

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Thank you for attending the public hearing open house for STP00-3223-00(004)/BRMLB-3223-00(006), STP00-3223-00(002), STP00-3223-00(005) AND STP00-0000-00(835), P.I. No. 351090/351095, 342080, 351080 AND 0000835, the proposed project would widen Jeffersonville Road from a two-lane rural section to a five-lane urban section from Emery Highway (US 23, US Alt 129, SR 19, SR 87) to Boggy Branch and then transitions to a three-lane urban section from Boggy Branch to Emery Road (US 80, SR 57), and would widen Millerfield Road from a two-lane rural section to a five-lane urban section from Jeffersonville Road to New Clinton Road. The Jeffersonville Road Bridge over Walnut Creek would be replaced with a five-lane facility. The Central of Georgia Railroad Bridge over Jeffersonville Road would be replaced with a bridge that would accommodate a five-lane urban section. Proposed right-of-way width would vary between 100 feet and 102 feet. The total length of the proposed project would be approximately 2.7 miles. In this handout package, you will find a need and purpose statement, project description, location map, environmental statement, right-of-way statement, and 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 name tags 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 January 16, 2012. 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, GA 30308. Comments can also be made via the web at 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 GDOT know your view of the proposal.

The displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after the public hearing open house at the Georgia Department of Transportation Macon Area Office, located at 4499 Riverside Drive Macon, GA 31201. 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 Environment Services, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30308, as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public hearing 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 Kevin VanHouten at (706)646-6972or Jonathan Cox at (404) 631-1197 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

Glenn S. Bowman, P.E.

State Environmental Administrator

KV/ts Attachments

1. NEED AND PURPOSE

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide additional capacity and improve roadway safety on Jeffersonville Road from Emery Highway to Emery Road and on Millerfield Road from Jeffersonville Road to New Clinton Road (Project Location Map). The two-lane configuration of Jeffersonville Road and Millerfield Road is inadequate to handle the projected (Year 2038) traffic volumes. There is a high demand for multiple left and right-turns into driveways and side streets, which create additional delays and unsafe traffic conditions on the two roadways. The proposed project would provide an additional travel lane in each direction with a variable 12-foot to 14-foot center-turn lane, as well as intersection improvements to alleviate traffic capacity problems and to improve safety and operational concerns on these two roads.

In addition, the planned improvements to Jeffersonville and Millerfield Roads will create opportunities for the revitalization of a community that has suffered from a lack of major infrastructure and economic investment. The roadway enhancements included in the project will greatly enhance the efficacy and the appearance of the corridor. Infrastructure improvement is an important component of this type of redevelopment, and the residents within the project area could benefit from new jobs and amenities that may ultimately be brought to their community as a result of this project.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Preferred Alternative proposes to reconstruct portions of Jeffersonville and Millerfield Roads from 2-lane rural facilities (without curb and gutter) to five-lane urban sections with sidewalks and a multi-use path (refer to Project Location Map). The proposed project would widen Jeffersonville Road from a two-lane rural section to a five-lane urban section from Emery Highway (US 23, US Alt 129, SR 19, SR 87) to Boggy Branch and then transitions to a three-lane urban section from Boggy Branch to Emery Road (US 80, SR 57), and would widen Millerfield Road from a two-lane rural section to a five-lane urban section from Jeffersonville Road to New Clinton Road. The Jeffersonville Road Bridge over Walnut Creek would be replaced with a five-lane facility. The Central of Georgia Railroad Bridge over Jeffersonville Road would be replaced with a bridge that would accommodate a five-lane urban section. Proposed right-of-way width would vary between 100 feet and 102 feet. The total length of the proposed project would be approximately 2.7 miles.

