



February 25, 2016

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed Intersection Improvements and Turn Lane Additions Project on SR 101 from Pleasant Hope Road / Bethel Church Road to Wax Road, PI Number 000401. 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, March 07, 2016** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 1. From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Go*;
 2. Then select *SR 101 Intersection Improvements*;
 3. 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.
- Email your comment to: ProjectComments@dot.ga.gov. This is a general mailbox so be sure to include the County, PI Number 000401 and meeting date in the Subject line so that the email gets to the right project team.

The project displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the website noted above. Hard copies will also be available at the Georgia DOT District 6 office located at 500 Joe Frank Harris Parkway, Cartersville, Georgia 30120 and at the GDOT Area 4 office located at 533 East 20th Street, Rome, Georgia 30161. 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, Zachary Adriaenssens at (404) 631-1650 or the environmental analyst, Richard O'Hara of the Office of Environmental Services, at (404) 631-1169.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Duff".

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here: The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is proposing a series of roadway improvement projects along a 7.44-mile segment of State Route (SR) 101 between Pleasant Hope Road/Bethel Church Road and the SR 20/U.S. Route (US) 411 Interchange in Floyd County (**Figure 1**). The subject of this Public Information Open House meeting is the proposed project to provide intersection improvements and turn lane additions within the southernmost 2.8-mile portion of that SR 101 corridor, between Pleasant Hope Road/Bethel Church Road and Wax Road. GDOT is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal, state, and local regulations in order to identify the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed improvements. As part of the NEPA process, GDOT is providing the public with information on the proposed project, together with an opportunity for the public to comment on this proposed project.

Project Description: GDOT Project STP00-0000-00(401) / P.I. No. 0000401 consists of intersection improvements and turn lane additions on SR 101 from Pleasant Hope Road / Bethel Church Road to Wax Road (**Figures 2A and 2B**). GDOT P.I. No. 0000401 is located adjacent to the southern end of the SR 101 Widening Project (GDOT P.I. Nos. 0000400, 621690, and 632760), as shown on **Figure 1**. Collectively, these two projects will seek to improve the operational efficiency of the roadway and address existing safety concerns along the SR 101 corridor between Pleasant Hope Road/Bethel Church Road and the SR 20/US 411 Interchange.

GDOT P.I. No. 0000401 would improve four intersections along approximately 2.8 miles of SR 101 between Pleasant Hope Road/Bethel Church Road and Wax Road; within that 2.8-mile segment, the improvements would involve approximately 0.8 mile of roadway. The proposed project was originally programmed by GDOT as a roadway widening project; however, the traffic analysis conducted as part of the planning process revealed that widening along this segment of SR 101 would not be necessary in order to maintain an acceptable Level of Service (i.e., operational efficiency) through the 2041 Design Year. As a result, the project has been changed into an intersection improvements project.

The traffic analysis showed that the following improvements would address the operational deficiencies and safety concerns that currently exist along this 2.8-mile stretch of SR 101:

- A dedicated right turn lane with a 10-foot wide outside shoulder would be added along southbound SR 101 at the **Pleasant Hope Road/Bethel Church Road** intersection.
- A center turn lane would be added to SR 101 from just south of the **Craton Road** intersection to just north of the **Center Road** intersection. The center turn lane would accommodate left turns from northbound SR 101 onto a private drive and, slightly further north, left turns from northbound SR 101 onto Center Road. The center turn lane also would accommodate left turns from southbound SR 101 onto a private drive, and slightly further south, from southbound SR 101 onto Craton Road. A dedicated right turn lane also would be added along southbound SR 101 at the **Center Road** intersection. In addition, 10-foot wide outside shoulders would be constructed along this stretch of SR 101.
- The skewed intersection at **Old Rockmart Road (North)** would be reconfigured to improve driver sight distance. The segment of Old Rockmart Road that extends beyond the new location segment would be converted into a cul-de-sac in order to maintain access for the residential properties at this location. A dedicated left turn lane would be added along northbound SR 101 at Old Rockmart Road (North), and a dedicated right turn lane would be added along southbound SR 101 at Old Rockmart Road (North). In addition, 10-foot wide outside shoulders would be constructed along this stretch of SR 101.
- The skewed intersection at **Donahoo Road** would be reconfigured to improve driver sight distance. A center turn lane would be added to accommodate left turns from northbound SR 101 onto westbound Donahoo Road and left turns from southbound SR 101 onto eastbound Donahoo Road. Dedicated right turn lanes would be added from northbound SR 101 onto eastbound Donahoo Road and from southbound SR 101 onto westbound Donahoo Road. In addition, 10-foot wide outside shoulders would be constructed along this stretch of SR 101.

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND TURN LANE ADDITIONS
STATE ROUTE 101
FROM PLEASANT HOPE ROAD / BETHEL CHURCH ROAD TO WAX ROAD
GDOT Project Number STP00-0000(401) / P.I. No. 0000401

Project Description

The Intersection Improvements and Turn Lane Additions on State Route (SR) 101 from Pleasant Hope Road / Bethel Church Road to Wax Road Project is an adjacent project to the SR 101 Widening Project (PI Nos. 0000400, 621690, and 632760). Collectively, these two projects will serve to improve the SR 101 corridor from Pleasant Hope Road / Bethel Church Road to the SR 20/US 411 Interchange in Floyd County. GDOT P.I. No. 0000401 will seek to increase operational efficiency and address safety concerns along this 2.8-mile segment of SR 101 by reconfiguring the geometry of two of the intersections, adding turn lanes where appropriate, and constructing 10-foot wide paved shoulders along the intersection improvement areas.

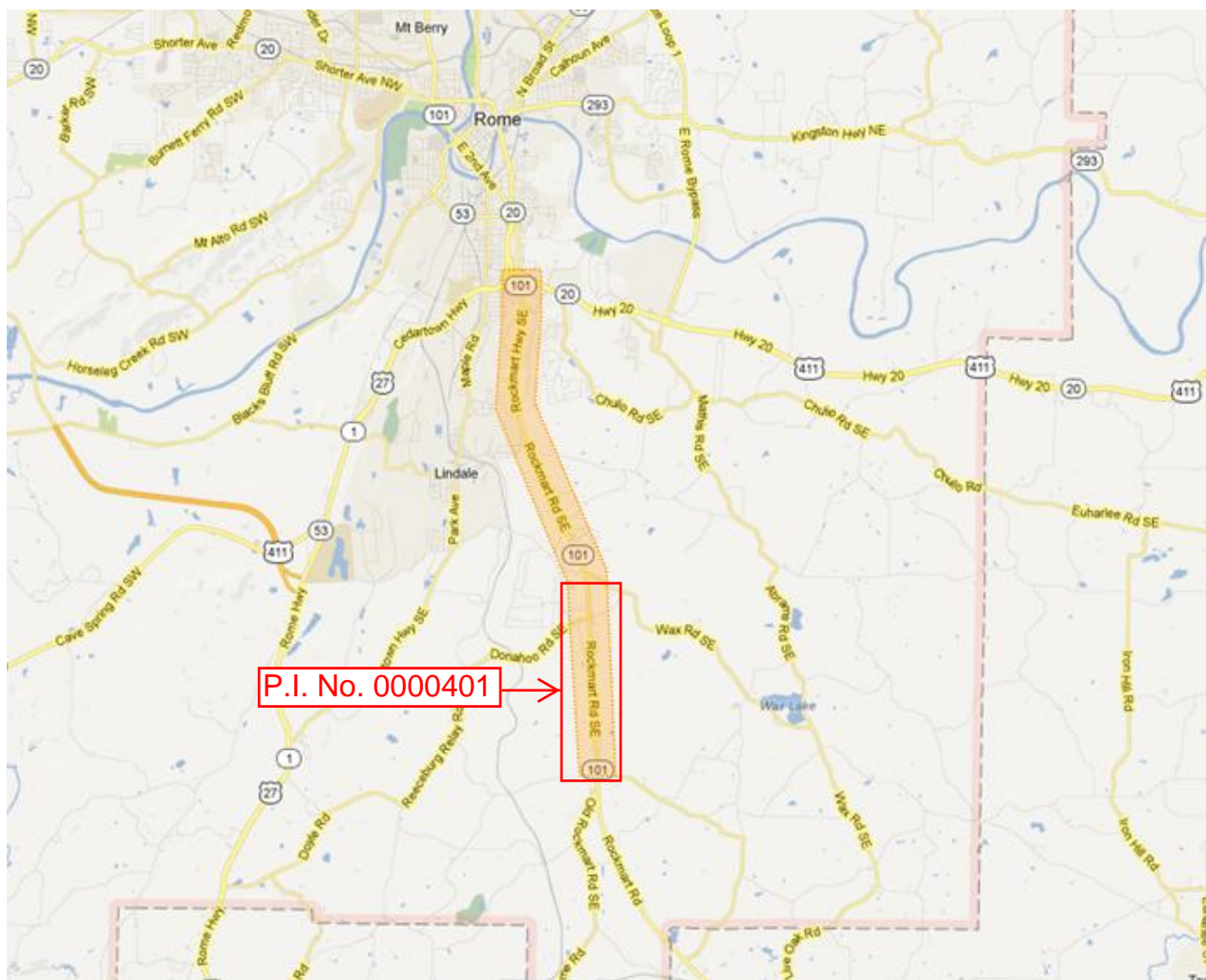


Figure 1: GDOT P.I. 0000401 Project Location Map

**Intersection Improvements and Turn Lane Additions
State Route 101 from Pleasant Hope Road / Bethel Church Road to Wax Road**

Legend

GDOT P.I. Number

0000401

Adjacent Projects

Figure 2B Matchline

Center Road

Craton Road

Bethel Church Road

Pleasant Hope Road

0000401

Figure 2A : GDOT P.I. No. 0000401

State Route 101 Intersection Improvements and Turn Lane Additions

Pleasant Hope Road / Bethel Church Road to Wax Road



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Feet

Legend

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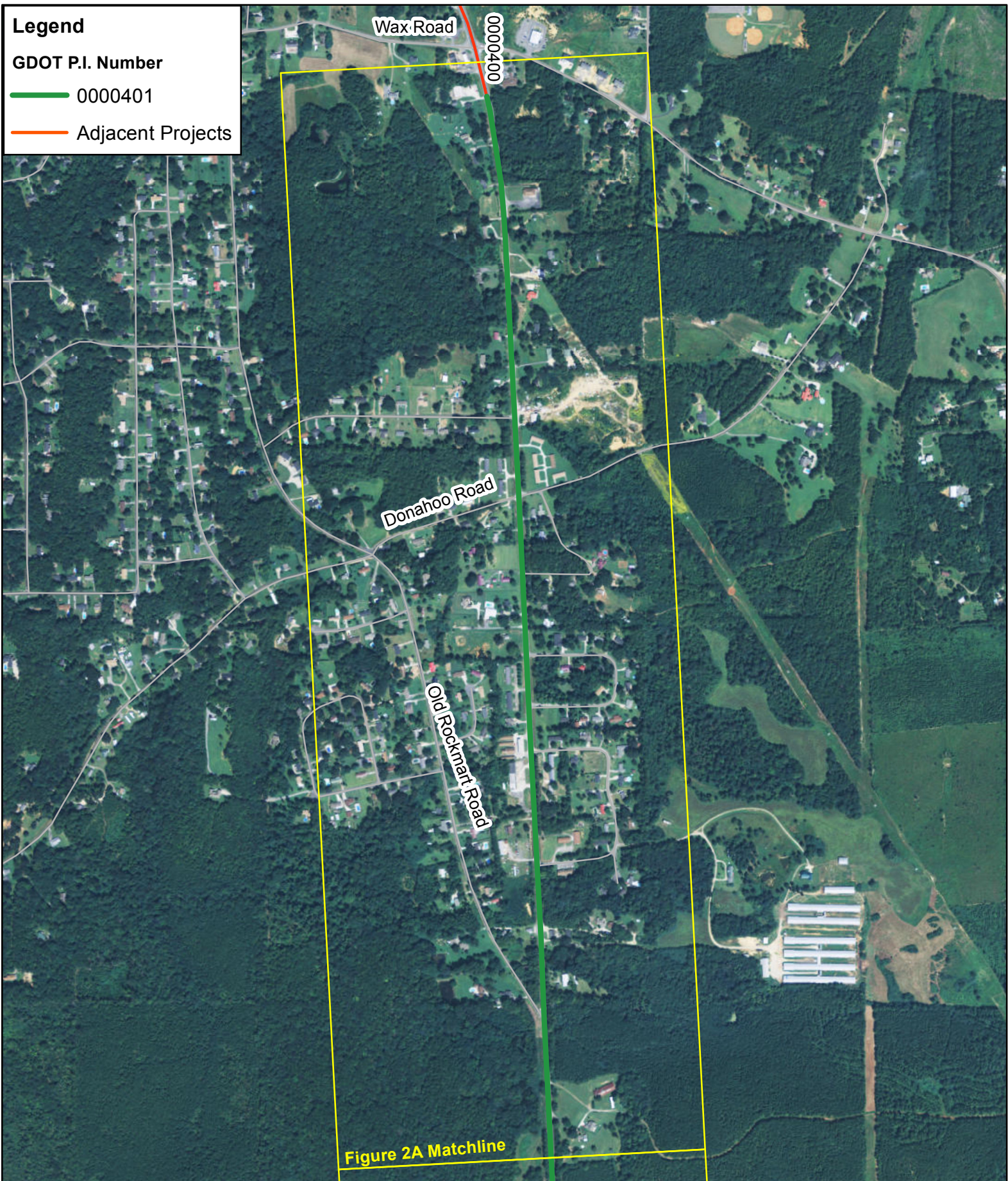


Figure 2B : GDOT P.I. No. 0000401

**State Route 101 Intersection Improvements and Turn Lane Additions
Pleasant Hope Road / Bethel Church Road to Wax Road**

0 800 1,600
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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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