



October 18, 2016

Thank you for attending the Detour Open House for the proposed CR 321/Taliaferro Springs at Chattooga River bridge replacement, PI Number 0003081. 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, which includes a traffic detour route that would be used during construction. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, a map of the proposed detour, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project display and the detour map. 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 Wednesday, November 02, 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 *PI No. 0003081 – CR 321/Taliaferro Springs at Chattooga River*;
 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 0003081 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. Hardcopies will also be available at the Georgia DOT Dalton Area Office located at 1313 Tibbs Road, Dalton, Georgia 30720 and the Cartersville District Office located at 500 Joe Frank Harris Parkway, Cartersville, Georgia 30120. 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, Debbie Cottrell, PE, at (678) 808-8860 or the environmental analyst, Michael Margut, at (404) 631-1362 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

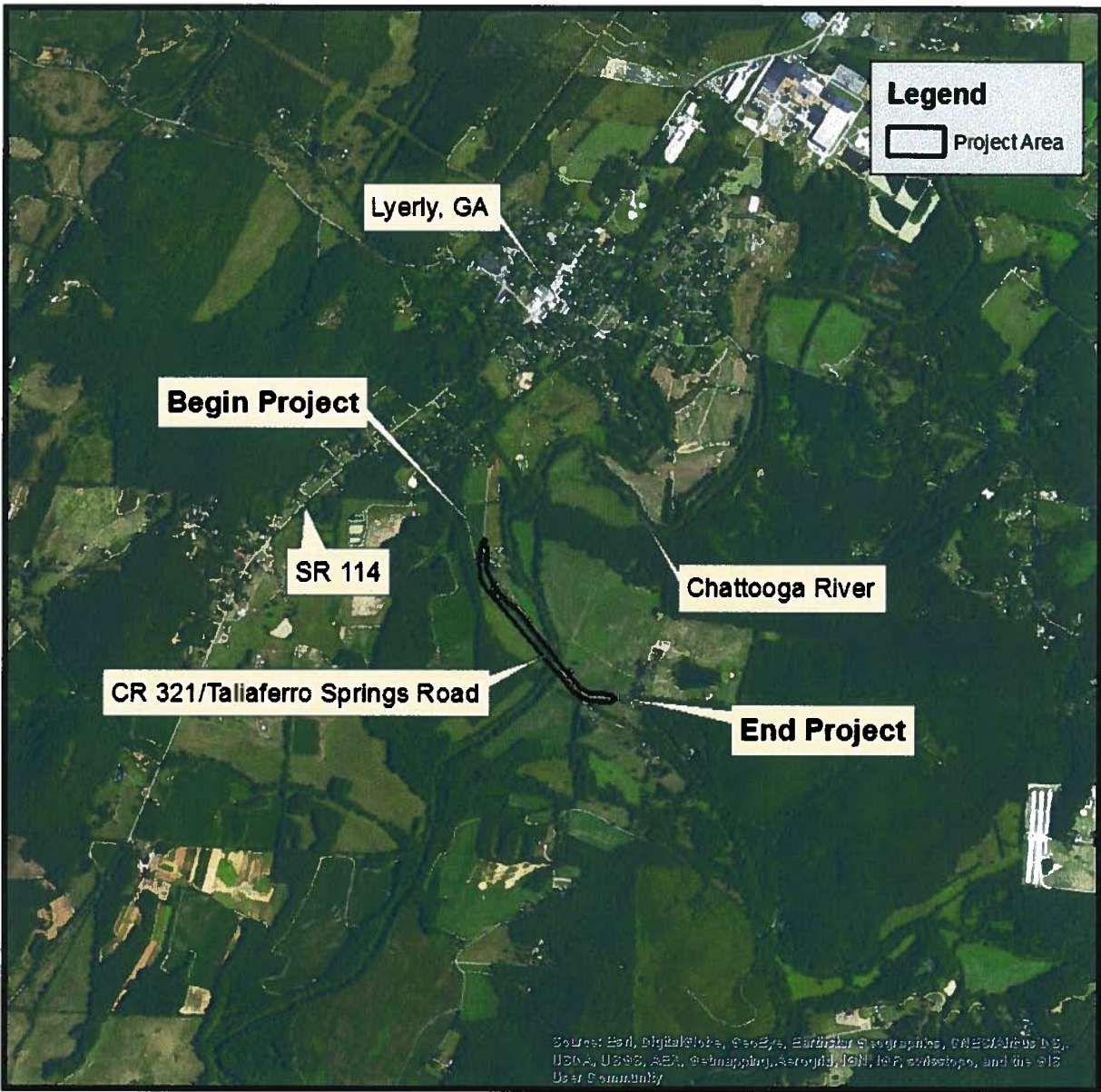
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Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

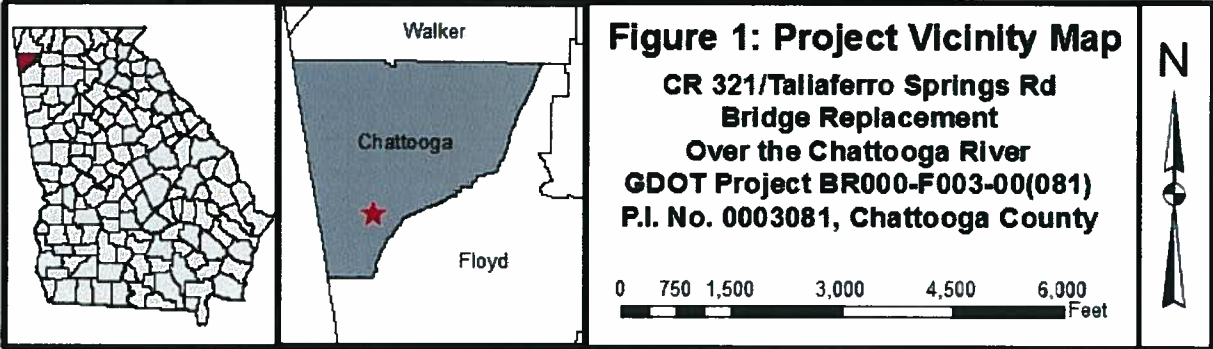
Why We Are Here: The CR 321/Taliaferro Springs bridge over the Chattooga River project area has been previously studied and GDOT most recently held a Public Detour Open House (PDOH) in 2009. No comments were received from the public at that time; however, due to the length of time since then, the Department decided that additional public outreach would be necessary before proceeding forward once again. GDOT is seeking public feedback on the proposed detour and to gauge public support for the project as a whole.

Project Description: The project proposes to construct a new 480-foot by 28-foot concrete bridge with two 11-foot travel lanes and two 3-foot shoulders. The proposed bridge would replace the existing bridge in its current location. Both bridge approaches would also be straightened. The proposed approaches are two 11-foot lanes with 6-foot rural shoulders (two feet of which is paved). The proposed bridge would consist of two 11-foot lanes with 3-foot shoulders. The proposed right-of-way (ROW) would vary from 95 feet to 142 feet. An off-site detour is proposed for the project. The proposed detour for this project runs through Lyerly Dam Road and Starling Mill Road. The detour would add approximately five minutes of additional travel time for roadway users and would be in place for 18 months. The total project length is approximately 0.61 mile.

Project Location Map and Detour Map:



Source: USGS 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle (Lyerly, GA)



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (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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