



June 26, 2018

Thank you for attending the Detour Open House for the proposed replacement of the bridge carrying SR 82 over the Middle Oconee River, PI Number 0013819. 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, July 10, 2018** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at [www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach](http://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 82 @ Middle Oconee River*;
  - 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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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, Jeff Henry, at 404-663-8649 or the environmental analyst, David Borchardt, at 404-631-1184 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

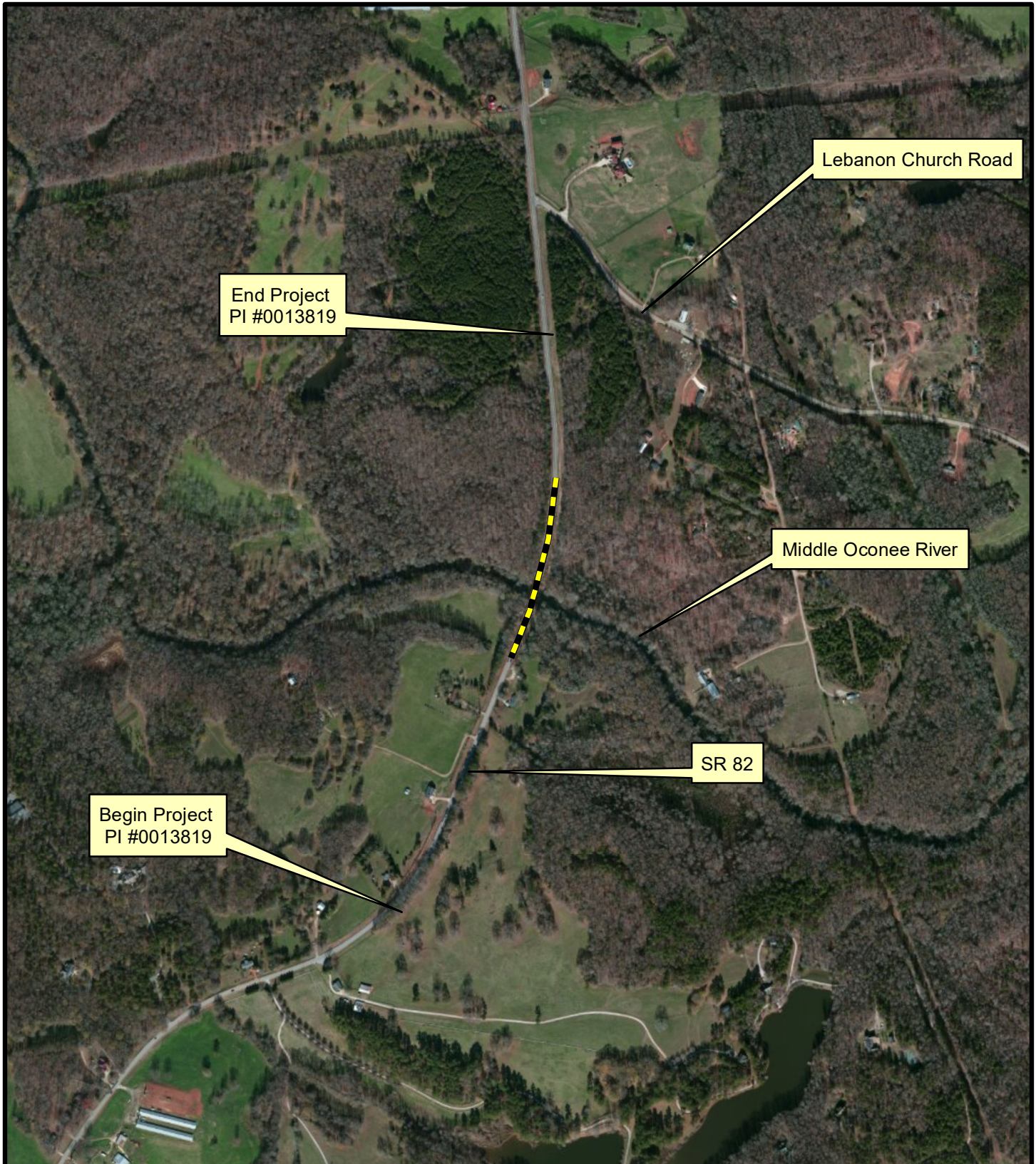
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Duff" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric Duff  
State Environmental Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation

**Why We Are Here:** The bridge on SR 82 over Middle Oconee River, Structure ID 013-0010-0, was built in 1967. The design of the bridge does not meet current standards, and the structure is therefore posted for weight restrictions. The overall condition of this bridge would be classified as fair. The deck is in fair condition with moderate cracking, heavy scaling, and spalls with exposed rebar. The superstructure is in fair condition with corrosion on the steel beams and moderate deflection in all spans. The substructure is in satisfactory condition with cracking and spalling in the abutment caps and minor rust building on the steel piles. The bridge foundation could be at risk for scour due to the foundation substructure. The proposed project would replace the bridge due to the condition of the existing bridge and in order to meet current design standards.

**Project Description:** The proposed project would replace the existing bridge carrying SR 82 over the Middle Oconee River. The existing 252-foot bridge consists of two 11-foot lanes with 2-foot shoulders. The proposed bridge would be 320 feet long and would include two 12-foot travel lanes with 8-foot shoulders. SR 82 has an existing typical section of two 11-foot travel lanes with 4-foot paved shoulders, and this typical section would be modified to two 12-foot travel lanes with 10-foot shoulders (6.5-foot paved) as the roadway approaches the bridge. The existing right-of-way (ROW) of SR 82 is 70 feet and the proposed ROW would vary between 80 and 110 feet. The bridge would be replaced at its existing location, and traffic would be maintained during construction via an off-site detour. The proposed detour route would require motorists on SR 82 to drive approximately 7.8 miles to travel from the intersection of SR 330 to the intersection of SR 15.

Project Location Map:



PI #0013819  
SR 82 @ Middle Oconee River  
5 mi NE of Statham  
Barrow and Jackson Counties, Georgia



**Legend**

 Project Location

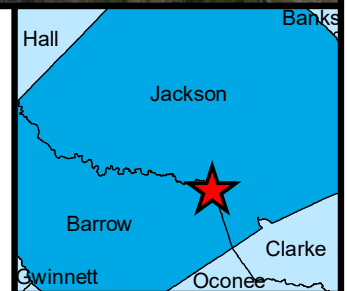
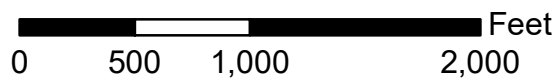
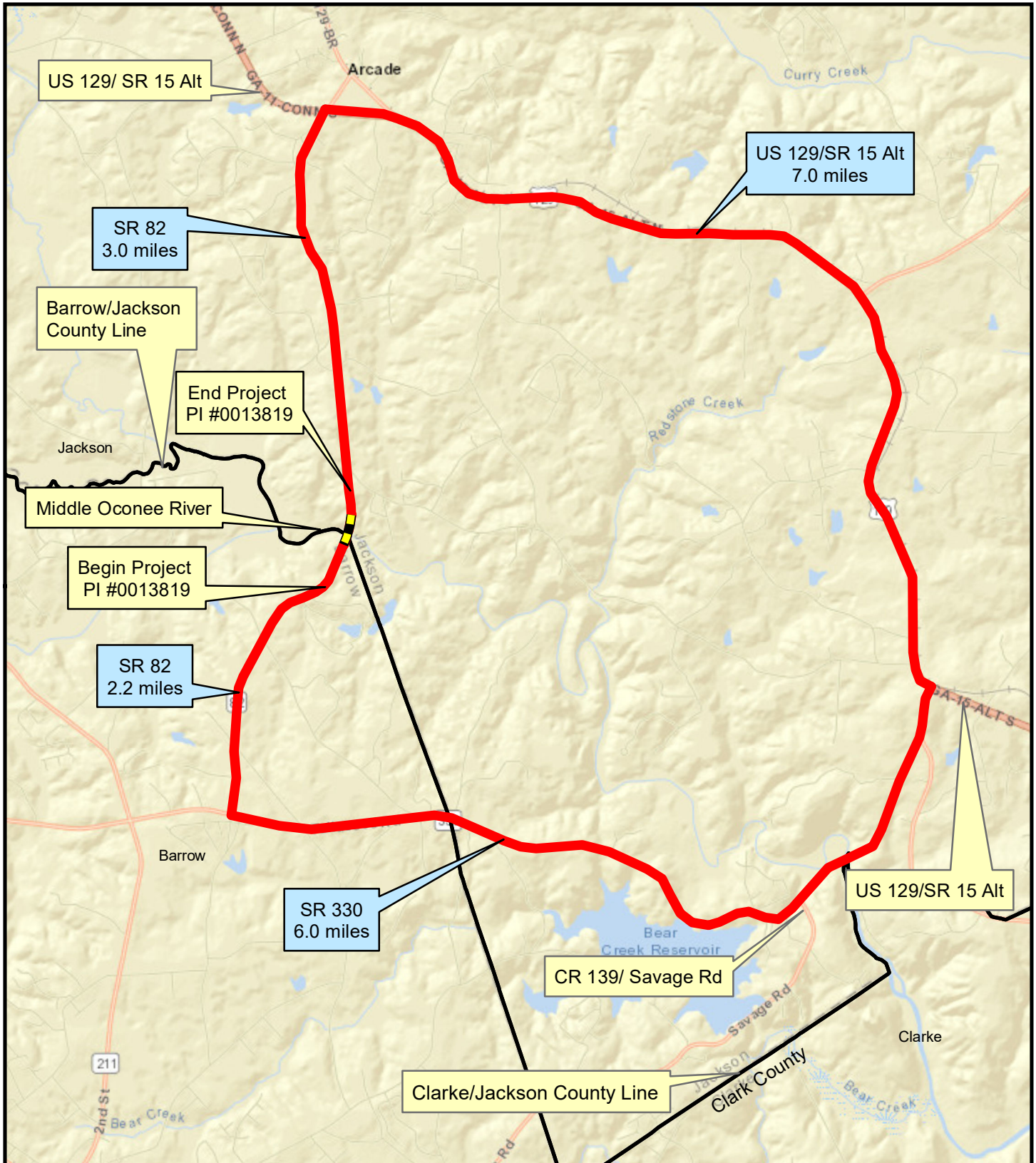


Figure 1: Project Location Map

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**Detour Map:**



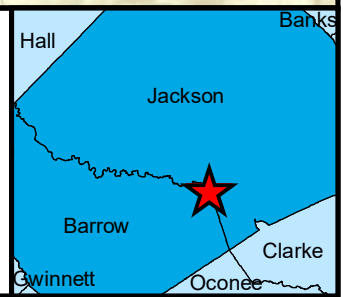
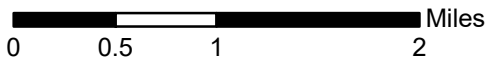
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Figure 2: Detour Location Map



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- Project Location
- Detour Location



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### Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

- For**
- Against**
- Conditional**
- Uncommitted**

General Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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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.

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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:

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Mail to:  
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