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## Project Name: State Route 44 Widening

**Project Number:** CSSTP-0006-00(252)  
**PI Number:** 0006252

**Brief, general description:** The Georgia Department of Transportation is in the preconstruction phase of a project to widen SR 44 in Putnam and Greene counties.

**Project Location:** The project will realign SR 44 on new location to intersect with US 441 just north of Eatonton in Putnam County; tying into existing SR 44 just north of Dance Road; continuing north crossing Lake Oconee; and ending at Linger Longer Road in Greene County.

**Proposed Project Description:** The proposed project will widen SR 44 to two 12-foot lanes in each direction, separated by a 44-foot depressed median with rural shoulders from US 441 to Lake Oconee. Urban shoulders and a raised 20-foot median will be constructed from Lake Oconee to the end of the project at Linger Longer Road in Greene County. Bicycle provisions are included as a part of the project.

**Preconstruction Info:** The concept report is under development, field surveys are complete, and environmental studies are underway.

### Project Schedule:

#### Public Involvement Phase:

**PIOH Dates/Locations** October 16, 2008 at Lakeside Baptist Church  
**PHOH Dates/Locations** Not Scheduled

#### Let Date:

**Right of Way** 2020  
**Construction Start Date:** TBD/ Long Range  
**Construction Duration:** 30 months (estimated)

### Background:

A significant amount of commercial and residential development has occurred over the past several years at Lake Oconee along SR 44, resulting in increased traffic volumes and congestion. The 2010 Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) along SR 44 in the area of this project is 10,380 which represents a Level of Service (LOS) "D". With the no-build alternative to the proposed project, projected traffic volumes show a maximum traffic volume of 51,000 AADT in the year 2036, which represents a LOS "F". Analysis of the last three years of available crash data along this section of SR 44 revealed crash rates above the corresponding statewide average for similar facilities. This widening project will provide additional capacity and relieve congestion in this rapidly developing area.

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To the north, the project would tie into P.I. 0006253, a planned project which also proposes to widen SR 44 to four lanes from Linger Longer Road to I-20. To the south, the project will tie into US 441 on new alignment which is has also been programmed for widening to four lanes.

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