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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed State Route (SR) 400 Express Lanes project to widen and construct express lanes on an approximately 16-mile section of SR 400 from the MARTA North Springs Station (Exit 5C) in Fulton County to approximately 0.9 mile north of McFarland Parkway (Exit 12) in Forsyth County, PI Number 0001757.

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 displays. 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 60 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, completing an electronic comment card at the comment station, 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 **Wednesday, March 27, 2019** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/GEL/SR400>
- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 1. From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Go*;
 2. Then select *SR 400 Express Lanes*;
 3. 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 after this open house at the websites noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the GDOT District 7 Office located at 5025 New Peachtree Rd, Chamblee, GA 30341; the City of Alpharetta at 2 Park Plaza, Alpharetta, GA 30009; and the City of Roswell at 38 Hill St. Suite 235, Roswell, GA 30075 (ask for Rob Dell-Ross). Following the public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta addresses 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, Tim Matthews or the environmental analyst, Jenna Osburn, at 400ExpressLanes@dot.ga.gov or 404-556-9816.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eric Duff' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here: There is a need for the proposed SR 400 express lanes (ELs) project to provide reliable travel times for drivers and transit users, improve connections between regional destinations through priced, express lanes that integrate with the greater metro Atlanta express lanes network, and to accelerate project delivery in compliance with the Transportation Funding Act (TFA) legislative mandate.

The SR 400 Express Lanes project is one of 11 initial Major Mobility Investment Program, or MMIP, projects advancing across the state in an effort to yield a significant reduction in congestion along key freight and passenger corridors. The projects will create additional capacity, improve the movement of freight, provide operational improvements and efficiencies, enhance safety, and decrease travel times. For more information about the MMIP, visit www.dot.ga.gov/mmip.

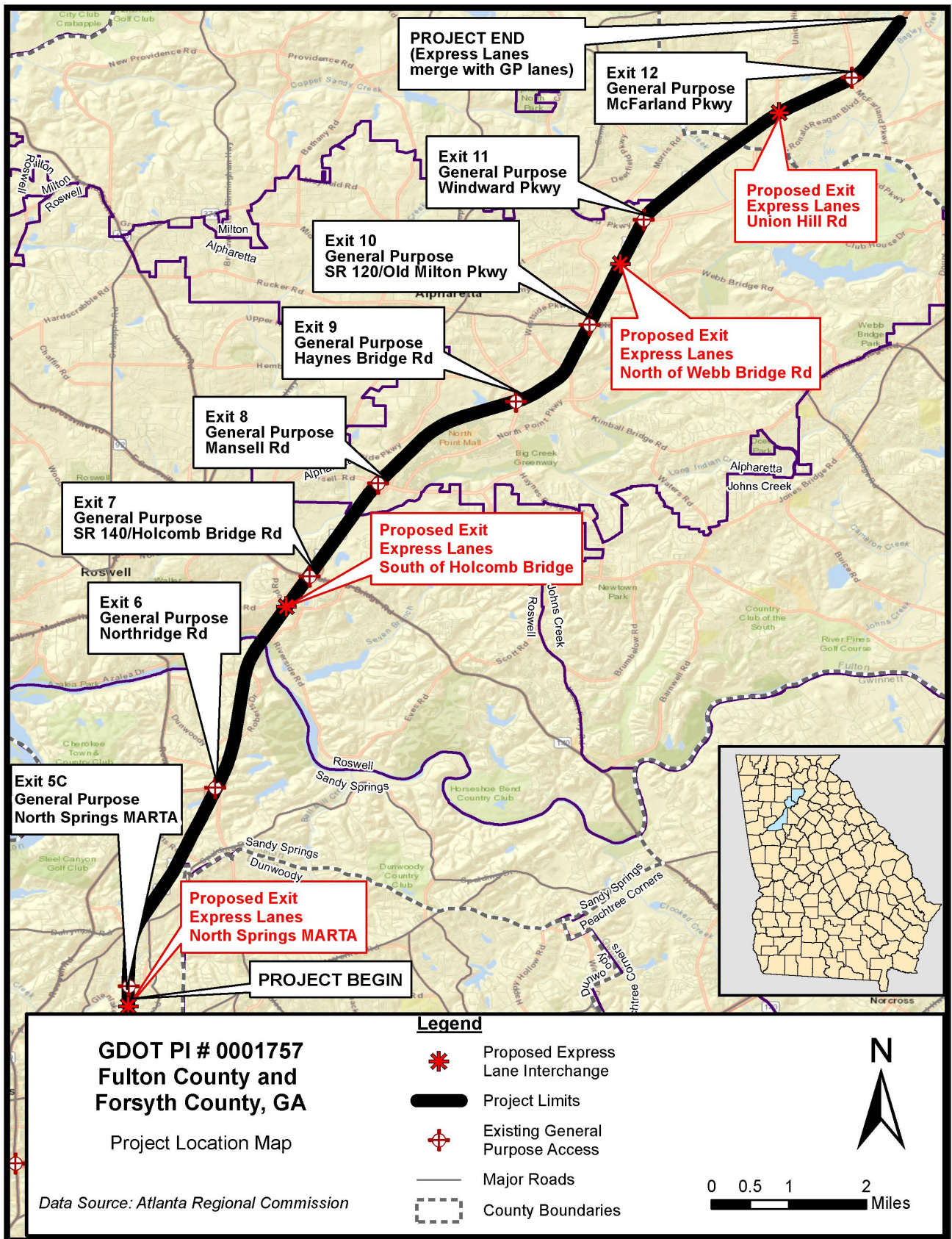
Project Description: The proposed project would widen and construct an approximately 16-mile section of SR 400 from the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) North Springs Station (Exit 5C) in Fulton County to approximately 0.9 mile north of McFarland Parkway (Exit 12) in Forsyth County. The proposed express lanes (EL) would improve mobility and travel time reliability along the SR 400 corridor for a distance of approximately 16 miles. The project location is shown below.

The project proposes to add two (2) priced EL in each direction from MARTA North Springs Station to McGinnis Ferry Road and one (1) priced EL in each direction from McGinnis Ferry Road to north of McFarland Parkway. The EL would begin on the outside of the existing general purpose (GP) lanes in the vicinity of the MARTA North Springs Station to Northridge Road where the EL will switch to the inside of the existing GP lanes northward and end north of McFarland Parkway and transition into the third GP lane. The typical section in each direction will consist of one, 12-foot EL; one, 11-foot EL; 2-foot buffer zone; one, 11-foot GP lane; three, 12-foot GP lanes; one, 6-foot, 10-inch inside shoulder; and 12-foot paved and 2-foot grassed outside shoulders. The proposed speed limit along the project limits is 65 mph. The preferred minimum ROW width to accommodate this typical section is 300 feet.

The proposed express lanes would be variably priced to attain reliable trip times and would be free of charge to transit providers.

More about the proposed project can be found on the project website: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/GEL/SR400>.

The proposed project would make accommodations for Bus Rapid Transit being evaluated by MARTA.



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 time frame 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:

Please share your comments on any adjoining projects, as comments on adjoining projects will be forwarded to the correct project personnel.

Mail to:
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