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Thank you for attending the public information open house for STP-0004-00(166) Fulton County, the Northside Drive Safety Improvements Project. In this handout package you will find information about the need and purpose of the project, a description of the project, a project location map, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Department of Transportation representatives, who can be identified by the name tags they are wearing, are available to discuss the projects 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 projects until *May 9, 2005*. Written comments should be sent to *Mr. Harvey D. Keeper, 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.state.ga.us. Click on **Public Outreach** from the list of Featured Links. 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 used at this meeting will be available for review at the Georgia Department of Transportation Office of Traffic Safety and Design located at 935 E. Confederate Avenue, Building 24, Atlanta, GA 30316. Those wishing to view the displays from the open house during the ten day review period should call 404-635-8115 to schedule an appointment due to security measures at the State of Georgia Confederate Avenue Complex. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at 3993 Aviation Circle address noted above, as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this meeting and for giving us your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Buddy Gratton". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical red line.

Buddy Gratton, P. E.
Director of Preconstruction

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Attachments

STP-0004-00(166) Fulton County
PI No 0004166
Northside Drive Safety Improvements

Project Description

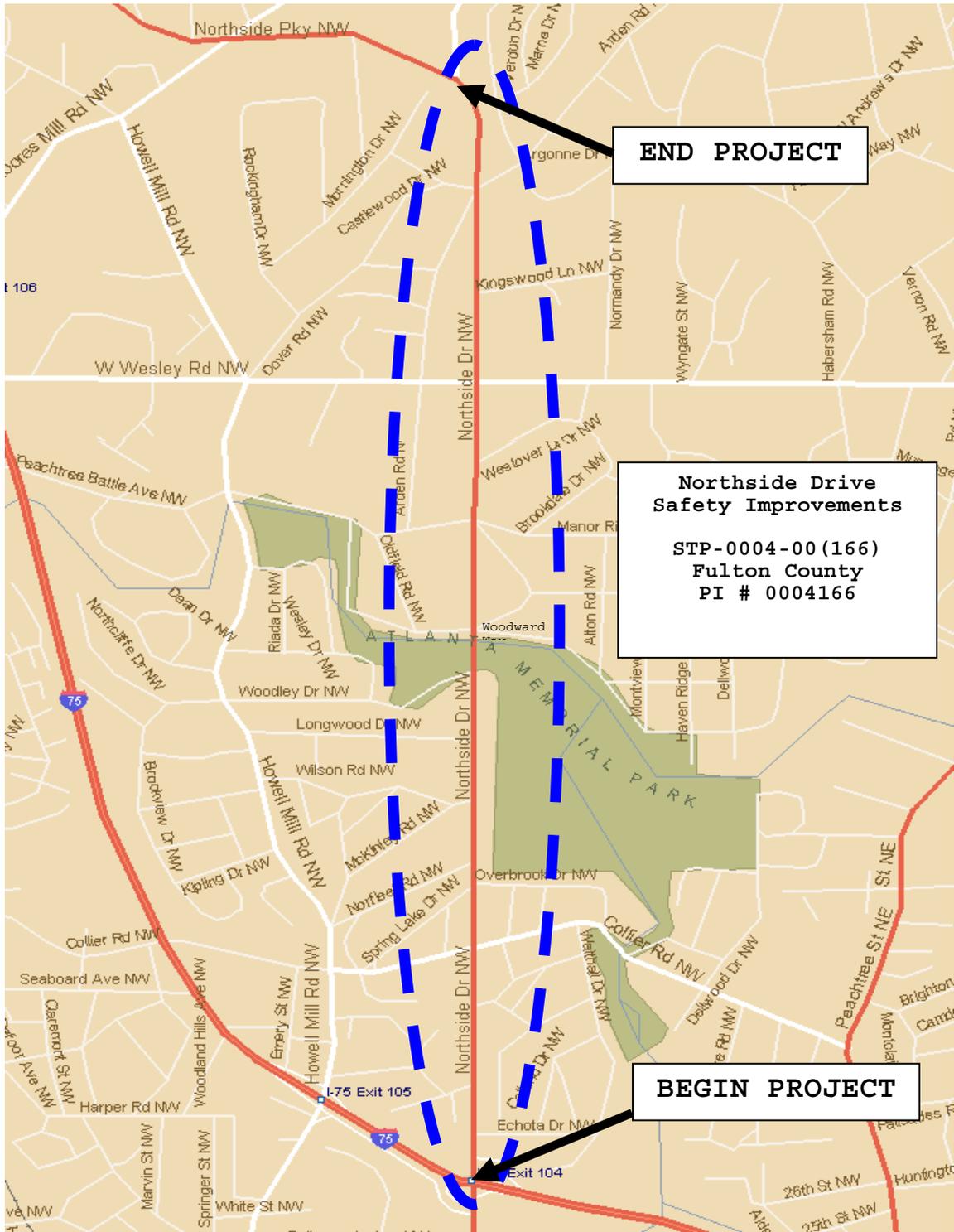
Project STP-0004-00(166) Fulton County is safety improvements along SR 3/US 41/Northside Drive from I-75 northward to Arden Road. The existing roadway consists of three lanes. The center lane of the three-lane system is a reversible lane controlled by overhead electronic lane indicators. As recommended in a previous traffic study, this project proposes to remove the reversible lane system and convert the existing center reversible lane to a two-way left turn lane. At each signalized intersection, with the exception of Collier Road, the center lane will be utilized as an exclusive left turn lane. Between I-75 and Collier Road, the three lanes are proposed to be converted to one northbound and two southbound lanes. A right turn lane is proposed from northbound Northside Drive to eastbound Collier Road. Left turns will not be permitted from northbound Northside Drive. Left turns from southbound Northside Drive to eastbound Collier Road will not be permitted during the morning rush hours.

Sidewalks are proposed along the west side of Northside Drive from I-75 to Wesley Drive. Sidewalks are proposed along the east side of Northside Drive from Collier Road to Wesley Drive. Minor modifications are proposed at the intersection of Northside Drive and Peachtree Battle Avenue. The existing signals along Northside Drive at the intersections of Collier Road, Woodward Way, Peachtree Battle Avenue, West Wesley Road, and Arden Road will be upgraded.

Project Need and Purpose

Crash history for SR 3/US 41/Northside Drive shows an average of 12 accidents per year per intersection on this corridor. Analysis of traffic operational conditions on SR 3/US 41/Northside Drive revealed the high volume of traffic and the lack of proper lane configuration caused congestion at several intersections along this corridor. To address these issues it is recommended to remove the existing reversible lane in this corridor and re-stripe the existing center lane for a center two-way left turn lane. Left turn lanes will be provided at all signalized intersections on SR 3/US 41/Northside Drive, except at Collier Road. Left turns will be protected-only by signal phasing where sight distance from stop bar is inadequate. To improve the safety and orderly progression of traffic through the intersections, these improvements are recommended.

LOCATION MAP



**Georgia Department of Transportation
Public Information Open House Comment Card
Project STP-0004-00(166) Fulton County, PI 0004166**

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? _____

Comments _____

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____ Newspaper _____

Signs _____ Word of Mouth _____

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? _____

Do you understand the project after attending this open house? _____

Please share your suggestions on improving the way GDOT conducts public open houses?
