



May 29, 2018

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House and Detour Meeting for the proposed State Route 76/SR 333 @ CS 735/Bay Street & CSX #636942L in Quitman, Georgia, PI Number 0013714. 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 Tuesday, June 12, 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 *5/29/18-SR 76 at CS 735 Bridge Replacement*;
 - 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 4 Office located at 710 West 2nd St, Tifton, GA 31794-7510 or GDOT Area Office, 120 Veterans Parkway N, Moultrie, GA 31788. 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, Scott Mann, at 770-702-7033 or the environmental analyst, David Borchardt, at 404-631-1184 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eric Duff' with a circled 'B' next to the name.

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here:

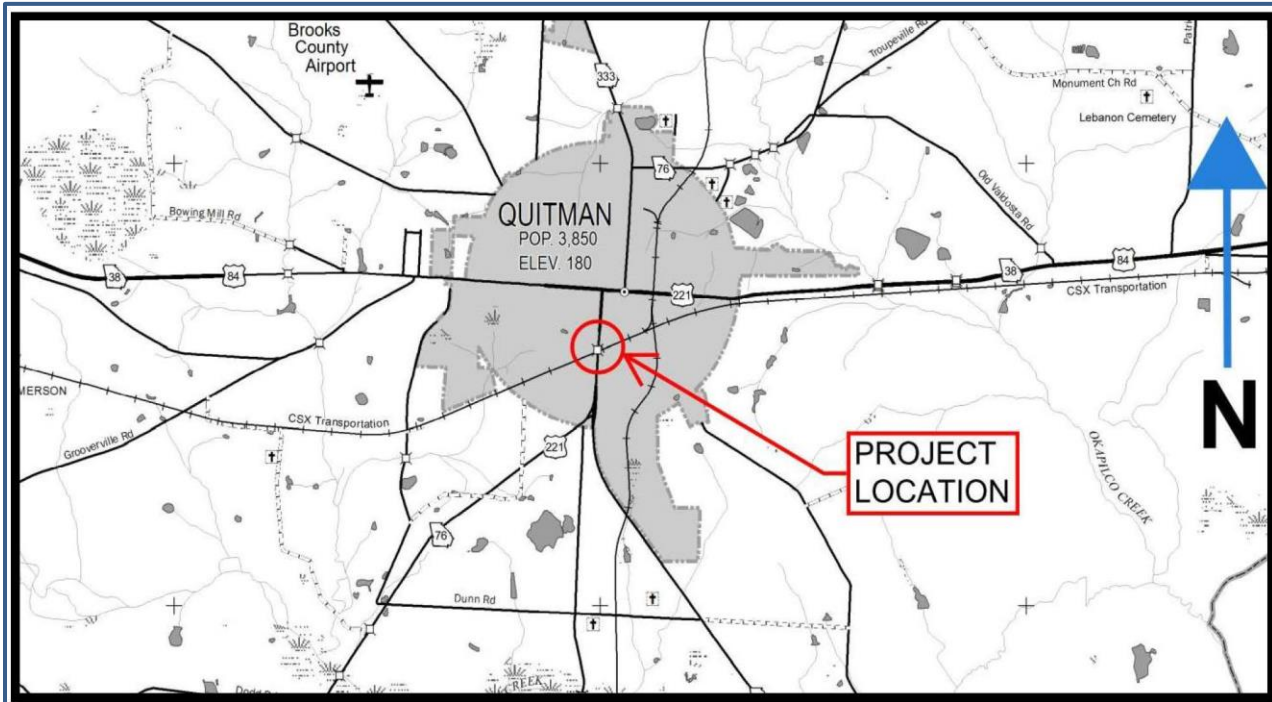
The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is proposing to replace the structurally deficient narrow 4-lane urban bridge along State Route (SR) 76/SR 333 (US 221) over two CSX Railroad tracks, Crawford Street, and a small body of water in Quitman, Georgia. The bridge, Structure ID 027-0003-0, was built in 1938. The bridge consists of six (6) spans of steel beams on concrete caps with concrete piles. This bridge was designed using an H-20 vehicle, which is below current design standards. This bridge is currently considered functionally obsolete due to its deck geometry. The overall condition of this bridge would be classified as fair. The deck is in fair condition with heavy cracking and minor spalling. The superstructure and substructure are in good condition. The bridge is being replaced due to the age of the structure, the structural integrity of the bridge pertaining to the design vehicle, and the functionally obsolete rating.

Project Description:

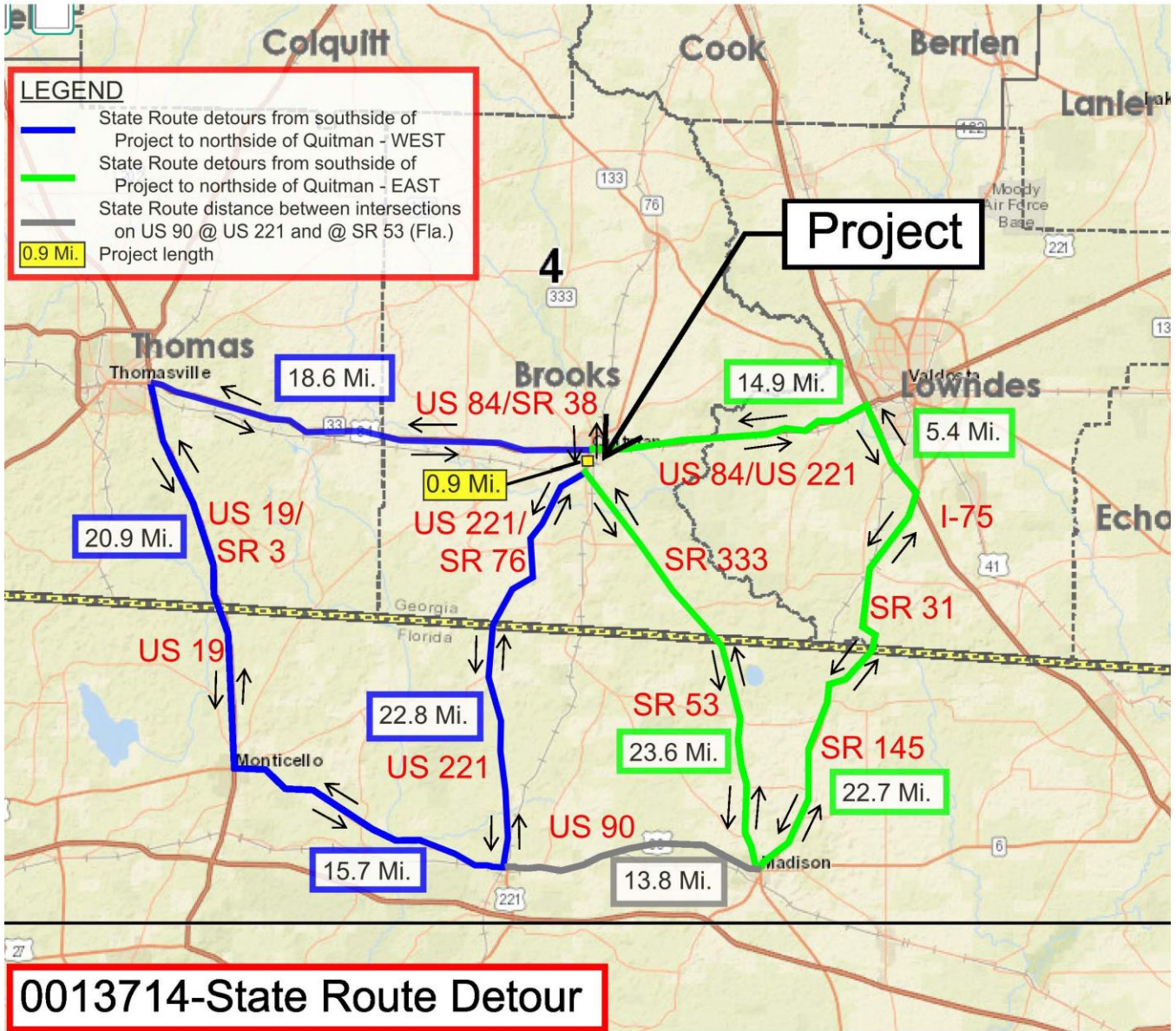
This bridge is located in downtown Quitman (Brooks County) along SR 76/SR 333 (US 221) and is locally known as South Court Street. It crosses over two CSX railroad tracks and Crawford Street and has a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour (mph). The bridge approach from the north side is separated from narrow parallel frontage roads on each side of the roadway by large retaining walls. The existing bridge structure does not meet current minimum vertical and horizontal clearances to the CSX railroad tracks. The existing roadway is comprised of four variable 10-foot to 12-foot lanes, variable no median to 9-foot median, and urban shoulders with sidewalks at the back of the curb and flaring up to 20-foot from back of curb. The existing bridge is 258-foot by 52.3-foot.

The new bridge and walls would have four 12-foot lanes, 4-foot raised median, 2-foot gutter, and 5.5-foot sidewalk. The approaching roadway would have four 12-foot lanes, variable 4-foot to 12-foot flush median, 2.5-foot curb/gutter and 5-foot sidewalk. The total length of the project is approximately 2,000 linear feet. SR 76/SR 333 (US 221) will be closed for approximately nine months to construct the new bridge at the same location and traffic will use designated offsite detours. West Crawford Street will also have intermittent closures.

Project Location Map and Detour Map:



Project Location Map
PI 0013714
STATE ROUTE 76/SR 333 @ CS 735/BAY
STREET & CSX #636942L IN QUITMAN



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) **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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