

March 9, 2010

Thank you for attending the public information open house for STP00-0004-00(732), P.I. No. 0004732, the proposed SR 47/Ray Owens Road at the SR 223/Wrightsboro Road safety and intersection improvement project in Columbia County. In this handout package you will find a project description, location map, and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. 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 March 22, 2010. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental Administrator, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. Comments can also be made via the web at [www.dot.ga.gov](http://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 District 2: Area 4 - Augusta Area Office located at 4260 Frontage Road Augusta, Georgia 30909. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at this same location and at the Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Environmental Services, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, as soon as 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 M. Matthews, P.E. at (404) 631-1584 or Alexis H. John at (404) 631-1407 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bobby Hilliard".

Bobby Hilliard, P.E.  
State Program Delivery Engineer

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Attachments

**STP00-0004-00(732), P.I. No. 0004732**  
**Columbia County**  
**Project Description**

Project STP00-0004-00(732), is designed to improve the safety and operation of the SR 47/Ray Owens Road at the SR 223/Wrightsboro Road intersection. SR 47/Ray Owens Road, designated as a minor arterial, connects the city of Harlem with the Appling community. SR 223/Wrightsboro Road, designated as a major collector, connects to the cities of Grovetown and Thomson in McDuffie County.

The accident history for this intersection shows that the majority of the accidents were right-angle collisions. The proposed project would include the addition of a roundabout, which would provide more safety advances than the existing four-way stop. The proposed length of the project would be approximately 0.36 mile.

The proposed project is located at the intersection of SR 47/Ray Owens Road (begin mile log 17.17 and end mile log 17.35) and SR 223/Wrightsboro Road (begin mile log 5.02 and end mile log 5.20), approximately 3.91 miles north of the city limits of Harlem and 17.25 miles south of the Lincoln County line.

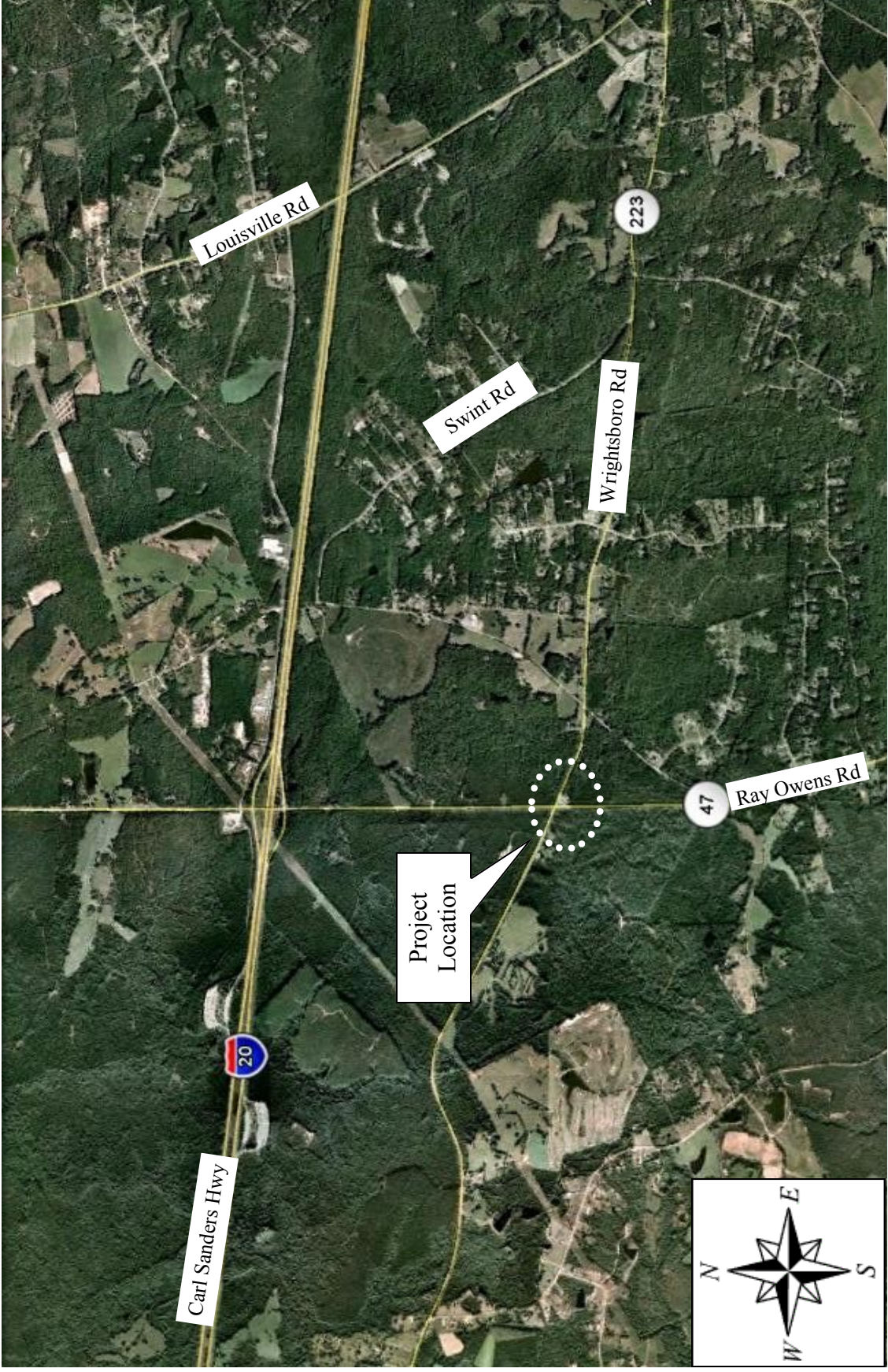
The existing approach typical section of SR 47/Ray Owens Road consists of two 11-foot travel lanes, one in each direction, with three-foot paved/three-foot grassed shoulders. The existing right-of-way for SR 47/Ray Owens Road is an estimated 100 feet.

The existing approach typical section of SR 223/Wrightsboro Road consists of two 11-foot travel lanes, one in each direction, with three-foot paved/three-foot grassed shoulders. The existing right-of-way for SR 223/Wrightsboro Road is an estimated 80 feet.

The proposed typical section includes two 11-foot travel lanes, transitioning into 15-foot lanes one in each direction, and a 20-foot circulatory road width. There will be raised medians of varying widths, 10-foot shoulder, with curb and gutter, and 11-foot right-turn bypass lanes on northbound and southbound approaches. The project is also proposing a 11-foot right-turn lane on SR 47/Ray Owens Road for the Pumpkin Service Center. There will be a non-mountable central island and splitter island on all approaches.

There will be more right-of-way required at the intersection, but less on the approaches.

Intersection will remain open during construction. The existing operation shall be maintained during construction.



**Project Location Map**  
**GDOT Project STP00-0004-00(732), P.I. No. 0004732, Columbia County**  
**SR 47/Ray Owens Road at the SR 223/Wrightsboro Road Intersection**

# Georgia Department of Transportation

## Public Information Open House Comment Card

Project STP00-0004-00(732), Columbia County, P.I. No. 0004732

March 9, 2010

*Please print responses.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Comments** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.**

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**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.**

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**Mail To:**

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