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**MEETING NOTES**

**SR 136 STAKEHOLDERS MEETING WITH CITY OF TALKING ROCK AND PICKENS COUNTY  
PICKENS COUNTY, GEORGIA  
GS&P Project No. 26340.09**

MEETING DATE:     December 14, 2009

PARTICIPANTS:     Scott Shelton — Gresham, Smith and Partners (GS&P)  
                          Jody Braswell – Gresham, Smith and Partners (GS&P)  
                          Kent Black – Gresham, Smith and Partners (GS&P)  
                          Jill Brown – Edwards-Pitman (EP)  
                          Bob Howard – Fire Chief, Pickens County  
                          Pete Cagle – Mayor, City of Talking Rock  
                          Robert Jones – Commissioner, Pickens County  
                          Joey Low – Director Planning and Development, Pickens County

DISCUSSION:       SR 136 SAFETY PROJECT

1. The City and County stated that over 103 accidents had occurred along SR 136 over the last eight years. The Fire Chief noted that eight of the accidents included fatalities. Also, the County confirmed that SR 136 is one of the most dangerous sections of roadway in the County.
2. The County stated that many of the accidents on SR 136 are related to deer crossing the roadway. However, the County noted this is a county-wide issue.
3. The City and County stated that most of the accidents occurred at the sharp horizontal curve on SR 136 and due to the sharp horizontal curve caused vehicles to overturn.
4. GS&P stated the purpose of the project is to address the safety concerns along SR 136 by making horizontal and vertical improvements to the roadway.
5. GS&P stated that to facilitate public involvement a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) would be formed from stakeholders in the area and would meet 2-3 times

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- to gather information and build consensus for an alternative to address safety issues and preserve cultural and historical resources.
6. The City and County requested GS&P recommend GDOT consider a safety project for Antioch and SR 515.
  7. The County stated that Marie Hyde owns the presumed cemetery for Fort Newnan on SR 136, but Ms. Hyde prefers for the cemetery not to be considered significant so that her property might be redeveloped.
  8. GS&P highlighted the history of the project as outlined in the attached agenda. The County recalled receiving phone calls in 2007 about the project because the local residents thought it would widen SR 136.
  9. Chief Howard recommended the Pickens County Administrative Building as a potential location to hold the CAC meetings. The county recommended contacting Debra Watson at 253-8817 regarding the space. To represent the County on the CAC, the County recommended the Fire Chief.
  10. The City and County recommended GS&P coordinate with Sloan Elrod with County Emergency Services for more information about crashes on SR 136.
  11. In regards to coordination with the Masonic Lodge on SR 136, the County recommended contacting the Honorable Rodney Gibson, Probate Judge of Pickens County.
  12. The County stated that flood maps were being updated and preliminary flood maps are available by contacting Joey Low with Pickens County Land Development. The County also recommended Joey Low as a potential CAC member since he owns property along SR 136.
  13. The County mentioned a farmer owned a large piece of land on SR 136 and recommended GS&P coordinate and meet with him about the project.

This represents our understanding of the items discussed at this meeting. If you have any questions or comments concerning any of the information contained herein, please contact me.

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