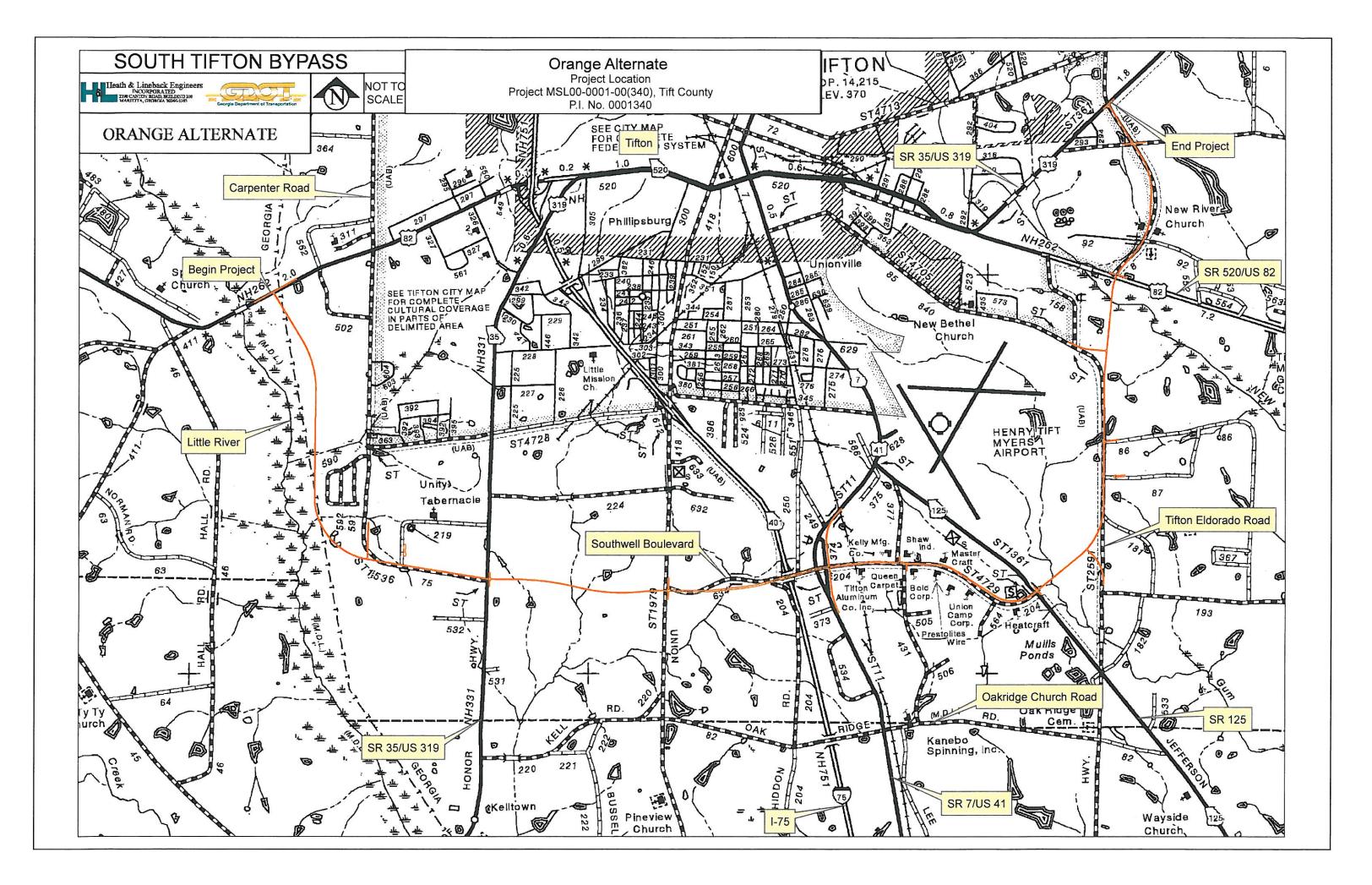
The Orange Alternate would construct a Tifton Bypass south of the City of Tifton using portions of the existing county roads Carpenter Road, Southwell Boulevard, and Tifton Eldorado Road and new location for a total project length of 9.1 miles.

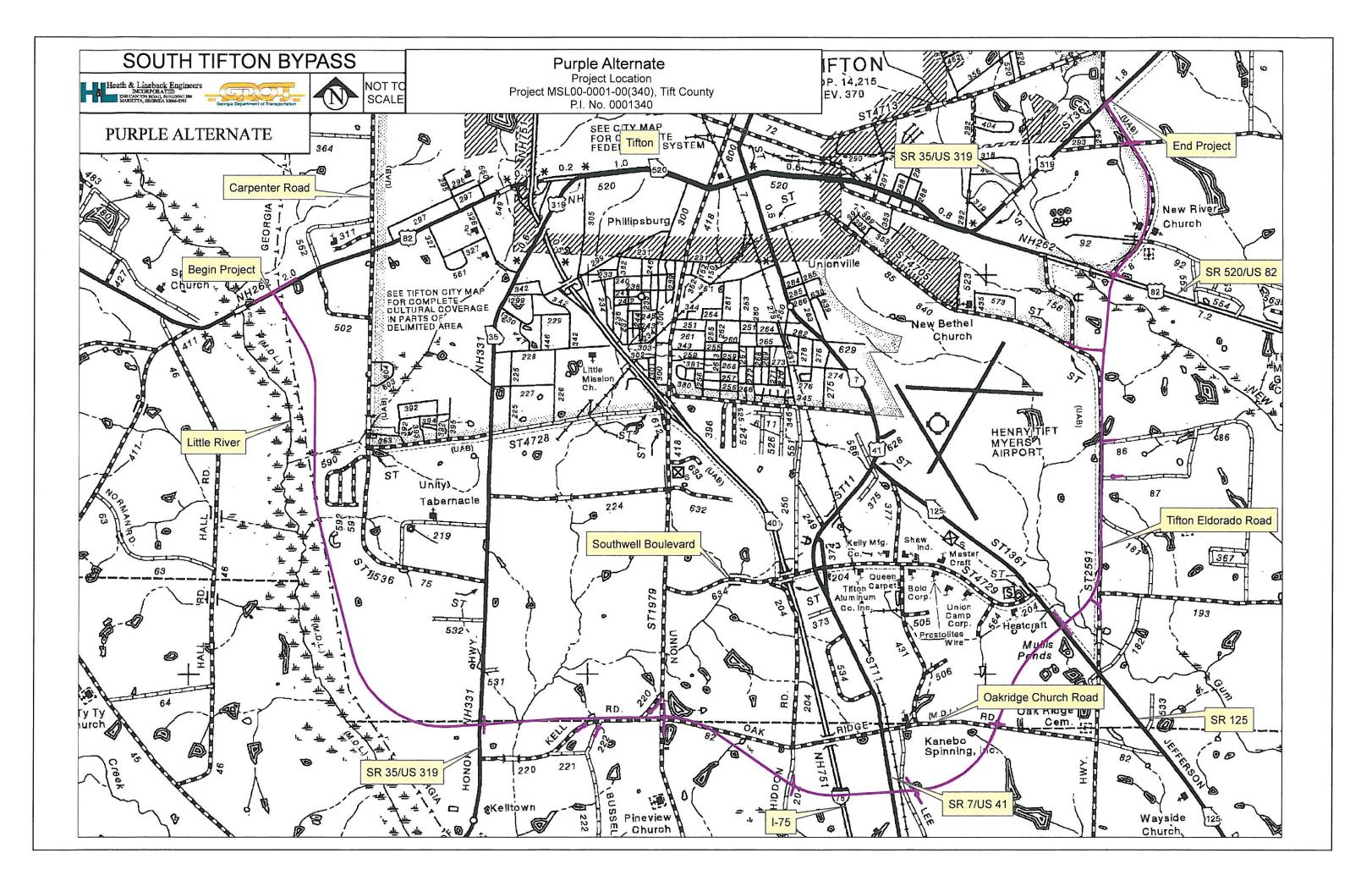
Purple Alternate

The Purple Alternate would construct a Tifton Bypass south of the City of Tifton using portions of the existing county roads Oakridge Church Road and Tifton Eldorado Road and new location for a total project length of 10.6 miles.

Both the Orange Alternate and the Purple Alternate would begin in the vicinity of the intersection of SR 520/US 82 and Carpenter Road, west of the City of Tifton, and would end near the intersection of SR 520/US 82 and SR 35/US 319, east of the City of Tifton.

Both alternatives would consist of a two-lane facility with variable turn lanes. The proposed bypass would utilize both rural design with grassed drainage ditches and urban design with curb-andgutter and closed drainage systems. The shoulder section proposed for a particular area would depend on the adjacent land use.





Georgia Department of Transportation Public Information Open House Comment Card Project MSL00-0001-00(340), Tift County, P.I. No. 0001340

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Please print responses.	
Name	
Address	
Do you support the project? For Against Condit	
f you support the project, which Alternate do you prefer (optiona	I)? Orange Alternate Purple Alternate
General Comments:	
Comments on Orange Alternate:	
Comments on Purple Alternate:	
Were the location and time of the meeting convenient for you to at	tend? Yes No
f no, please suggest a general location or timeframe that is more c	convenient to your community.
\mathbf{V}_{res}	Yes No
Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel?	
Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?	Yes No

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