



BARTOW COUNTY

Steve Taylor, Sole Commissioner

February 19, 2019

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed Cass-White Road Improvements, PI Number 0015145. 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 display. Bartow County and their representatives will be wearing nametags and will be available to discuss the project and answer your questions. There will be no formal presentation.

Your comments are important to us so we hope you will take this opportunity to share your comments and/or concerns about the project. Listed below are several options on which to provide us your comments or questions on the project. 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.

You can also provide your comments today by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box before leaving, or you may choose to provide your verbal comments to the court reporter who will transcribe them for you.

You can also provide your comments by **Tuesday, March 5, 2019** 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 *PI 0015145 Cass-White Road*;
 3. Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Tom Sills, AICP, Cartersville-Bartow MPO, 135 W. Cherokee Avenue, Cartersville, GA 30120.

The project displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after today's open house at the above referenced website. Hardcopies will also be available at the GDOT Area 1 Office located at 874 Peoples Valley Road, NW, Cartersville, GA 30120 and at the Bartow County Courthouse (Frank Moore Administration Building), Community Development Department, Suite 124, 135 West Cherokee Avenue, Cartersville, GA 30120. Following the ten-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the 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 Georgia Department of Transportation's project manager, Justin Banks at 404-631-1153, the design engineer, Mark Hanson with Clark-Patterson Lee at 678-318-1061 or the environmental analyst, Heather Edwards at 678-932-2247 with Edwards-Pitman Environmental.

Sincerely,

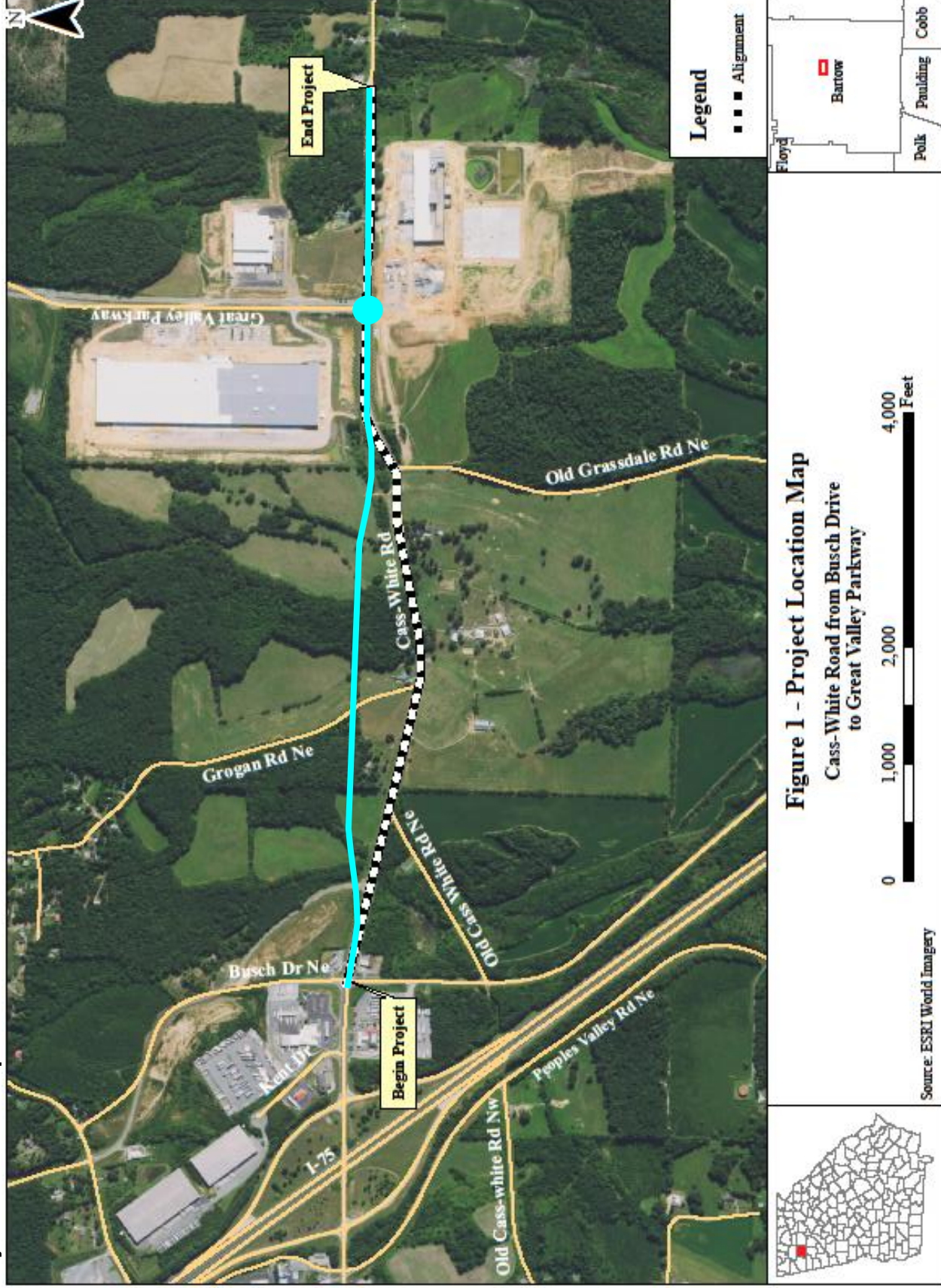
STEVE TAYLOR

Bartow County Commissioner

Why We Are Here: Cass-White Road is a two-lane, rural roadway with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour (mph). The proposed project is needed to improve safety and accommodate the additional projected traffic as the corridor develops into an industrial center for the community. Over the past four years, the Cass-White Road corridor between I-75/Busch Drive and Great Valley Parkway/Highland 75 Industrial Park has seen over \$2 billion in industrial development. The ease of access to I-75 and US 411, along with the availability of land and up-to-date utilities, has led to the permitting and construction of 3,134,980 square feet of industrial and warehouse development along this corridor. There are several trucking-related facilities on the corridor, including Gateway Warehouse & Transportation, Travel American and Pilot truck stops, Beauflor USA, LLC, and companies in the industrial park (Voestalpine Automotive, Constellium Automotive, and Surya). Along the mainline, up to 34 percent of traffic is truck traffic at the Pilot truck stop, and truck traffic makes up approximately 18.5 percent of traffic at the entrance to the industrial park. On the side streets, truck traffic makes up approximately 48 percent of traffic on the on- and off-ramps at the I-75 interchange, and approximately 18 to 23 percent of traffic on Great Valley Parkway and Old Cass-White Road. The increase in employee-related traffic is expected to peak at 1,700 vehicles per day, and freight truck traffic is expected to peak at 300 per day with current permits.

Project Description: The Cass-White Road Phase II Improvements project proposes to widen Cass-White Road from Busch Drive to approximately 250 feet east of the Great Valley Parkway/Highland 75 Industrial Park for a distance of approximately 1.3 miles. The existing right-of-way (ROW) varies from 80 to 175 feet. The proposed typical section of Cass-White Road would consist of two 12-foot wide travel lanes and one 4-foot wide bike lane in each direction separated by a 20-foot wide raised median. The outside shoulders would be 16-foot wide urban shoulders, including a 30-inch wide concrete curb and gutter and 5-foot wide sidewalk separated by a 6-foot wide grass strip. The proposed ROW would be approximately 200 feet. Improvements would be implemented at selected intersections along the project corridor to eliminate left turn movements and reduce the number of possible collision points. The project also proposes to realign Cass-White Road on new location approximately 600 feet north of the existing roadway.

Project Location Map:



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? Choose an item (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 personnel? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Please share your suggestions on improving the way we conduct Open Houses:

Mail to:
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Cartersville-Bartow MPO Transportation Planner
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Cartersville, GA 30120