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Thank you for attending the public information open house for projects EDS-441(42)(43) and BR-0001-00(222), P.I. Nos. 222560, 122660, and 0001222. Project EDS-441(42)(43) is the proposed widening, reconstruction, and partial realignment of US 441/SR 24 from the Madison Bypass in Morgan County to the Watkinsville Bypass in Oconee County. Project BR-0001-00(222) is the replacement of US 441/SR 24 bridge over Hard Labor Creek and Big Sandy Creek. In this handout package you will find a project description, location map and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Department of Transportation (DOT) representatives, who can be identified by the name tags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with a DOT 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 August 25, 2005. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Harvey D. Keeper, State Environmental/Location Engineer, Georgia Department of Transportation, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30336-1593. Comments can also be made via the web at www.dot.state.ga.us. Click on **Public Outreach** from the list of Featured Links. All comments will be made a part of the project record. We hope you will take advantage of one of these opportunities to let the Department 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 1 Athens Area Office located at 450 Old Hull Road, Athens, GA and District 2 Madison Area Office located at 1570 Bethany Road, Madison, Georgia. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at this same location and at the Office of Environment/Location, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public information open house and for giving us your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Buddy Gratton, Jr.".

Buddy Gratton, P.E.
Director of Preconstruction

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Attachments

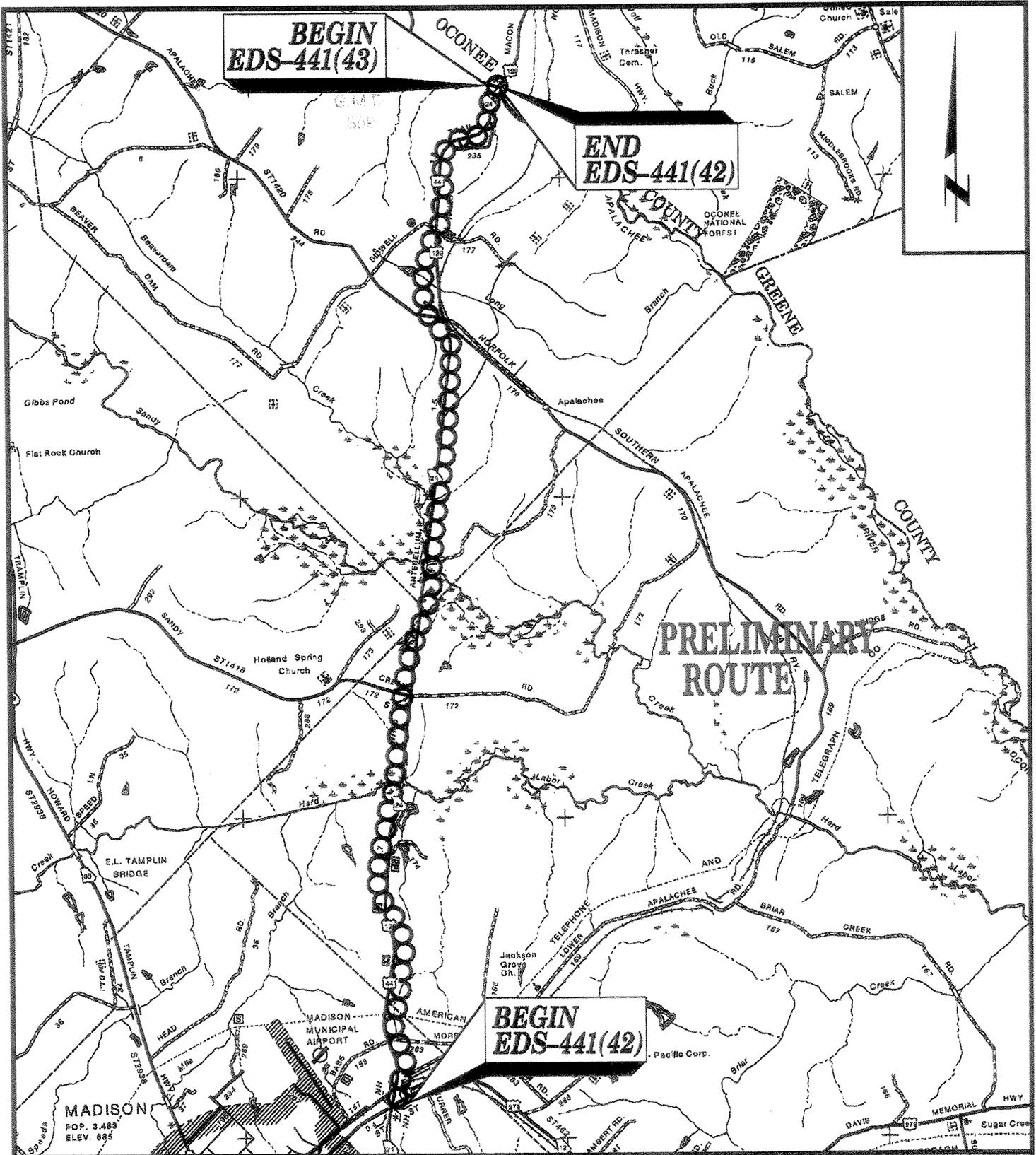
Projects EDS-441(42)(43) and BR-0001-00(200)
Morgan and Oconee Counties
P.I. Nos. 222560, 122660, and 0001222
Project Description

The Preferred Alternative for Project EDS-441(42)(43) consists of the widening, reconstruction, and partial realignment of US 441/SR 24 from the Madison Bypass (just north of the US 278 intersection) in Morgan County to the Watkinsville Bypass in Oconee County. The existing roadway, which consists of two or three lanes, would be widened and reconstructed into a four-lane divided highway with a grassed median. A City of Bishop Bypass is also being proposed. The Bishop Bypass would be constructed on new location, to the east of Bishop beginning 3,170 feet south of Astondale Road and tying back into to the existing US 441/SR 24 approximately 500 feet south of CR 107/Thomas Farm Road. Additional access from the Bypass to the existing US 441/SR 24 would be provided on existing county roads. Several intersections along the project corridor would be realigned to improve safety. In addition, a new bridge parallel to and east of the existing bridge over the Apalachee River would be constructed.

Project BR-0001-00(222), Morgan County is a proposal to replace the US 441/SR 24 bridges over Hard Labor Creek and Big Sandy Creek. The project would involve constructing two new parallel bridges over Hard Labor Creek west of the existing bridge and one new bridge over Big Sandy Creek east of the existing bridge.

The total length of the proposed project corridor is approximately 16.6 miles. The existing right-of-way is 80 feet and the total required right-of-way for the project would be 250 feet.

The No Build Alternative would not correct existing and projected capacity deficiencies, and not providing such correction would constitute a cost or community impact of extraordinary magnitude, or would result in truly unusual or unique problems when compared with the proposed use of the Section 4(f) lands. This alternative would not fulfill the purpose and need for the project. It would not be consistent with local and State transportation programs and objectives, including the GRIP and the Morgan County and Oconee County Comprehensive Plans.

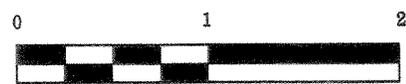


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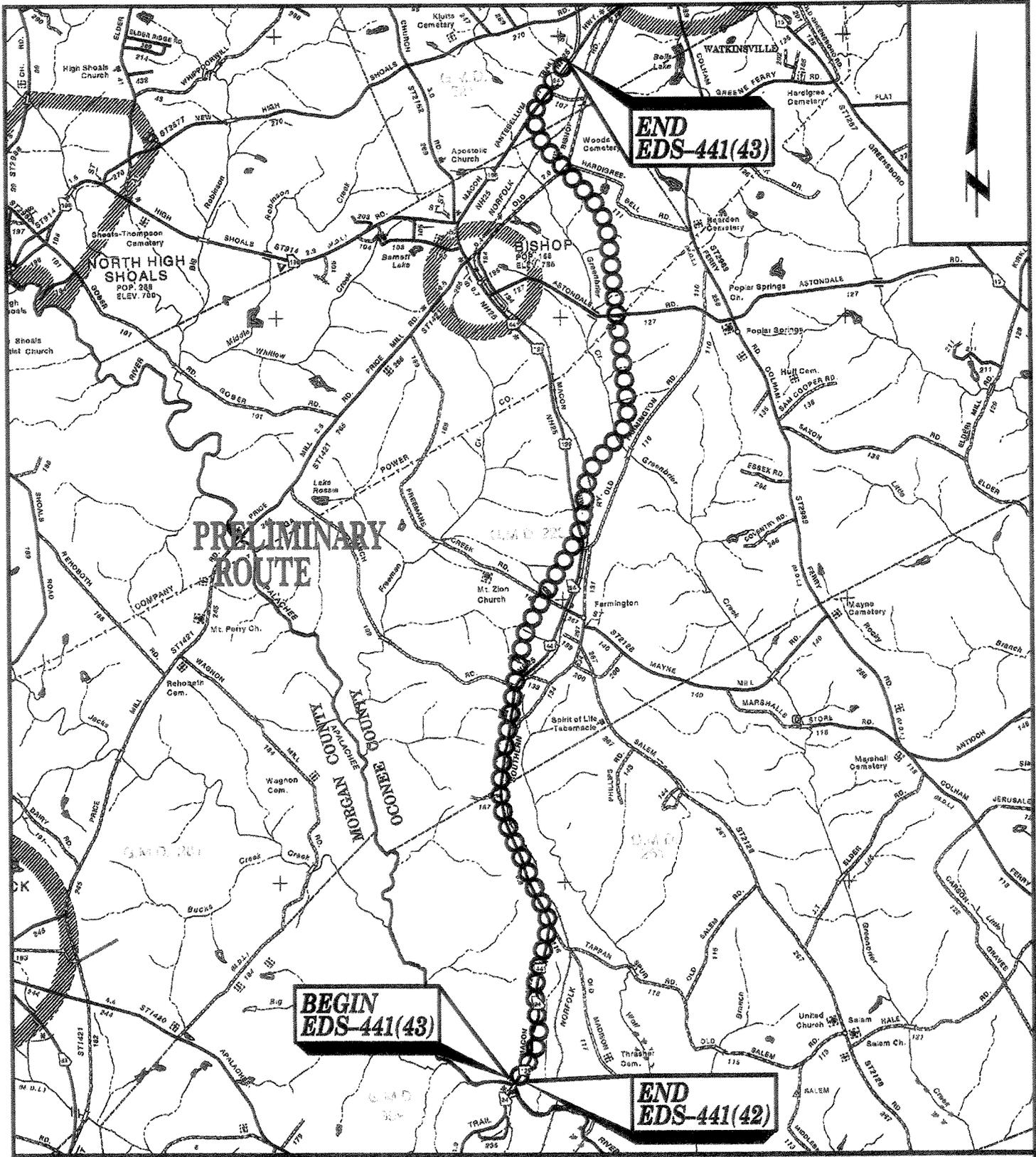
SCALE IN MILES



LOCATION

PROJECT LOCATION MAP
EDS-441(42)
S.R. 24/U.S. 441 IMPROVEMENTS
MORGAN COUNTY
P.I.# 222560

SOURCE: GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP, MORGAN CO., GEORGIA
PREPARED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 1992

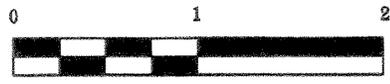


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PROJECT LOCATION MAP

EDS-441(43)
S.R. 24/U.S. 441 IMPROVEMENTS
OCONEE COUNTY
 P.I.# 122660

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Public Information Open House Comment Card

Projects EDS-441(42)(43) and BR-0001-00(200), Morgan and Oconee Counties,

P.I. Nos. 222560, 122660, and 0001222

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Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? For Against Conditional Uncommitted

Comments _____

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

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.

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 the DOT personnel? Yes No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? Yes No

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

Mail To:

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