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Thank you for attending the Detour Open House for the proposed replacement of the existing bridge carrying State Route (SR) 198 over Interstate 85(I-85), PI Number 0014074. 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 October 9, 2018 by using any of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 1. From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Go*;
 2. Then select *9/25/2018 0014074 SR 198 Bridge Replacement at I-85*;
 3. 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 3 Office located at 301 Conger Rd, Carnesville, GA 30521 and at the District 1 Office located at 1475 Jesse Jewell Pkwy NE, Suite 100, Gainesville, GA 30501. 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, Derrick Cameron, at 404-631-1552 or the environmental analyst, Liza Wygand, 404-631-1255.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eric Duff' with a circled 'D' at the end.

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here:

The bridge on State Route (SR) 198 over Interstate 85 (I-85), Structure ID 119-0024-0, was built in 1962, and does not meet current design standards. A structural analysis indicates that there is no reserve carrying capacity in the substructure of the bridge. The existing bridge was designed using an H-15 vehicle, which is below current design standards. In addition, the bridge has a low vertical clearance of 16 feet and 3 inches. The proposed project would replace the existing bridge with a new bridge that meets current American Association of State Highway Transportation (AASHTO) specifications with regard to lane width, shoulder width, live load capacity and crash worthy railing system.

Project Description:

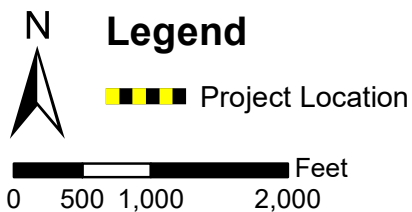
The proposed project would consist of the replacement of the bridge carrying SR 198 over I-85 in Franklin County, Georgia (see Figure 1: Project Location Map). The bridge is located approximately 3 miles southwest of Carnesville, Georgia. The proposed bridge deck would include two 12-foot wide lanes with 6-foot shoulders and concrete barriers. The proposed roadway approaches would include two 12-foot lanes with 8-foot rural shoulders (four feet paved). The total length of the project is approximately 0.19 mile. An offsite detour would be required to construct the new bridge. The offsite detour would require the public travelling from Carnesville to Banks County to travel southwest on SR 59, west on SR 51, and north on SR 63. The off-site detour is anticipated for the duration of the construction period, approximately 18 months. See Figure 2 for a depiction of the detour.

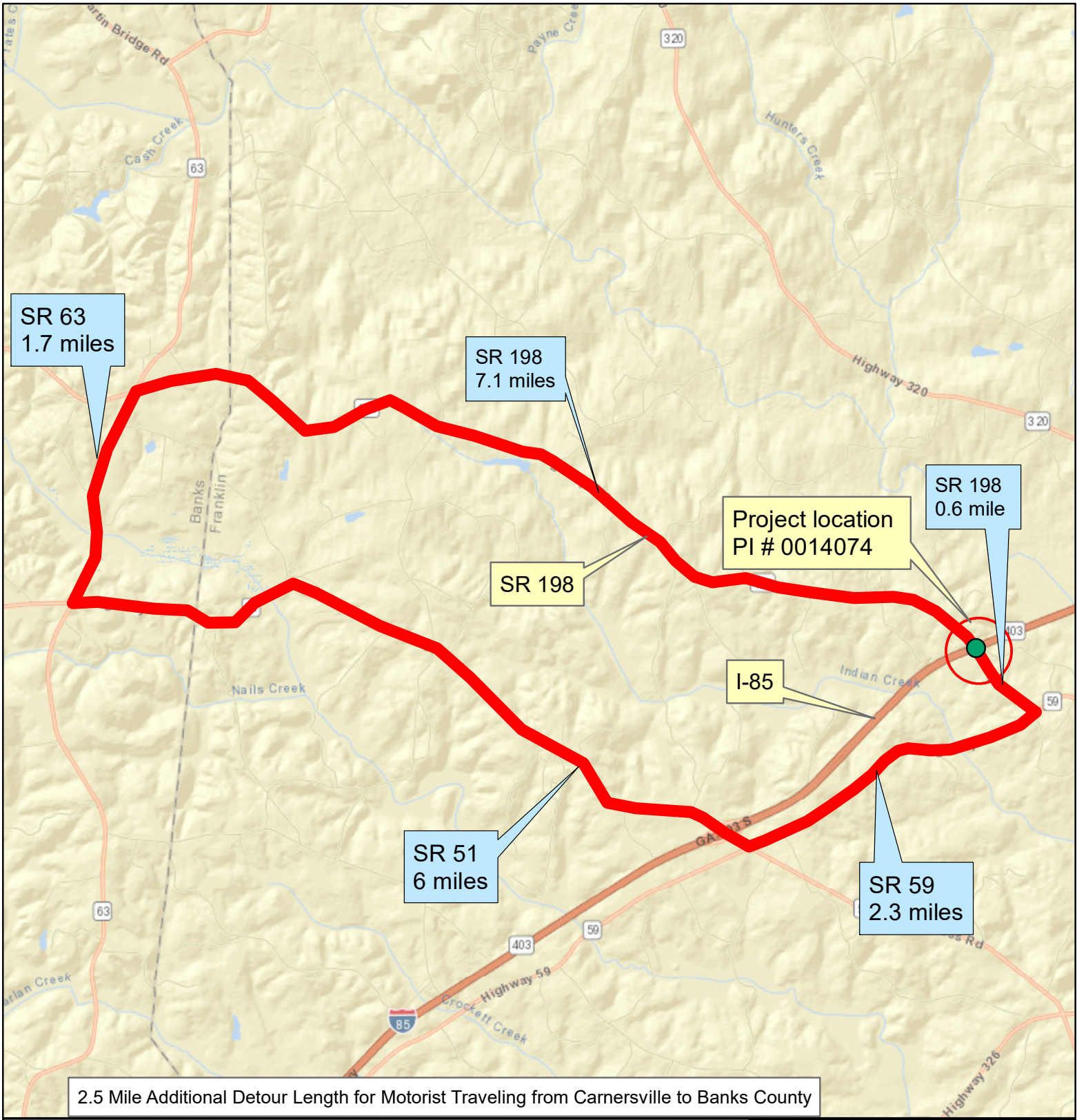


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PI No. 0014074
 I-85 at SR 198 3mi SW of Carnesville
 Franklin County, Georgia

Figure 1. Project Location Map





2.5 Mile Additional Detour Length for Motorist Traveling from Carnersville to Banks County

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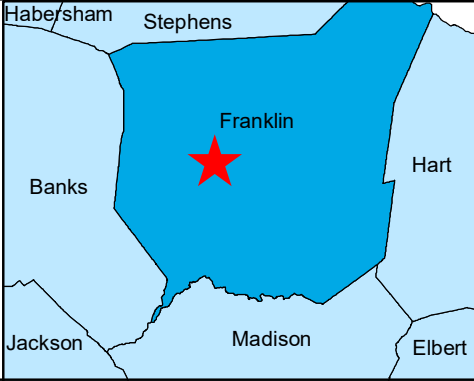
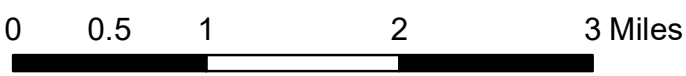
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Figure 2. Detour Location Map



Legend

- Project_Location_Point
- Detour_Route



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:

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