



March 22, 2018

Thank you for attending the Detour Open House for the proposed State Route (SR) 332 Bridge replacements at Walnut Creek and Walnut Creek overflow, PI Number 0013609. 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 location map, a map of 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 (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 Friday, April 06, 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 332 at Walnut Creek and Walnut Creek Overflow*;
 - 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 District 1, Area 2 Office located at 450 Old Hull Road, Athens, GA 30601. 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, Darrell Richardson, at 678-730-1448 or the environmental analyst, Jenna Osburn, at 404-347-0549 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

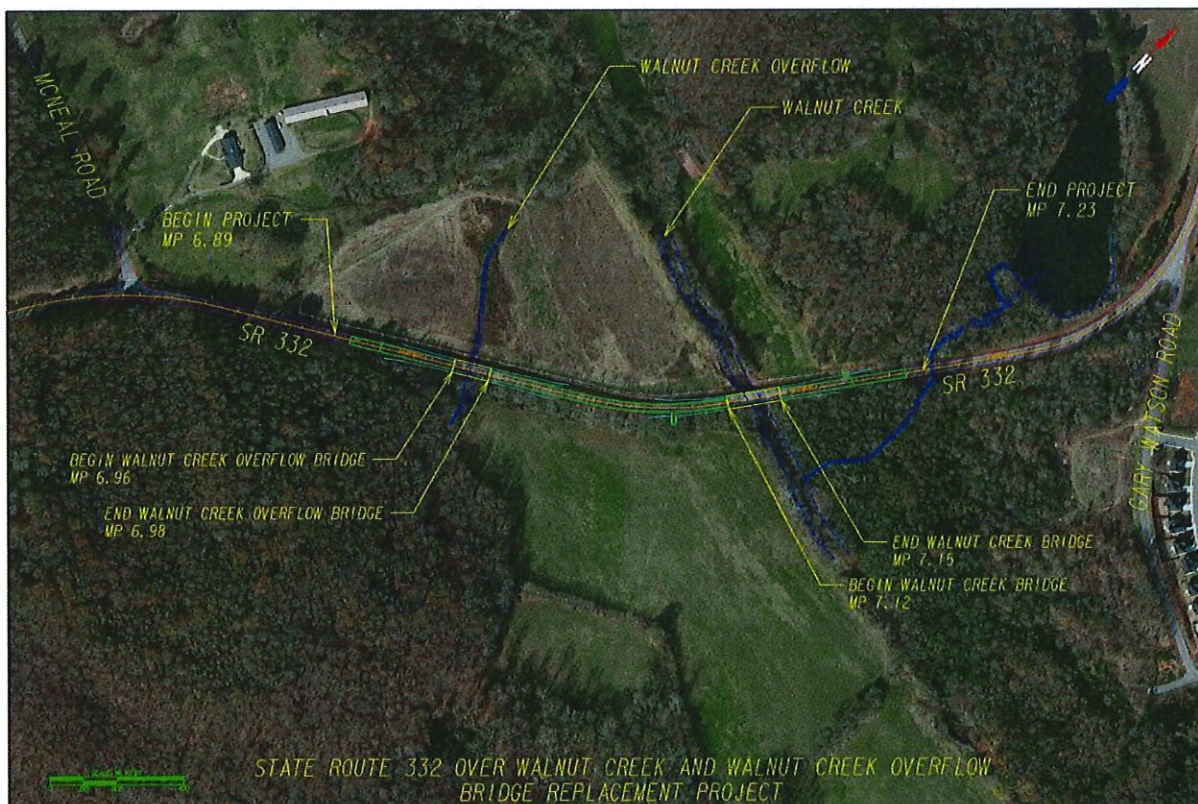
Why We Are Here: The project focuses on the replacement of two bridges on SR 332 in Jackson County that were constructed in 1960. Both structures are below the current design standards, due to structural integrity and unknown foundations. The proposed project includes a detour during the construction phase. The total length of the detour route would be approximately 13.17 miles.

SR 332 over Walnut Creek Overflow consists of three spans of reinforced concrete deck girders (RCDG) on concrete caps with steel piles. The overall condition of this bridge would be classified as fair and the deck is in satisfactory condition. The superstructure is in fair condition with deflection cracks in the beams and concrete spalling with exposed rebar. The substructure is in satisfactory condition with minor problems. This bridge is classified as having an unknown foundation, and therefore could be at risk for scour.

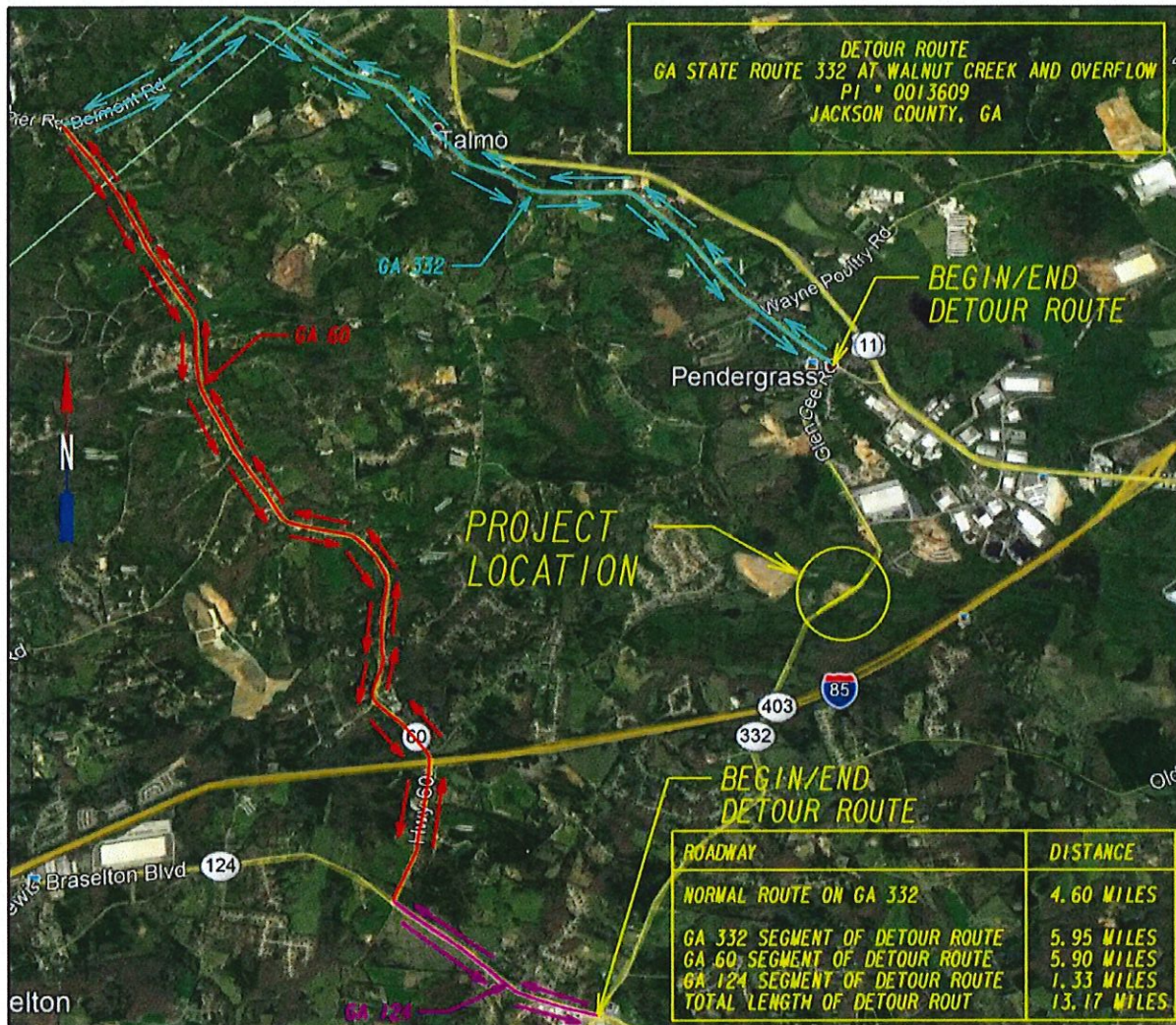
SR 332 over Walnut Creek consists of four spans of reinforced concrete deck girders (RCDG) on concrete caps with steel piles. The overall condition of this bridge would be classified as fair and the deck is in fair condition with moderate concrete cracking and spall repairs in numerous locations throughout the deck. The superstructure is in fair condition with hairline deflection cracks in the beams. The substructure is in fair condition with concrete cracking and spalling in the caps. This bridge is classified as having an unknown foundation, and therefore could be at risk for scour.

Project Description: The project proposes to replace two deficient bridges crossing Walnut Creek and Walnut Creek Overflow. The proposed roadway consists of two 12-foot lanes with 10-foot rural shoulders (4 feet paved and 6 feet grassed). Both proposed bridges would have two 12-foot lanes and 8-foot outside shoulders. The proposed project length is approximately 0.34 mile.

Project Layout:



Project Location Map and Detour Map:



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project and detour as presented? (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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