

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed widening of Tara Road would begin at the intersection with McDonough Road and extend northeast to Panhandle Road, approximately two miles south of the City of Jonesboro in Clayton County, Georgia. The project would widen the existing 2-lane road between McDonough Road and Panhandle Road to an urban 3-lane section with two 12-foot wide travel lanes, a 12-foot wide two-way left turn lane, 16-foot wide shoulders, and 5-foot wide sidewalks, with a 6-foot grass strip on both sides, for a distance of approximately 2.56 miles. Portions of Tara Road are currently three lanes, but may need minor alignment improvements. Widening would occur symmetrically as much as possible to minimize right-of-way impacts, avoid existing structures, and minimize environmental impacts. The proposed concept would also provide additional turn lanes at key intersections based on a traffic analysis. Tara Road between Panhandle Road and US 19/41 is to be widened as part of a separate construction project. The existing right-of-way varies from 60 to 80 feet. The proposed right-of-way is not expected to exceed 80 feet.

Comprehensive traffic analyses have been performed to provide input into the project design requirements and to determine the relative benefits to traffic flow. If you are interested in seeing the results of these analyses, they are available at one of the stations in this room.