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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed project, *Bridge replacements at I-16 Eastbound and Westbound at Ocmulgee River Overflow*, PI Number 0014897. 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. The 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 Friday, October 18, 2019** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 1. Scroll down to "Upcoming meeting" or "recently Held Public Meetings." Then select "View Info" for *Bridge replacements on I-16 Eastbound and Westbound at Ocmulgee River Overflow*,
 2. 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 Area Office located at 4499 Riverside Drive, Macon, GA 31210 and the GDOT District Office located at 115 Transportation Blvd, Thomaston, GA 30286. 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, Victor Gill, at 865-692-7504 or the environmental analyst, Jordan Allen, at 404-631-1118 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

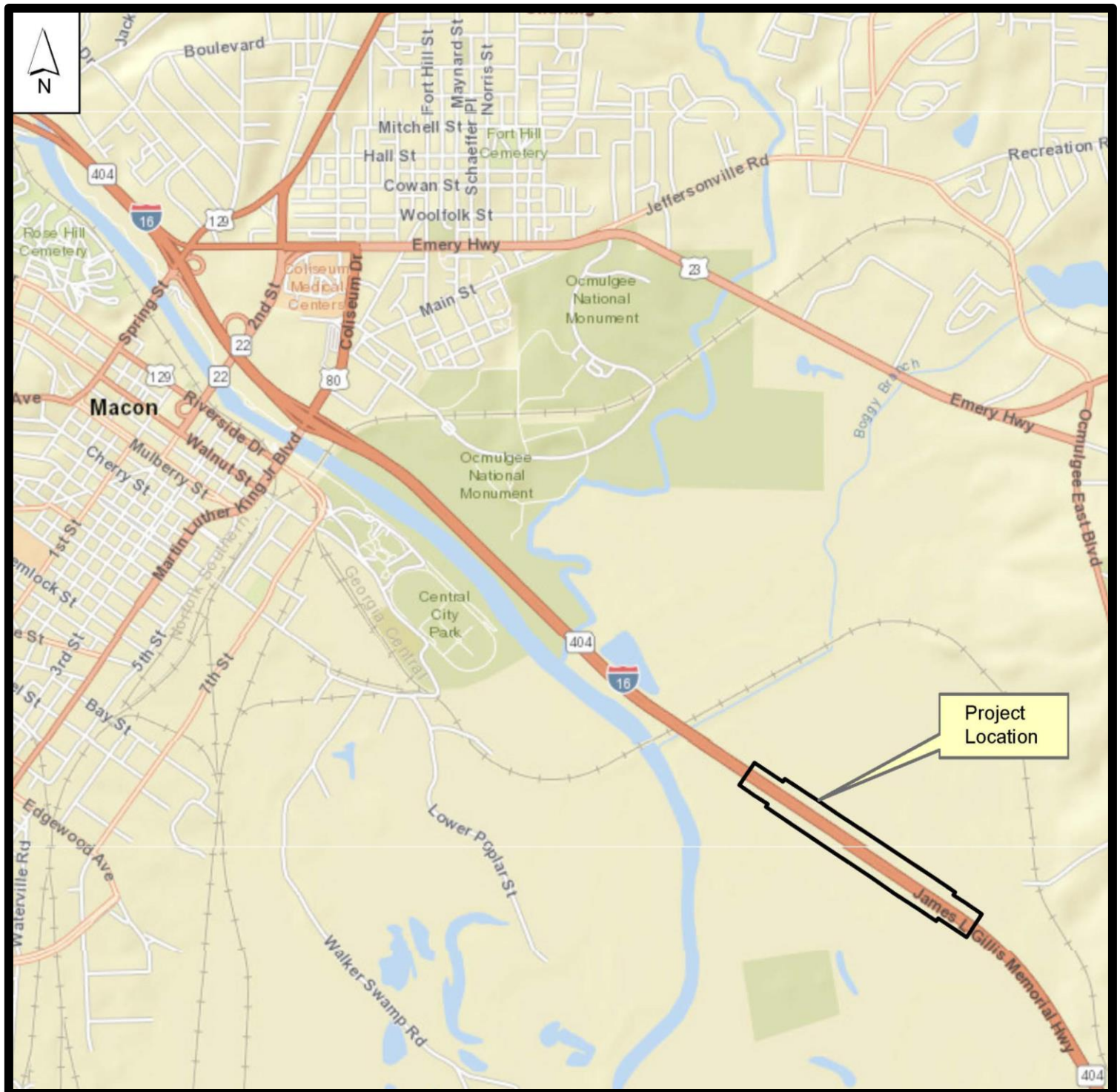
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Duff" followed by a stylized "1/18".

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here: The bridges on Interstate 16 (I-16) over the Ocmulgee River Overflow were built in 1967. The bridge design is below current standards. A structural analysis shows a lower than expected carrying capacity in the superstructure of these bridges. The overall condition of these bridges would be classified as satisfactory. Both bridge decks show minor deflection cracking on the deck girders and spalls with exposed rebar, and the substructures show spalls with exposed rebar in the concrete caps. The eastbound bridge deck shows moderate cracking and spalls with exposed rebar, and the westbound bridge shows moderate cracking with efflorescence on the underside of the deck. Due to the structural integrity of both bridges pertaining to their design vehicles and the structural analysis of both bridges, replacement of these bridges is recommended.

Project Description: The proposed project would replace the eastbound and westbound I-16 bridges at the Ocmulgee River Overflow, located 2.0 miles east of Macon in Bibb County. The project extends approximately 1,500 feet east and west from the center of the existing bridges making the total project length approximately 3,000 feet (0.63 mile). The existing facility consists of a 4-lane interstate (two 12-foot lanes in each direction), with a 64-foot grassed median. The proposed project would replace the existing approach lanes in kind with two 12-foot lanes in each direction. The proposed bridges would replace the existing eastbound and westbound bridges with 6 spans totaling approximately 240 feet in length and 51 feet in width. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width is approximately 300 feet. Staging would be accomplished by maintaining traffic onsite while constructing the proposed project. A temporary bridge would be utilized in the middle of the existing bridges to route traffic during construction (see Project Location Map).

Project Location Map:



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 timeframe 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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