



December 10, 2015

Thank you for attending the Detour Open House for the proposed bridge replacement at State Route (SR) 135 over the Altamaha River, PI Number 0007037. 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 Monday, December 21, 2015** 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 135 Bridge Over the Altamaha River*;
 3. Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Ms. Hiral Patel, P.E., 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 0007037 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 Baxley Area Office located at **740 Oakdale Circle Baxley, GA 31513 (912) 366-1090**. 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, Michelle O. Wright, at (912) 271-7562 or the environmental analyst, David Borchardt at (404) 631-1184 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

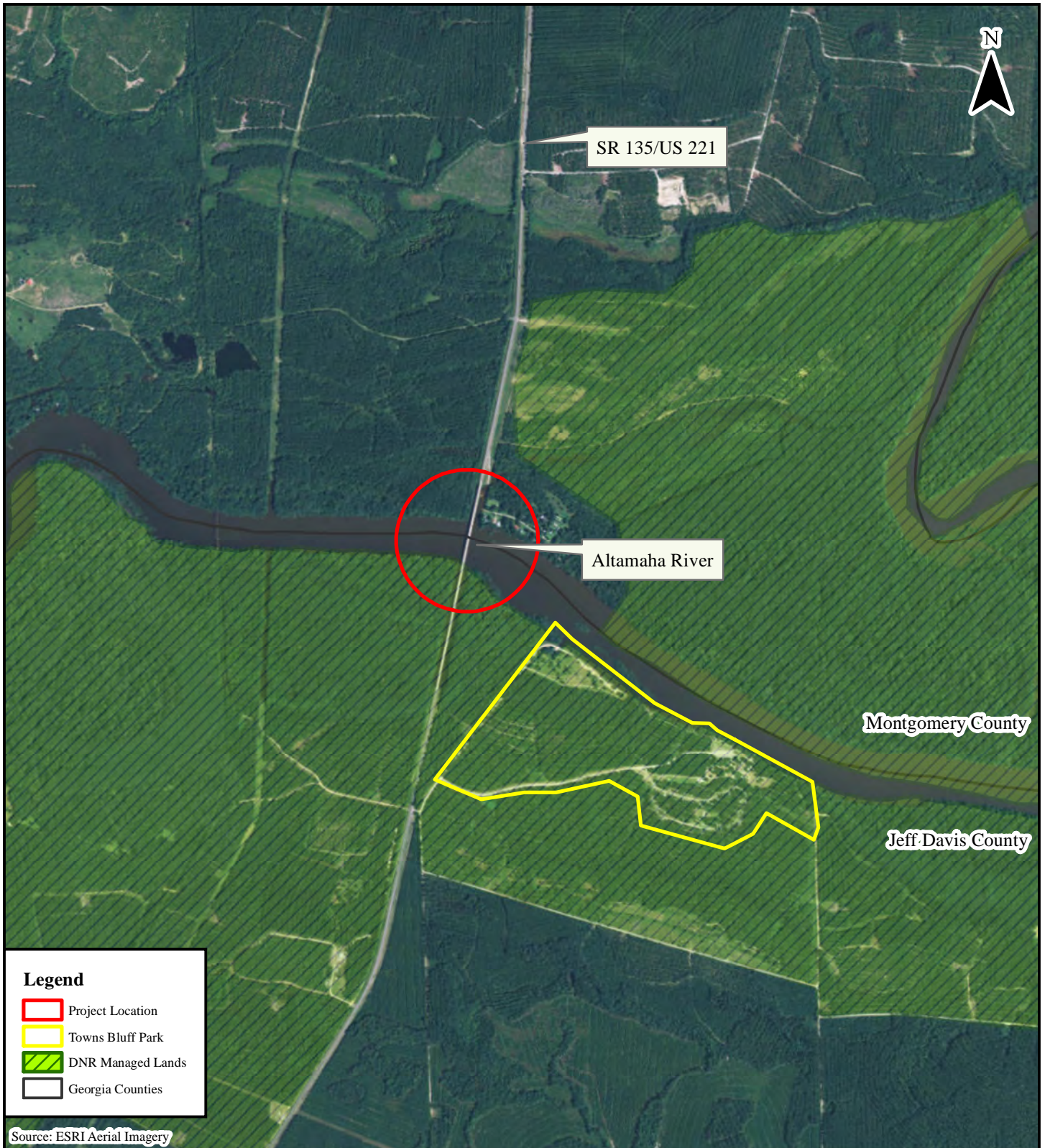
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hiral Patel" followed by a stylized initial "H".

Hiral Patel, P.E.
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here: The SR 135 bridge over the Altamaha River was built in 1952, has a sufficiency rating of 36, and is structurally deficient. The design vehicle used for this bridge is below the current standards. Due to the structural integrity of the bridge and the design vehicle below current standards, replacement is recommended.

Project Description: The proposed project would replace the existing SR 135 bridge over the Altamaha River (Structure ID 161-0020-0). The project is located approximately 7.2 miles northeast of Hazlehurst in Jeff Davis and Montgomery Counties, Georgia. The existing bridge is approximately 2,573 feet long and carries two 12-foot travel lanes. Average daily traffic on the bridge is 3,320 vehicles, including 20% trucks. The proposed bridge would consist of two 12-foot lanes with 8-foot shoulders and a design speed of 55 miles per hour (mph). Multiple concepts for the new bridge alignment have been evaluated to minimize impacts to environmental resources and impacts to property owners. The preferred alternative would replace the SR 135 bridge on the existing alignment using an off-site detour to accommodate travel during construction. The total length of the project is approximately 0.80 mile.

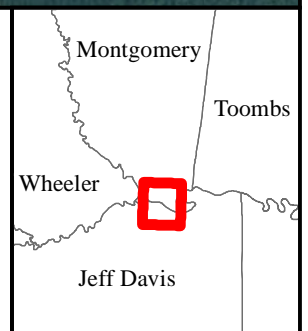
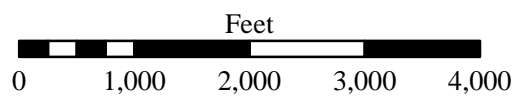
The detour route would use the State/US Route System. Local roads are not suitable for the truck traffic on SR 135 and would require significant improvements. The posted detour route would utilize SR 27/US 341, SR 4/SR 15/US 1, and SR 56. The proposed detour length for through traffic between Hazlehurst and Uvalda would be approximately 44 miles. The total detour length from the beginning of the project area to the end of the project area would be approximately 57 miles.

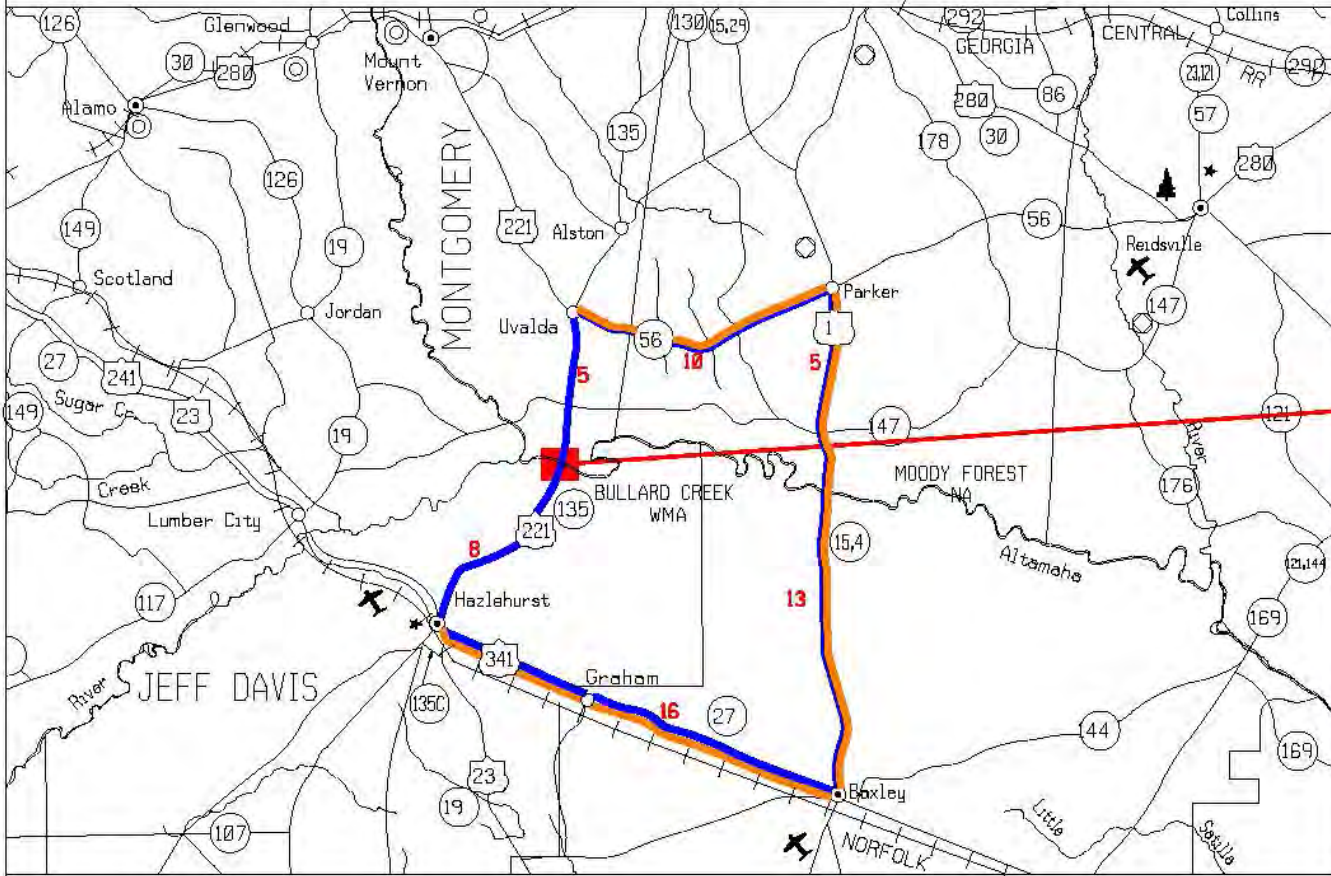


Source: ESRI Aerial Imagery



Figure 1 - Project Location
 SR 135 at Altamaha River
 Jeff Davis and Montgomery Counties
 PI No. 0007037





- PROPOSED DETOUR THRU TRAFFIC - 44 miles
- PROPOSED DETOUR FROM BEGIN PROJECT TO END PROJECT - 57 miles

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 JEFF DAVIS/MONTGOMERY COUNTIES
 SR 135/UALDA HIGHWAY
 @ ALTAMAHA RIVER



PRELIMINARY
 DETOUR MAP
 DETOUR OPEN HOUSE
 December 10, 2015
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LEGEND

- STATE ROUTE
- US ROUTE

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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