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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed widening and improvements of CR 102/Hereford Farm Road from SR 232/Columbia Road to SR 383/N. Belair Road, PI Number 0012865. 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. Columbia County representatives, as well as Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) 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 the GDOT 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 **Thursday, March 26, 2020** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/AboutGDOT/PublicOutreach>.
 1. Scroll down to "Upcoming Public Meetings" or "Recently Held Public Meetings." Then select "View Info" for *Hereford Farm Road Widening & Improvements*;
 2. Lastly, click *Comment* at the top of the screen and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, 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. Hard copies will also be available at the Columbia County Engineering Department located at 630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Building A West Wing, Evans, GA 30809. 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, Marshall Troup, at 404-631-1529 or the environmental analyst, Rachael Rosenstein, at 404-631-1803 of the Office of Environmental Services, or the Engineering Manager Columbia County, Steve Exley, at 706-447-7600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Duff | sb".

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here: The purpose of this Public Information Open House (PIOH) meeting is to present information about the proposed project and to provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and comment on the project. Columbia County and the Department welcome your input on the proposed project at the PIOH and during the 10-day public comment period.

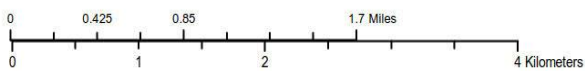
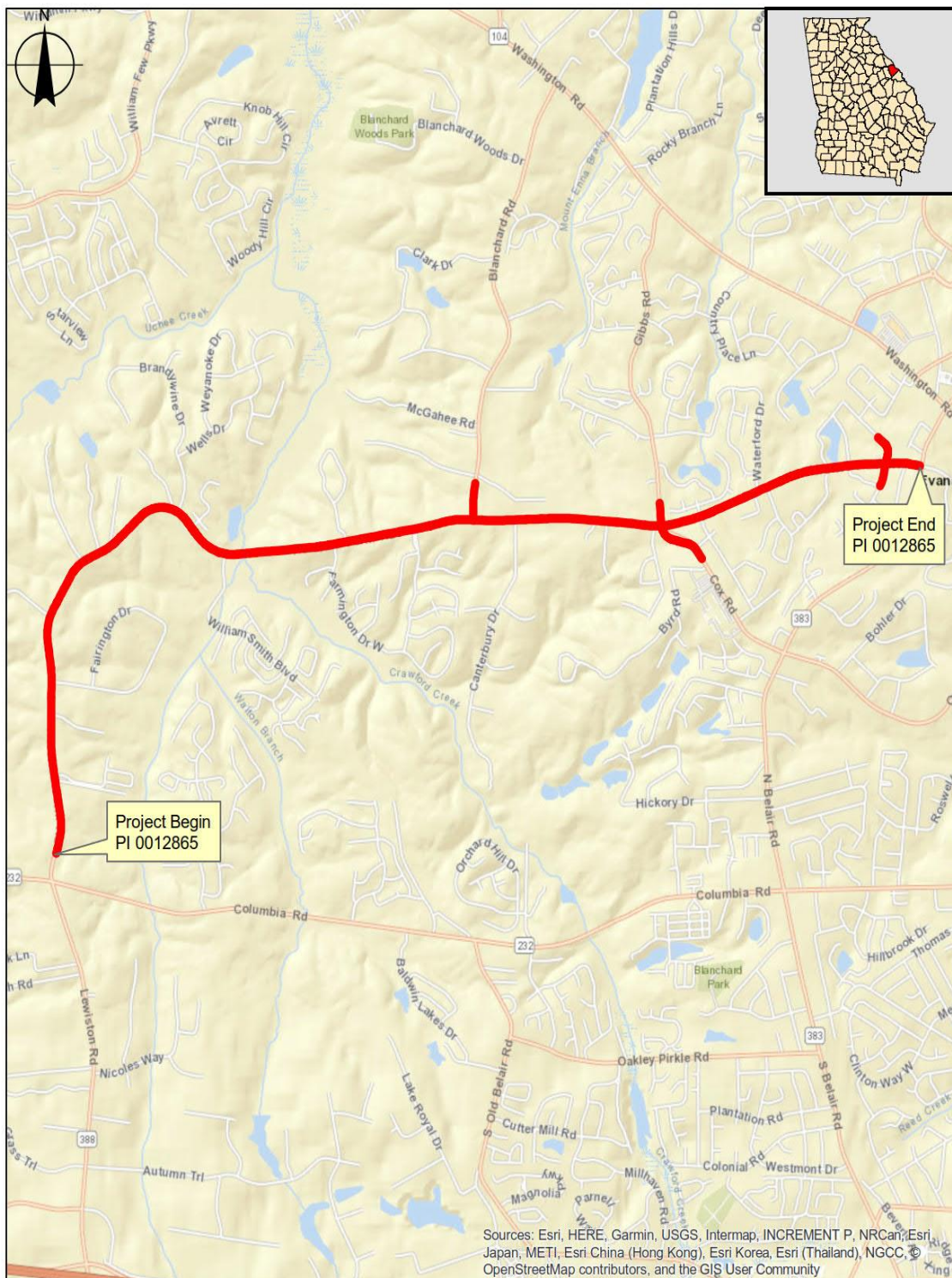
Project Description: The proposed project, PI Number 0012865, would begin 860 feet north of the intersection of State Route (SR) 232/Columbia Road and Hereford Farm Road and would stretch 5.5 miles along Hereford Farm Road to end at SR 383/N. Belair Road. The project proposes the following changes to CR 102/Hereford Farm Road:

From SR 232 to Cox Road/Gibbs Road: Widening from two to four lanes with eleven-foot lane width, a twenty-foot raised median, a ten-foot shared use path on the right side from SR 232 to Innisbrook Drive, a ten-foot shared use path on the left side from Blanchard Road to Cox Road/Gibbs Road, and five-foot sidewalks on both sides everywhere except where a shared-use path is proposed. A six-foot landscape strip is proposed between the sidewalk/shared-use path and the back of curb on both sides.

From Cox Road/Gibbs Road to SR 383: Widening in select locations to accommodate left-turn lanes, five-foot sidewalks on both sides, and a six-foot landscaped strip between the sidewalk and the back of curb on both sides reducing to as little as two feet in certain locations with right-of-way/impact restrictions.

Project Location Map: See following page.

Project Location Map:



Project Location Map
PI #0012865, Columbia County

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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