



August 20, 2009

Thank you for attending the public information open house for EDS00-0441-00(028), P.I. No. 122090, the proposed widening and reconstruction of SR 15/US 441 in Rabun County from the Northern Clayton City Limits to the North Carolina State Line. In this handout package you will find a project description, location map and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Department of Transportation (DOT) representatives, who can be identified by the nametags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with a DOT representative. There will be no formal presentation.

A court reporter will be available for those persons who would like to make a verbal statement about the project. You may also complete a comment card and deposit it into the box provided here or send in written comments about the project until September 3, 2009. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environment/Location Engineer, Georgia Department of Transportation, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30336-1593. Comments can also be made via the web at www.dot.ga.gov. Click on **Public Outreach** from the **Information Center** dropdown menu at the top right side of the page. Using the drop down box, scroll to select **Rabun County** and then click Go. Scroll down and click on **US 441/SR 15 Improvements**. All comments will be made a part of the project record. We hope you will take advantage of one of these opportunities to let the Department know your view of the proposal.

The displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after the public information open house at the Georgia Department of Transportation District 1 Office in Gainesville located at 2505 Athens Hwy SE, Gainesville, GA 30503 and at the District 1 Area 2 Office in Clarkesville located at 4304 Toccoa Highway, Clarkesville, GA 30523. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at the District 1 Office and at the Office of Environment/Location, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, GA 30336-1593, as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public information open house and for giving us your comments. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager Hiral Patel at (706) 601-1849 or Alexis John at (404) 699-4409 of the Office of Environment/Location.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bobby Hilliard".

Bobby Hilliard, P.E.
State Program Delivery Engineer

BKH/mh/hp

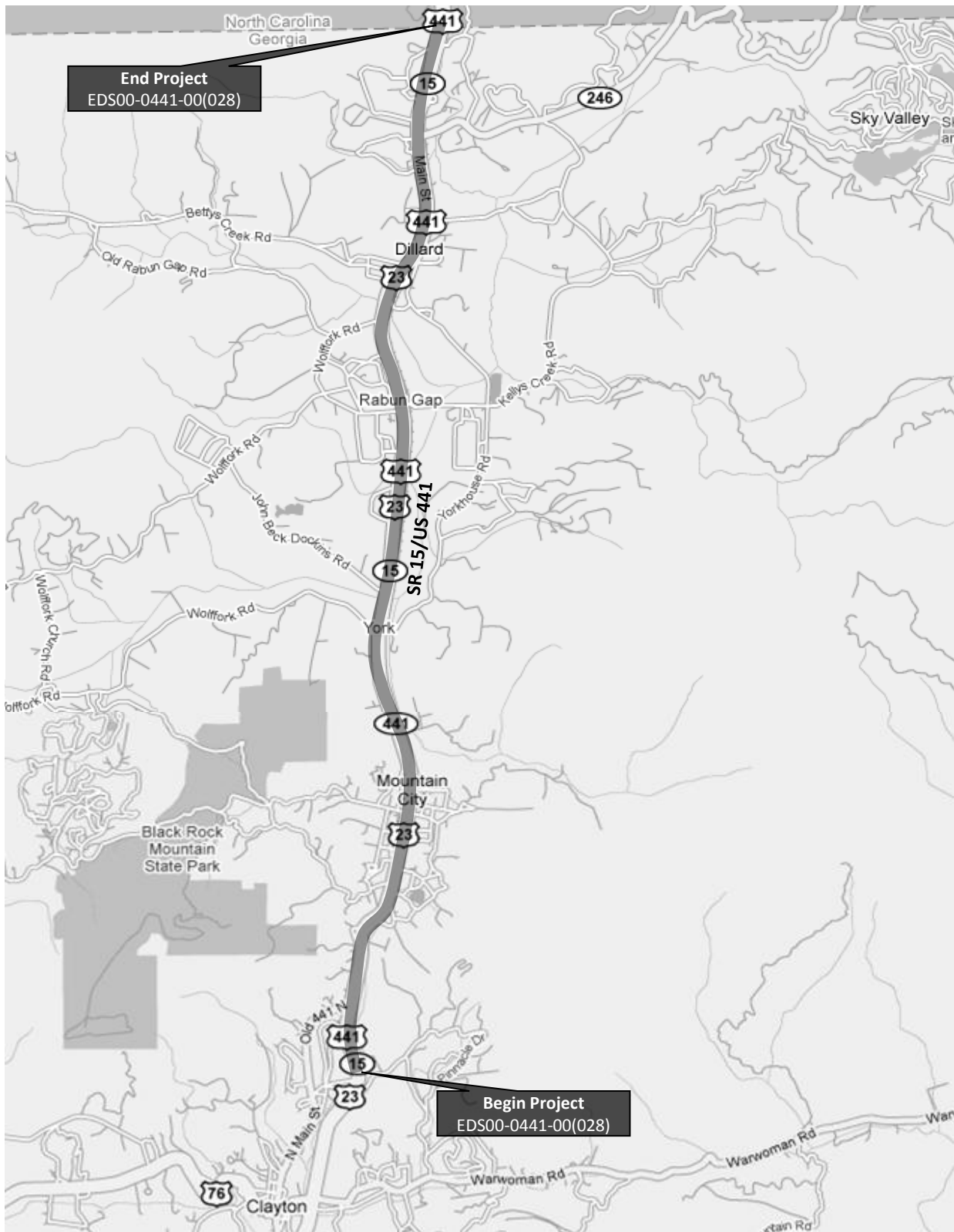
Attachments

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Project EDS00-0441-00(028), P.I., No. 122090, Rabun County, would widen and reconstruct State Route (SR) 15/US 441 from the Northern Clayton City Limits to the North Carolina State Line. The proposed project would be approximately 7.5 miles in length.

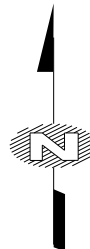
The proposed construction would widen SR 15/US 441 to four lanes, two lanes in each direction. The proposed roadway widening and typical section would vary with adjustments necessary to minimize impacts to historical, residential, and commercial properties along the route. A 20-foot raised median would be constructed along the proposed corridor, with the exception of the portion within Dillard, which would be separated by a 6-foot raised median. The proposed improvements include widening the existing bridge over Little Tennessee River and constructing a new bridge over Betty Creek. The design speed would be 45 miles per hour (mph) throughout the project. Right-of-way requirements for the proposed project would be variable ranging from 86 feet to 450 feet.

Due to projected growth and increase in traffic in the communities along the SR 15/US 441 corridor it is expected that capacity and traffic flow will be at undesirable levels by the design year of 2033. As the capacity increases and the traffic flow approaches a standstill, crash rates are expected to increase and operations will decline. The widening of SR 15/US 441 to four lanes will provide additional capacity to accommodate the future growth and will improve safety and operations along the corridor by providing protected opportunities for travelers to enter and exit the roadway.



Project Location Map

Not to Scale



SR 15/US 441
 Widening & Reconstruction
 from the Northern Clayton City
 Limits to the North Carolina
 State Line

Project No.
 EDS00-0441-00(028)
 P.I. #: 122090

Georgia Department of Transportation

Public Information Open House Comment Card

Project EDS00-0441-00(028), Rabun County, P.I. No. 122090

August 20, 2009

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? *For* *Against* *Conditional* *Uncommitted*

Comments _____

How did you hear about this meeting? *Radio* *Newspaper* *Signs* *Word of Mouth*
 Other _____

Was the location of the meeting 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 the DOT personnel? *Yes* *No*

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

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings.

Mail To:

*Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental/Location Engineer
Georgia Department of Transportation
3993 Aviation Circle
Atlanta, GA 30336-1593*