



November 3, 2016

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed improvements to State Route (SR) 136 from the SR 136 Connector to SR 515, PI Number 0008314. 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. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project display. 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, November 14, 2016** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at [www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach](http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach).
  - From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Go*;
  - Then select: SR 136 from the SR 136 Connector to SR 515;
  - Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Scan QR code to the right with your smart phone's QR reader
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.



QR Code

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 District Six 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, Nebyou Negash, at 404-631-1577 or the environmental analyst, Carla Benton-Hooks, at 404-631-1415 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

Eric Duff  
State Environmental Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation

**Why We Are Here:** The purpose of this project is to reduce the crash frequency and severity on the State Route (SR) 136 corridor between the intersections of the SR 136 Connector and SR 515 in Pickens County. The project would also enlarge the shoulders to comply with American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (ASHTO) guidance and to provide additional room for bicyclists along the corridor.

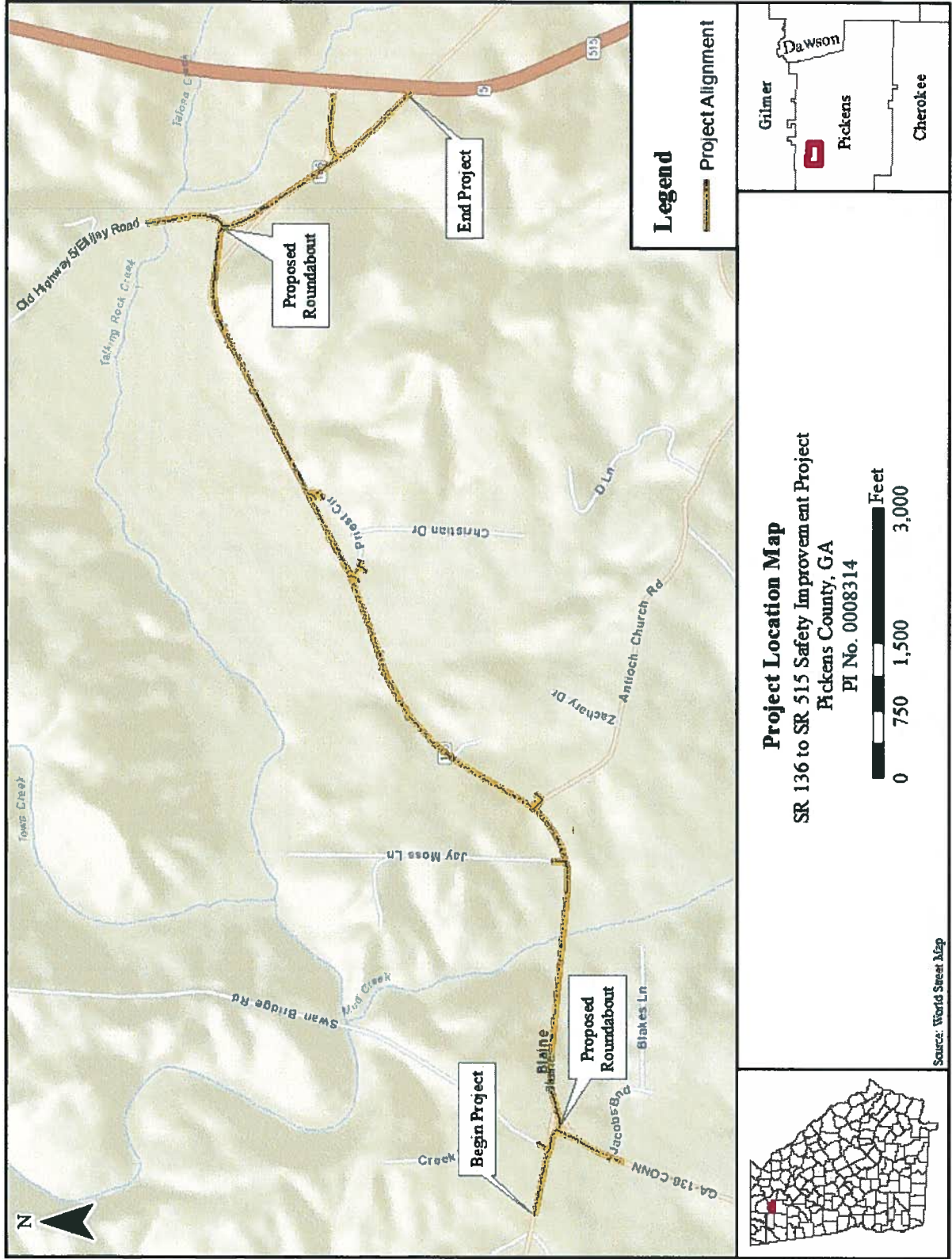
**Project Description:** The project proposes to improve the curvature of SR 136 from the SR 136 Connector to SR 515. The roadway would remain a two-lane road, with one lane in each direction. Shoulders would be widened to allow room for bicycles. The existing right-of-way width is 80 feet. The required right-of-way width would be variable with a maximum width of approximately 150 feet. The total project length is approximately 2.7 miles.

Two roundabouts are proposed, one at the intersection of SR 136 and the SR 136 Connector in Blaine and the other at a realigned intersection of SR 136 and Old Highway 5/Ellijay Road.

The proposed improvements would focus on five critical areas along the project corridor:

- The first area is at the western project terminus in Blaine, at the intersection of SR 136 and the SR 136 Connector. The proposed project would reconstruct this intersection as a roundabout.
- The second area is the curve at SR 136 and Antioch Church Road. The alignment of SR 136 at the intersection would be shifted to the north to the inside of the existing horizontal curve. This realignment would improve sight distances through the curve and at the intersection.
- The third area is on SR 136 at the skewed intersections with Priest Circle. Priest Circle would be realigned at both intersections to address the skew and create 90 degree intersection angles.
- The fourth area is the curve on SR 136 west of Old Highway 5/Ellijay Road. The intersection of SR 136 and Old Highway 5/Ellijay Road would be shifted approximately 500 feet north along Old Highway 5/Ellijay Road to improve the horizontal curve on SR 136. The intersection would also be reconstructed to a roundabout.
- The fifth area is the intersection of SR 136 with the connector to SR 515. The intersection would be realigned to the southeast to create a 90 degree intersection.

Project Location Map:



**Comment Card**

*Please print responses.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you support the project? (check your response)

- For*       *Against*       *Conditional*       *Uncommitted*

General Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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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.

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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:

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Mail to:

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