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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed Waycross East Bypass, PI Number 0002871. 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. Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) 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 Georgia DOT 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.

The comment period ends on Friday, August 28, 2015. Follow the steps below to provide your comments online.

- 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. Select *Waycross East Bypass*;
 3. Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Ms. Hiral Patel, P.E., Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30308.

During the comment period, the project displays and plans will be available for review at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available in the Georgia DOT Waycross Area Office located at 104 North Nichols Street, Waycross, GA 31501. 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, Cassius O. Edwards, Office of Program Delivery, at 912-530-4370; or the environmental analyst, Aaron T. Burgess, Office of Environmental Services, at 404-631-1159.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hiral Patel" followed by a stylized flourish.

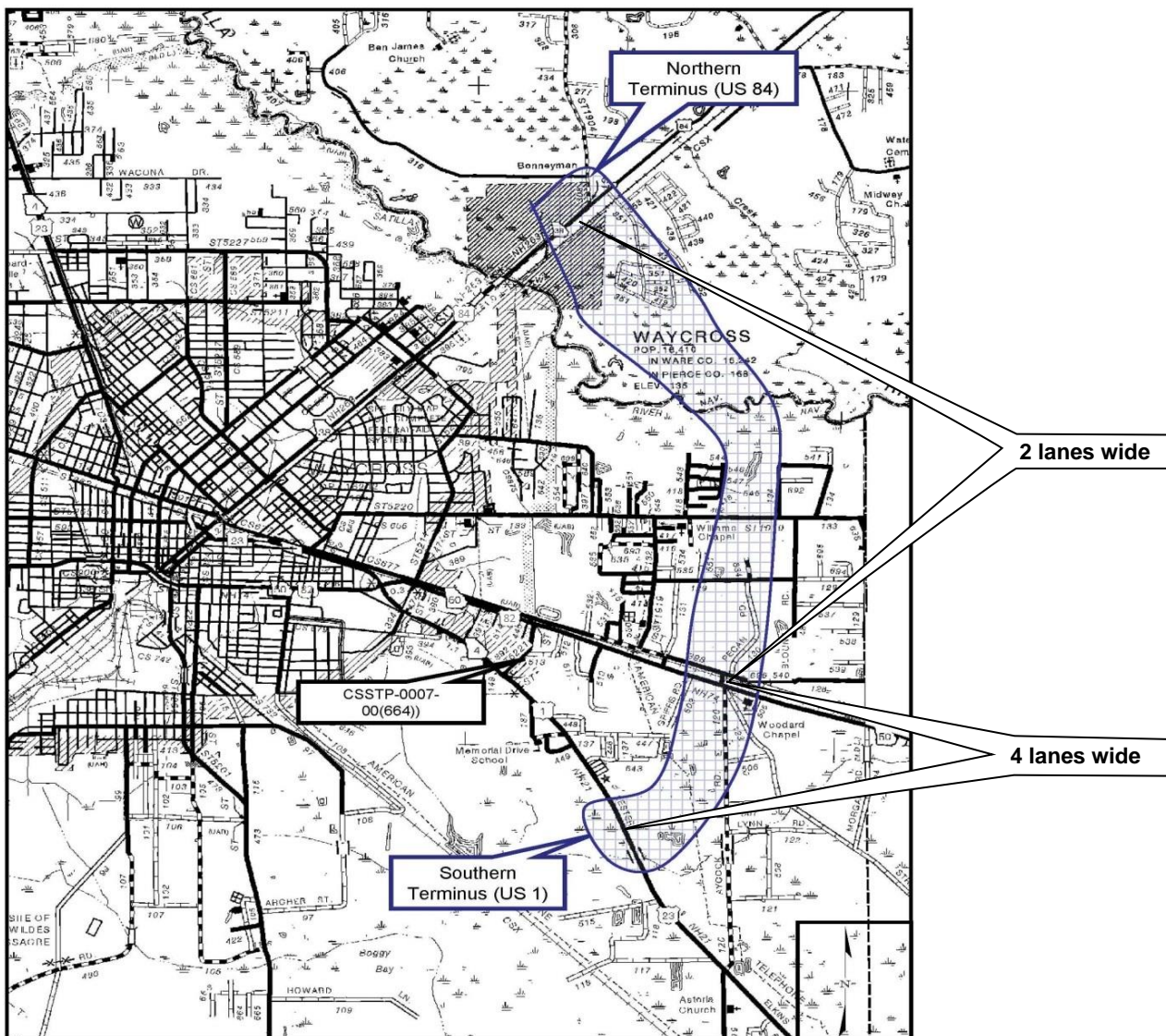
Hiral Patel, P.E.
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here: The Morningside Drive/City Boulevard corridor is the only existing north-south route connecting US 1/US 23 to US 84. This route requires drivers to make dog-leg turns and is the cause of traffic congestion through town, on local streets, and in residential areas.

Commercial and residential developments are expanding along the US 1/US 23 corridor southeast of Waycross. Residential development is also occurring along the US 84 corridor northeast of Waycross. These development trends are expected to continue, and will affect local travel patterns and traffic congestion on existing roadways.

The purpose of this project is to improve the travel conditions within the City of Waycross on Morningside Drive, City Boulevard, US 84, US 1/US 23, and to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes along these roadways. In addition, the project would accommodate the economic growth patterns in the area, move truck traffic off City streets, reduce cut-through traffic in residential neighborhoods, and improve regional north-south connectivity.

Project Description: The Waycross East Bypass would be a new roadway, about 5.4 miles long. One end would connect to US 1/US 23 about 3.6 miles southeast of downtown Waycross, and the other end would connect to US 84 about 3.3 miles northeast of downtown Waycross. The roadway would be four lanes wide between its intersections with US 1/US 23 and US 82. It would be two lanes wide between US 82 and US 84. Required right-of-way would be 200 feet for the four-lane section and 120 feet for the two-lane section. A bridge – about ¾ mile long – would be built over the Satilla River to protect this sensitive environmental area.



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) **Radio** **Newspaper** **Signs** **Word of Mouth**
 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:

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