



January 12, 2017

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed State Route (SR) 42/US Route (US) 23 widening from just north of McDonough to SR 138 in Stockbridge, PI Number 0007855. 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.

You can also **provide your comments by Monday, January 23, 2017** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 - From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Go*;
 - Then select *SR 42/US 23 Widening*;
 - 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 for ten days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the Georgia DOT Thomaston (Area 1) Office located at 101 Transportation Boulevard, Thomaston, Georgia 30286 and at the Henry County Department of Transportation located at 533 Hampton Road, McDonough, Georgia 30253. 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, Jason Mobley, at 706-646-7571 or the environmental analyst, Aaron Burgess, at 404-631-1159 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Duff" followed by a stylized initial "ec".

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here:

Based on the Atlanta regional travel model, State Route (42)/US Route (US) 23 currently ranges from 12,000 to 19,000 vehicles per day along the corridor. By 2040, this range is anticipated to grow to 23,250 to 33,500 vehicles per day. The goal of this project is to reduce present and future congestion on SR 42/US 23 and ensure the corridor operates at an acceptable level of service.

Project Description:

The project proposes to widen SR 42/US 23 from approximately just north of McDonough to SR 138 in Stockbridge. The project would start just south of Veterans Drive where it would tie into the existing north/south McDonough one-way pair roadway. From there, the existing two-lane SR 42/US 23 would be widened to four 11-foot lanes (two lanes in each direction) with a 20-foot raised median before terminating at SR 138. The widening would occur symmetrical to the existing roadway in most locations. However, in some locations, the roadway widening would shift to the east or west to reduce impacts to personal property and/or environmental resources. At this time, the following intersections would maintain full north/south access to SR 42/US 23: McDonough Parkway, Brannan Road, Jodeco Road, Technology Parkway/Inverness Avenue, the southern entrance to Eagles Landing First Baptist Church, entrance to Fortune Metal of Georgia, Brannan Road Extension, and Eagles Landing Parkway. All other side streets, driveways, or entrances would have modified access to SR 42/US 23. At some of these modified locations, Restricted Crossing U-turns (RCUTs - type of median break shown in the picture example below) would be installed to prohibit left-turns from the side street to the main road and require the driver to turn right onto SR 42/US 23 and make a U-turn maneuver. At all other locations, no median break would be installed and only right-in/right-out movements would be allowed. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width on SR 42/US 23 is approximately 60-feet. The future ROW width would be approximately 100-feet.

Restricted Crossing U-turns (RCUTs): RCUT intersections are utilized to move vehicles efficiently and safely through intersections. The RCUT intersection works by redirecting left-turn and through movements from the side street approaches. Instead of allowing those movements to be made directly through the intersection, as in a conventional design, a RCUT intersection accommodates those movements by requiring drivers to turn right onto the main road and then make a U-turn maneuver at a median opening downstream.

The below shows a conceptual diagram of a RCUT intersection:

- To continue through the intersection or make a left onto the main road, the red car must make a right turn onto the main road and utilize the U-turn to proceed on the main road or turn right onto the side road.
- Cars traveling along the main road would utilize the left turn lanes to enter the side roads.



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:

Mail to:
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