



October 1, 2015

Thank you for attending the Detour Open House for the proposed CR 386/Fortson Road at Standing Boy Creek Bridge Replacement, PI Number 0008600. 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 map of the project location and 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 the next 45 days. 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, October 12, 2015** by using either of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov.
 1. Click *Partner Smart* on the top of the page;
 2. Click *Public/Media Center* on the left side of the page;
 3. Click *Public Outreach* on the left side of the page;
 4. From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located (*Harris*) and click *Go*;
 5. Then select *CR 386/Fortson Road at Standing Boy Creek*;
 6. 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.

The project displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the *Public Outreach* page at www.dot.ga.gov, described above. Hardcopies will also be available at the Georgia DOT District 3, Area Office 2 located at 3600 Schatulga Road, Columbus, GA 31907. 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, Cherral M. Dempsey, at 404-631-1154 or the environmental analyst, Zachary Adriaenssens, at zadriaenssens@dot.ga.gov of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

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

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

Why We Are Here:

CR 386/Fortson Road is a north-south route that passes through the community of Fortson and ties in to SR 315 in Harris County, Georgia. It runs parallel to I-185 north with interstate access through SR 315 to the north and Smith Road to the south. The CR 386/Fortson Road Bridge over Standing Boy Creek is located approximately 10 miles south of the City of Hamilton. The area of the proposed project is primarily undeveloped, wooded and rural with limited residential developments. The existing bridge was constructed in 1959.

The bridge over Standing Boy Creek is currently posted from 11 to 16 tons and has a sufficiency rating of 38.10. The design vehicle used for this bridge is below the current standards. Due to the low structural integrity of the bridge, replacement is recommended.

Given that CR 386/Fortson Road is a low-volume county road, the replacement of the bridge on existing alignment and a resulting off-site detour will help maintain a reduced footprint and reduced right-of-way acreage by not constructing an on-site detour bridge; impacts to the floodplain of Standing Boy Creek will be modeled and analyzed hydraulically. The bridge would be expected to be closed for six to nine months.

Project Description:

Project CSBRG-0008-00(600) is located 10 miles south of Hamilton, Georgia in Harris County and will replace the CR 386/Fortson Road Bridge at Standing Boy Creek. The project begins approximately 400 feet north of the CR 386/Fortson Road intersection with Turkey Trail and ends approximately 340 feet north of the bridge at Standing Boy Creek Road for a total length of 0.16 miles.

During construction, motorists using Fortson Rd will be able to access I-185 at its interchange with SR 315 on the north side and with Smith Road from the south side of the project site.

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PI#(s): 0008600, County: Harris

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) Radio Newspaper Signs
 Word of Mouth 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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