



DeKalb County
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May 14, 2009

Thank you for attending the public information open house for STP00-0002-00(415), P.I. No. 0002415, the proposed pedestrian improvements along Glenwood Road between Candler Road/SR 155 and Covington Highway/US 278/SR 12 in DeKalb County. 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. DeKalb County 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 DeKalb County 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 28, 2009. Written comments should be sent to Dennis Woodling at PBS&J, 1600 RiverEdge Parkway NW, Suite 600, Atlanta, Georgia 30328. Comments can also be made via the web at the Georgia Department of Transportation website, 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 DeKalb County know your view of the proposal.

The displays and plans are available for review at the Georgia Department of Transportation website above. The displays and plans will also be available for review for ten days after the public information open house at the DeKalb County Transportation Division, 1950 West Exchange Place, Fourth Floor, Tucker, Georgia 30084. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at this same location 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 Dennis Woodling or Taylor Wright at (770) 933-0280.

Sincerely,

John Gurbal
ADPW, Transportation Division

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Attachments

DeKalb County Transportation Division
Glenwood Road Pedestrian Facilities
From Candler Road to Covington Highway
Project STP00-0002-00(415), DeKalb County
P.I. 0002415

Project Description

Project STP00-0002-00(415) is located along Glenwood Road in DeKalb County from 620 feet east of Candler Road/SR 155 to Covington Highway/US 278/SR 12 (see Project Location Map, below). The gross length of the project is approximately 3.98 miles, with 0.29 miles of exception at the I-285 interchange project, for a net project length of 3.69 miles. The project consists of improving pedestrian access along Glenwood Road by adding new sidewalks or improving existing sidewalks along the corridor. Wheelchair ramps at driveways and intersections would be added; ramps would be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant to the maximum extent feasible. The proposed typical section would be an urban shoulder, including a five-foot sidewalk. Both the existing and the proposed right-of-way vary from 80 to 100 feet. The proposed project would not move vehicle travel lanes closer to properties within the corridor and would not include the construction of any additional lanes of travel.

Due to the existing economic situation, there is currently not sufficient funding identified to construct pedestrian improvements for the entire project length. The first phase of project construction is anticipated to be between Candler Road/SR 155 and Columbia Drive. This area has been identified as a priority because there are few existing sidewalks in this area and there have been more crashes with pedestrians in this area than the other portions of this corridor. Your input on the attached comment card about which area should be constructed first is appreciated.

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. Shoal Creek Park, Shoal Creek Park II, and Lou Walker Park qualify for protection as Section 4(f) resources. The proposed project is anticipated to require temporary easement from within these parks. No permanent easement or right-of-way acquisition is proposed at this time, though the design is still preliminary. If the use of permanent easement or right-of-way is determined to be required from these park properties, the design would include minimization and mitigation measures so that the transportation use of the Section 4(f) resources would not adversely affect activities, features, and attributes that qualify the parks for protection under Section 4(f). The easement or right-of-way acquisition would not take place from areas used for recreational activities. Access to the parks would be maintained during construction. If permanent easement or right-of-way acquisition would be required from the parks, DeKalb County intends to concur that the proposed project would have only a *de minimis* (minimal) impact upon the parks. 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
 STP00-0002-00(415)
 DeKalb County
 P.I. No. 0002415

SOURCE: DeKalb County
 Highway Map



DeKalb County Transportation Division

Public Information Open House Comment Card

STP00-0002-00(415), DeKalb County, P.I. 0002415

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Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? For Against Conditional Uncommitted

Comments _____

Would you prefer a grass strip or stamped concrete buffer between the sidewalk and the curb?

Grass Strip Stamped Concrete

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.

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 DeKalb County personnel? Yes No

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

Please share your suggestions on improving the way DeKalb County conducts public meetings:

Mail To:

Dennis Woodling

PBS&J

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