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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed State Route (SR) 36 Connector, PI Number 0013779. 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 displays. 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, July 26, 2018** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at 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 36 Connector from Brownlee Rd to Covington St*;
- Lastly, click *Comment* 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. Hardcopies will also be available at the GDOT Area Office located at 101 Transportation Blvd, Thomaston, GA 30286, and Jackson City Hall located at 134 South Oak Street, Jackson, GA 30233. 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, Michael Hamilton, at 404-631-1780 or the environmental analyst, Amanda von Oldenburg, at 404-347-0337 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Eric Duff in blue ink, appearing as 'Eric Duff / KP'.

Eric Duff

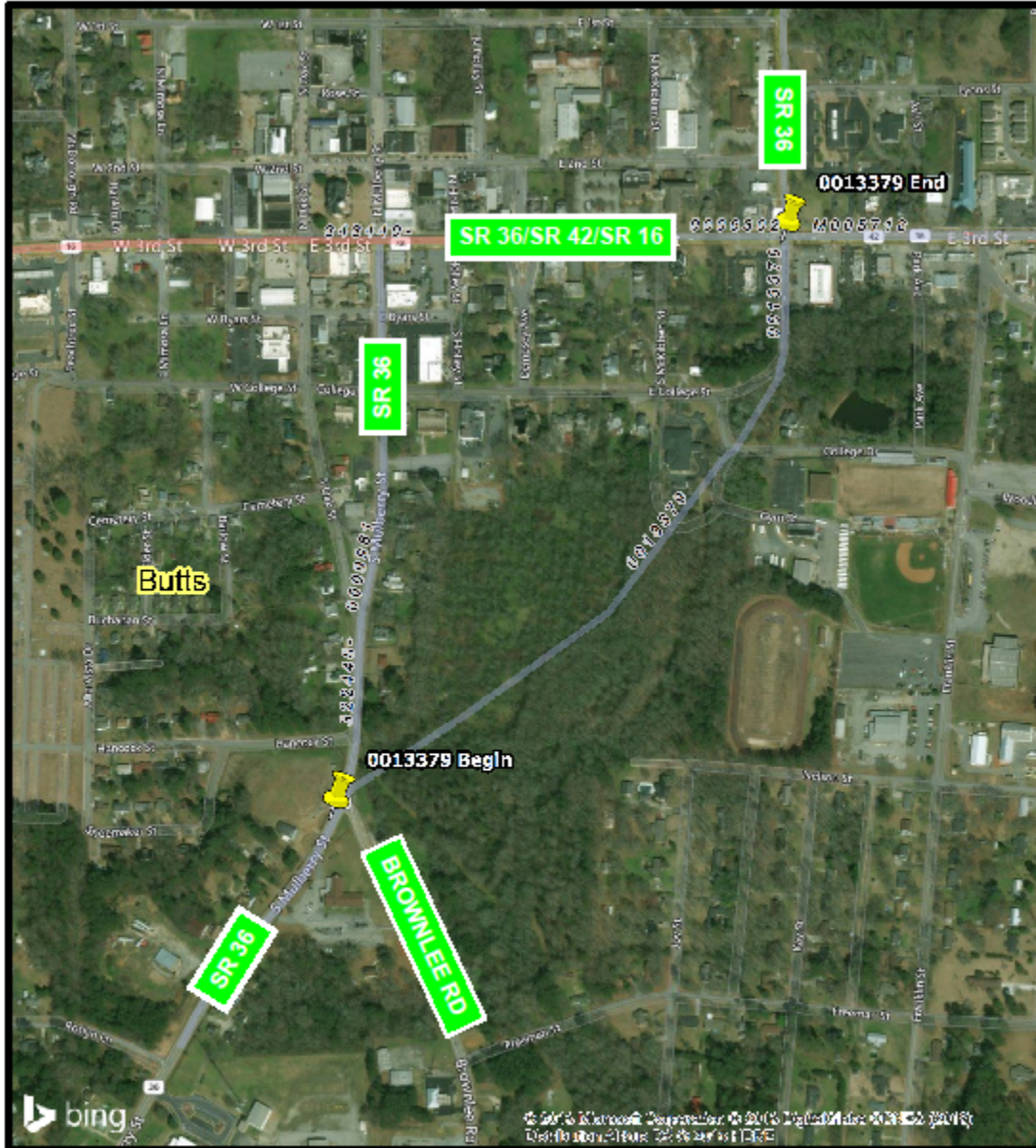
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation



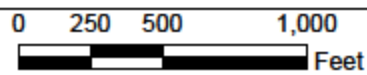
Why We Are Here: Presently, State Route (SR) 36 and SR 16 are major freight corridors through Butts County connecting to I-75, with the majority of truck traffic on these corridors running through the square in Jackson. The most critical location within Jackson is the southeast corner of the square where northbound traffic on SR 36 turns right onto 3rd Street/SR 16/SR 42/SR 36 and then turns left onto SR 36/City Street (CS) 525/Covington St. This causes an operational issue, due to three state routes converging and running concurrently as a three-lane road through Jackson. Heavy truck and freight volumes at these intersections cause additional operational issues, due to the tight turning radii for the trucks. Since space is so limited, trucks are unable to make right turns onto 3rd Street/SR 16/SR 42/SR 36 without waiting for a clear turning path, which increases congestion near the square.

The proposed project would correct the operational issues identified above and reduce congestion within the downtown square of Jackson, specifically at the intersections of 3rd Street/SR 16/SR 42/SR 36 and S. Mulberry St./SR 36. The proposed project would provide an alternate route between E. 3rd Street/SR 16 and S. Mulberry St. /SR 36. The proposed project would improve local access and support economic development in the city of Jackson.

Project Description: The proposed project would construct a 0.45-mile, two-lane connector on new alignment starting at the intersection of SR 36/South Mulberry Street and CR 296/Brownlee Road and ending at East College Street within the city limits of Jackson, Georgia. This new two-lane connector would terminate to the west at a newly constructed five-legged, single-lane, 205-foot radius roundabout that would be constructed at the intersection of Mulberry Street, CR 296/Brownlee Road, and Hancock Street. The newly constructed SR 36 Connector would terminate to the east at a newly constructed four-legged, single-lane, 150-foot radius roundabout that would be constructed at the intersection of SR 36 Connector, College Street, and College Drive. Additionally, a left turn lane is proposed at the intersection of College Street, 3rd Street /SR 16, and SR 36/Covington Street.



**Project Location
Map**



**P.I. #0013379
Butts County
Jackson, Ga
Op Improvement**





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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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