



June 11, 2009

Thank you for attending the public information open house for BR000-0001-00(220), P.I. No. 0001220, the proposed widening and bridge replacement of the structurally deficient bridge located on SR 31/US 319/US 441 over Heart of Georgia Railroad, northeast of McRae. In this handout package, you will find a project description, location map, a potential detour route layout, and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project that includes a proposed detour route. Department of Transportation (DOT) representatives, who can be identified by the nametags 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 June 23, 2009. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., 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.ga.gov. Click on **Public Outreach** from the **Information Center** dropdown menu at the top right side of the page. 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 Baxley Area Office located at 740 Oakdale Circle, Baxley, Georgia 31513. 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, GA 30336-1593, as soon as the compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public information open house and for giving us your comments. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager Karyn Matthews at (404) 631-1584 or Alexis John at (404) 699-4409 of the Office of Environment/Location.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bobby Hilliard".

Bobby Hilliard, P.E.
State Program Delivery Engineer

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Attachments

PROJECT BR000-0001-00(220) WHEELER COUNTY
PI NO. 0001220
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Number BR000-0001-00(220) will replace and widen the structurally deficient bridge located on SR 31/US 319/US 441 over Heart of Georgia Railroad in western Wheeler County, northeast of McRae, GA.

SR 31/US 441/US 319 is a two-lane roadway with two 12-foot lanes and rural shoulders. The existing bridge over the Heart of Georgia Railroad contains two 11.85-foot travel lanes and a parapet with 1.25-foot clearance on each side for a total bridge width of 26.5 foot.

The proposed design consists of replacing the existing bridge over the Heart of Georgia Railroad with two 12-foot lanes and 10-foot shoulders on the bridge. The typical section for SR 31/US 441/US 319 will consist of two 12-foot lanes and 10-foot rural shoulder in each direction with 6.5-foot being paved. The proposed project length is approximately 0.87 mile at road inventory milepost 0.22.

The existing bridge over Heart of Georgia Railroad was constructed in 1937 and is in need of replacement due to inadequate load limits and a low sufficiency rating of 4.00. The existing problems include corroded supports, bearing plates, and beam ends. There are cracks in the roadway, wood pilings, and cracks on the wall under the bridge. The existing bridge is being considered for replacement as per DOT policy 2405-1.

Replacing the existing deficient load rating bridge with a modern bridge with improved design and load standards will improve the operation and safety of this corridor.

The proposed project is a small section of the McRae Bypass (Georgia DOT project EDS00-0441-00(012)(013), PI No. 531100- and 561470-), which has been placed in Long Range status.

The Department is currently investigating whether the project can be constructed under traffic. If it is determined that a detour route is necessary, the potential detour route presented will be considered.

Detour Route Summary

Heart of Georgia (HOG) Railroad Bridge Replacement SR 31/US 319/US 441 @ HOG Railroad Near McRae

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Description: This project proposes to replace the existing SR 31/US 319/US 441 bridge over the Heart of Georgia railroad property. This detour route summary is intended to give a written description/direction of the detour outlined on the detour plan.

From Laurens County to McRae: Length-23.6 miles

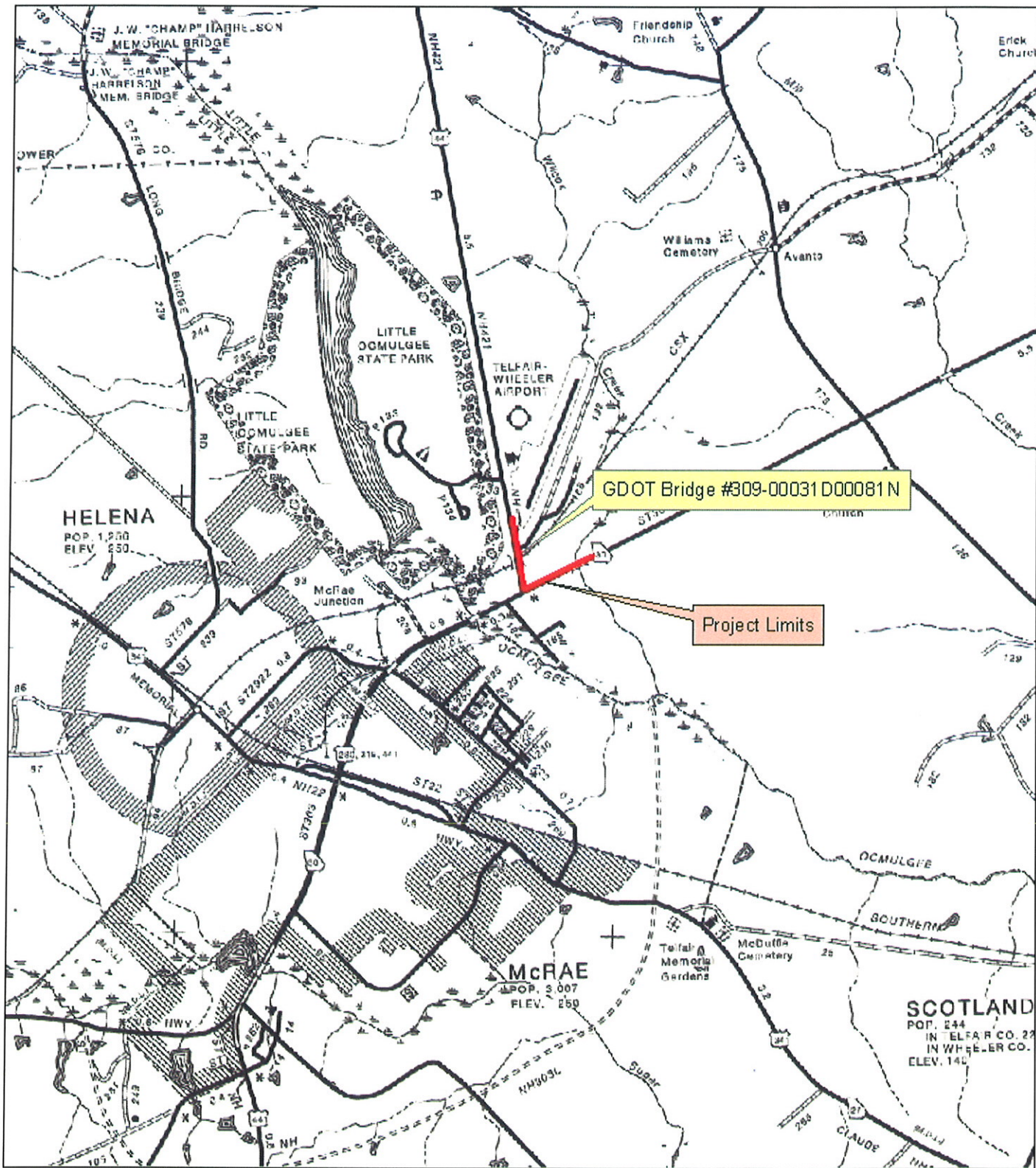
- From SR 46, head towards SR 126, (0.2 miles)
- Make right on SR 126, (9.8 miles)
- Turn right on SR 30/US 280, (2.0 miles)
- Turn slight left on SR 149, (7 miles)
- Turn right onto US 23 N/US 341 N/ Golden Isles HWY, (4.5 miles)
- Turn left onto S 3rd Ave/US 280/SR 30, (0.1 miles)
- End at McRae, GA.

From Alamo to McRae: Length- 13.5 miles

- Start out going northwest on GA-126 towards US 280
- Turn left onto US 280/SR 30, (2.0 miles)
- Turn slight left on SR 149, (7.0 miles)
- Turn right onto US 23 N/US 341 N/SR 27/ Golden Isles Hwy, (4.5 miles)
- Turn Left onto S 3rd Ave/US 280/SR 30 and end at McRae, GA.

Detour Usage: 1-3 months

Detour Recommendation: GDOT Urban Design and District 5.

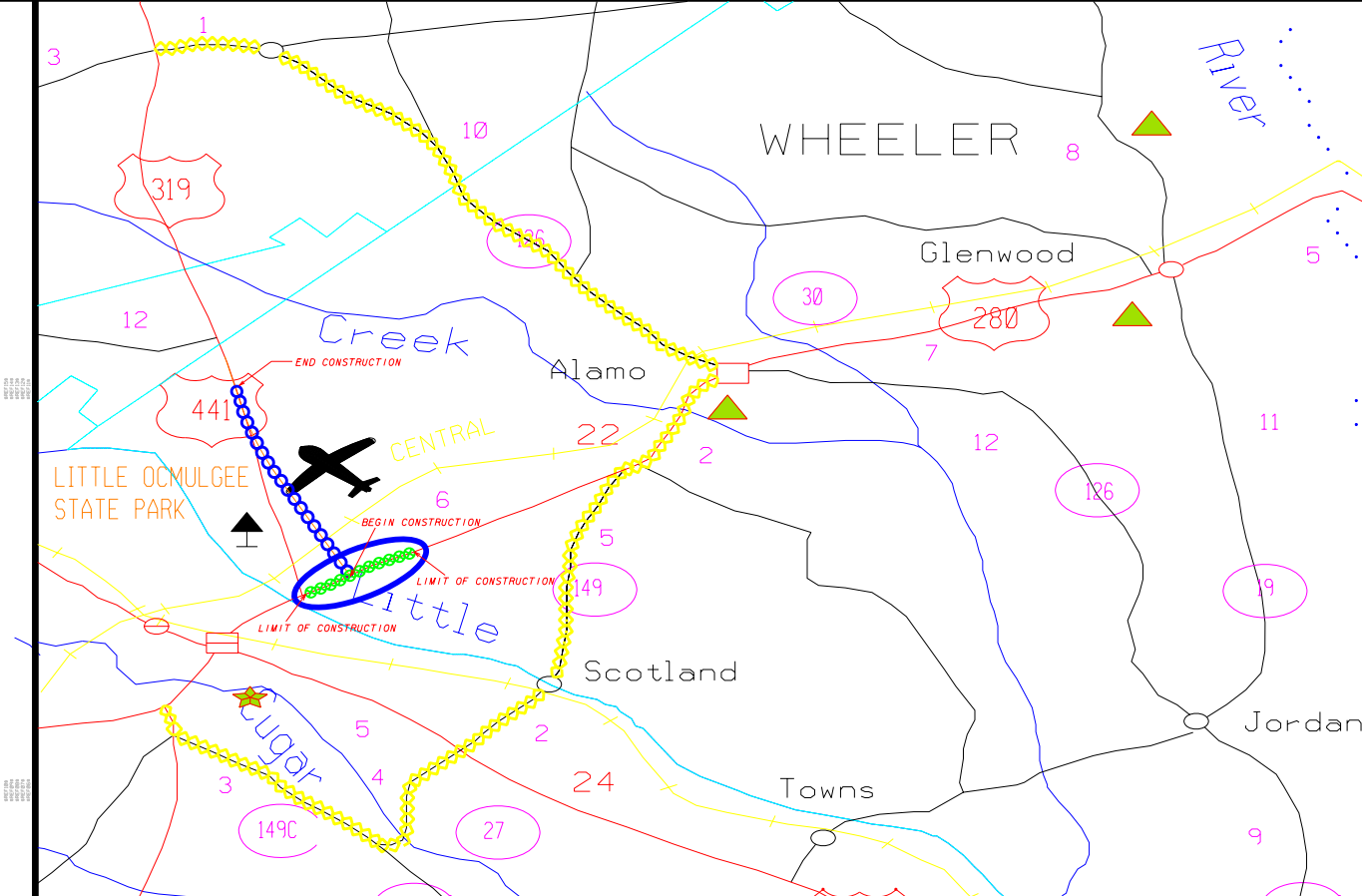


Project Location Map

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P.I. #0001220
Wheeler County
Bridge Replacement**





WHEELER COUNTY

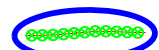




SR 31/US 319/441
24 HOUR T₁ = 18.5%
COMB. = 14.5%

SR 30/US 280
24 HOUR T₁ = 10%
COMB. = 6%

SR 31/US 319/441
SR 30/US 280
COAST FARM RD.

(2250) 1675 (2250) 1675 (2250) 1775
(14500) 3400 (2200) 1650 (150) 25 (50) 25 (2400) 1750 (2450) 1775
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-  Potential Road Closure
-  Potential Detour Route
-  126 Segment Length: 9.26 miles
-  149 Segment Length: 12.7 miles
-  Proposed Construction

TRAFFIC DETOUR PLAN DURING CLOSURE
OF SR 31/US 319/US 441 AND SR 30/US 280

NOTE: SR 31/US 441 WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION WHEN PROPOSED SR 31/US 319 IS BEING WIDENED INTO EXISTING SR 312/US 441, SR 149 AND 126 WILL BE USED; SR 149 WILL BE USED AS DETOUR WHEN CONSTRUCTION IS BEING DONE ON SR 30/US 441.

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GEORGIA
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REVISION DATES

STATE OF GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE, URBAN DESIGN

DETOUR PLAN

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON SR 31
OVER H. O. G. RAILROAD

DRAWING NO.
20-01

Georgia Department of Transportation

Public Information Open House Comment Card

Project BR000-0001-00(220), Wheeler County, P.I. No. 0001220

June 11, 2009

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? *For* *Against* *Conditional* *Uncommitted*

Comments _____

How will this potential off-site detour route affect you? *No Affect* *Some Affect* *May Affect*

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

Other _____

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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