



June 13, 2013

Thank you for attending the public information open house for Projects CSSTP-0006-00(880), CSSTP-0006-00(879), CSSTP-0005-00(905), NHS00-0002-00(868), and CSSTP-0006-00(890), P.I. Nos. 0006880, 0006879, 0005905, 0002868, and 0006890, the proposed widening and improvements to Panola Road from Snapfinger Road to Covington Highway (including the I-20 interchange) in DeKalb County. In this handout package you will find instructions on how to leave a comment on the project, a project description, location map, 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 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 June 27, 2013. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental Administrator, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. Comments can also be made via the web at [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov). Click on **Public Outreach** from the **Projects** 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 7 Area 1 Office, located at 805 George Luther Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30032 and at the DeKalb County Transportation Office located at 1950 West Exchange Place, Suite 400, Tucker, Georgia, 30084. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at the Georgia Department of Transportation District 7 Area 1 Office and at the Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Environment Services, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Vinesha C. Pegram, P.E., at 404-631-1587 or Bobby Dollar at 404-631-1920 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Genetha Rice-Singleton".

Genetha Rice-Singleton  
State Program Delivery Engineer

GRS/AVS/VCP

Attachments

## INSTRUCTIONS TO PROVIDE PROJECT COMMENTS

There are several options available to you for providing comments on this project to GDOT:

1. Make a verbal statement to the court reporter present at this meeting.
2. Complete the comment card attached to this package and deposit it into the comment box provided here.
3. Mail written comments until June 27, 2013 to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental Administrator, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.
4. Visit GDOT's website at [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov).
  - Hover over **Projects** at the top right side of the page.
  - Click on **Public Outreach** on the menu that appears below.
  - Click on **Select a County** and enter **DeKalb**; then click Go.
  - A list of projects will appear at the bottom of the page. Select **Panola Road Widening**.
  - Click on Comment at the top of the next screen.

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Build Alternative

The proposed project (see Figure 1, Project Location Map) is located in DeKalb County on Panola Road between Snapfinger Road (State Route [SR] 155) and Covington Highway/SR 12, for a total distance of approximately 5.3 miles. The proposed project would widen existing Panola Road within the project limits as follows:

- Between Snapfinger Road/SR 155 and Browns Mill Road, the existing two-lane road would be widened to include a 14-foot center turn lane (no additional travel lanes would be constructed along this section).
- Between Browns Mill Road/SR 212 and Thompson Mill Road, the existing two-lane road would be widened to include four travel lanes (two in each direction) and a 20-foot flush/raised median.
- Between Thompson Mill Road and Fairington Road, the existing four-lane road with a variable 12- to 32-foot flush median would be widened to include six travel lanes (three in each direction) and a variable 20- to 32-foot raised median.
- Between Fairington Road and Snapfinger Woods Drive (which includes the Interstate 20 [I-20] interchange), the existing road includes seven lanes (two through lanes in each direction, two northbound left-turn lanes onto I-20, and one southbound left-turn lane onto I-20). The proposed project would widen this section to include three through lanes in each direction, two northbound left-turn lanes onto I-20, two southbound left-turn lanes onto I-20, and an 8- to 32-foot raised concrete median. The project would include replacing the bridge over I-20 and shifting the new bridge to the west of its existing location which would improve traffic operations, facilitate construction staging, and accommodate future projects along the I-20 mainline. Two concepts are currently under consideration for this section:
  - **Alternate 1** would provide more space between the I-20 ramp intersections along Panola Road. Due to the ramp locations under this alternate, direct access from Panola Road to Snapfinger Park Drive, Hillandale Park Court, and to the GRTA Park-and-Ride lot would be closed. Although this alternate involves more property impacts, it would provide more efficient traffic operations along Panola Road than the conditions proposed in Alternate 2.
  - **Alternate 2** would minimize the space between the I-20 ramp intersections. Access from Panola Road to Snapfinger Park Drive, Hillandale Park Court, and to the GRTA Park-and-Ride lot would continue to be provided, though by right-in, right-out movements only. This alternate results in fewer property impacts; however, traffic operations along Panola Road would not be as efficient as the conditions proposed under Alternate 1.
- Between Snapfinger Woods Drive and Covington Highway/SR 12, the existing four-lane roadway with a variable 12- to 24-foot flush median would be widened to six travel lanes (three in each direction) with a variable 20- to 32-foot raised median.

In addition, the proposed project would construct 4-foot bike lanes and 5-foot sidewalks along the entire project corridor. All crossroad intersections would be improved, including improvements to approach lane configurations and turn lane lengths.

No Build Alternative

The No Build Alternative is one in which the Georgia DOT would take no action to construct the proposed project. This alternative would not have the effects or costs associated with the Build Alternative; however, it would not improve traffic capacity or meet future volume demands along Panola Road.



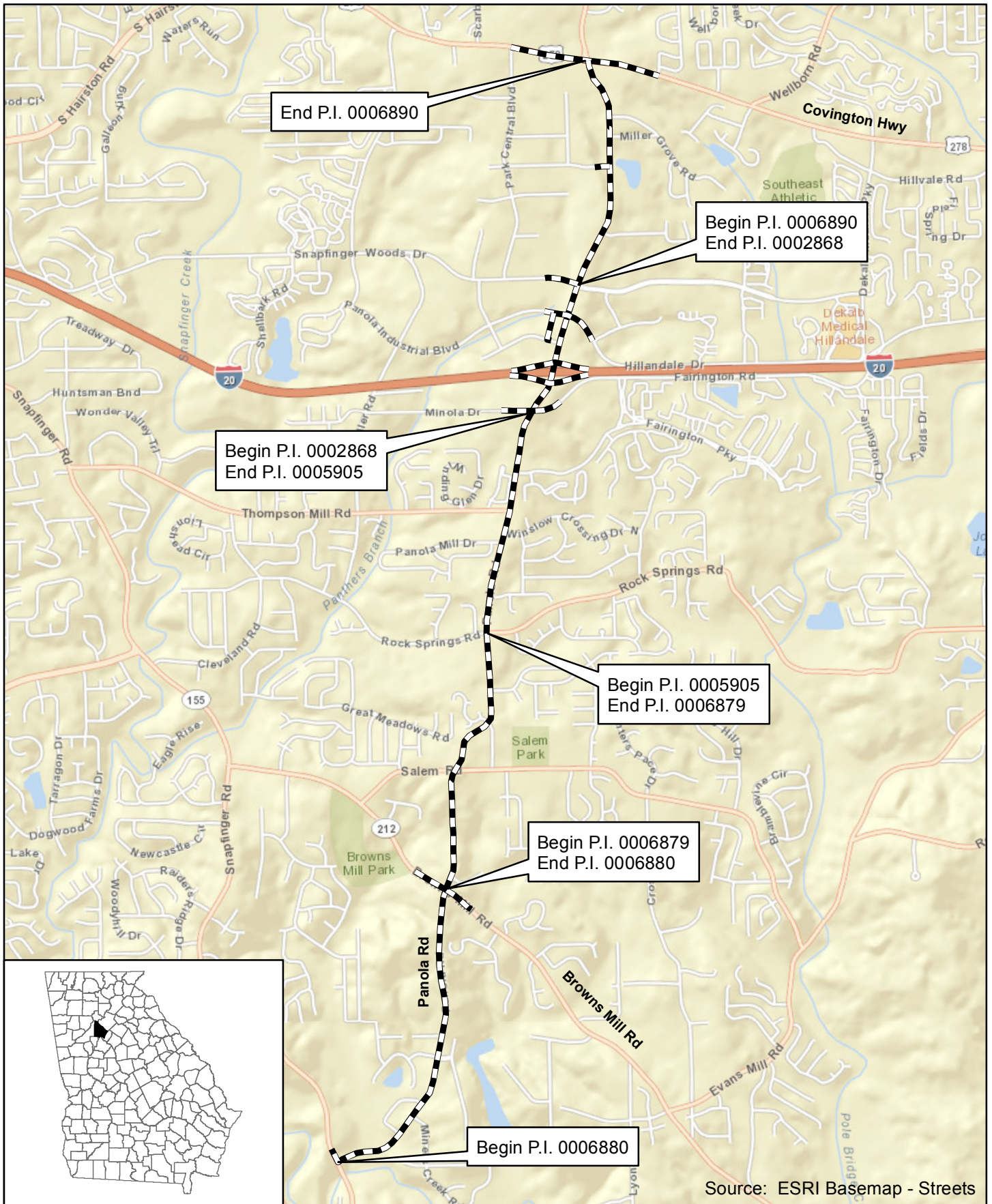
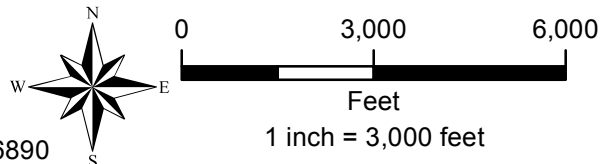


Figure 1. Project Location Map  
 Panola Road Corridor Improvement  
 Projects CSSTP-0006-00(880), CSSTP-0006-00(879),  
 CSSTP-0005-00(905), NHS00-0002-00(828) & CSSTP-0006-00(890),  
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## Public Information Open House Comment Card

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*Please print responses.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you support the project?     For     Against     Conditional     Uncommitted

Which concept for the I-20 Interchange do you prefer?     Alternate 1     Alternate 2

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about this meeting?     Radio     Newspaper     Signs     Word of Mouth

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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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 way GDOT conducts public meetings.

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**Mail To:**

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