



November 5, 2015

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed State Route (SR) 81 at State Route 162, PI Number 0009919. 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 16, 2015** by using either of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 1. From the menu, select *Newton County* and click *Go*;
 2. Then select *SR 81 at SR 162 Roundabout*;
 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.

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 Madison Area Office located at 1570 Bethany Rd, Madison, Georgia. 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, Daniel Chastain, at (706) 604-6594 or the environmental analyst, Aaron Burgess, at (404) 631-1159 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

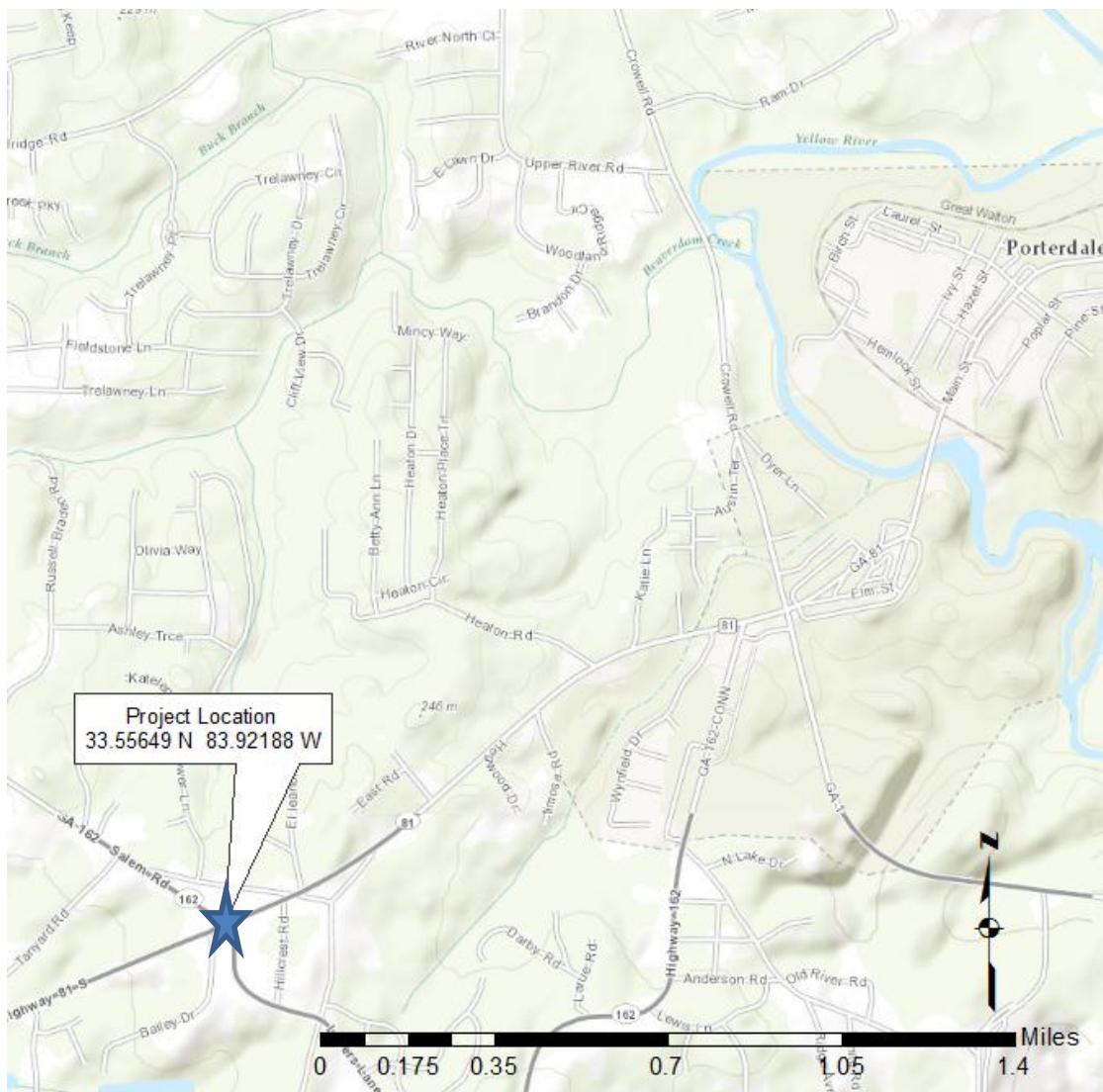
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hiral Patel" followed by a stylized flourish.

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

Why We Are Here: . The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the operational efficiency of the existing intersection of State Route (SR) 81 and SR 162 and reduce the frequency and severity of crashes at the intersection and approaches. SR 81 provides a connection between the City of Porterdale and the City of McDonough. SR 162 provides a connection between the City of Conyers and the City of Jackson (via SR 36). Nationally, intersection crashes account for 40 percent of all reported accidents. There were 33 reported accidents, including 6 accidents with injuries, in the vicinity of the intersection from 2004 to 2008.

Project Description: This project proposes to reconstruct the existing, at-grade intersection of SR 81 at SR 162 in Newton County to a four-legged roundabout. This intersection is located 2.9 miles southwest of the City of Covington on SR 81 in Newton County. The project length is estimated to be 0.43 mile on SR 81 and 0.24 mile on SR 162. Traffic will be maintained on-site and staged during the construction of the project.

Project Location Map:



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? (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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