



February 21, 2017

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed widening and reconstruction of State Route (SR) 11 from SR 515/US 76 to SR 325/Nottely Dam Road/Ivylog Road, PI Number 122200, commonly referred to as the Widening of SR 11/Murphy Hwy Blue Ridge St to Nottely Dam Rd.. 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. Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) 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 Georgia DOT 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, March 07, 2017** 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 *Widening SR11/Murphy Hwy*;
 - Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Scan QR code to the right with your smart phone's QR reader
- Online at: <https://goo.gl/khHC9s>
- 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 Georgia DOT District 1 Office located at 2505 Athens Highway SE, Gainesville, GA 30507; the Area Office located at 942 Albert Reid Road, Cleveland, GA 30528; and the Union County Commissioner's Office located at 65 Courthouse Street, Blairsville, GA 30512. 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, Achor Njoku, at 404-631-1550 or the environmental analyst, Elliott Robertson, at 404-631-1190 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,


Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here:

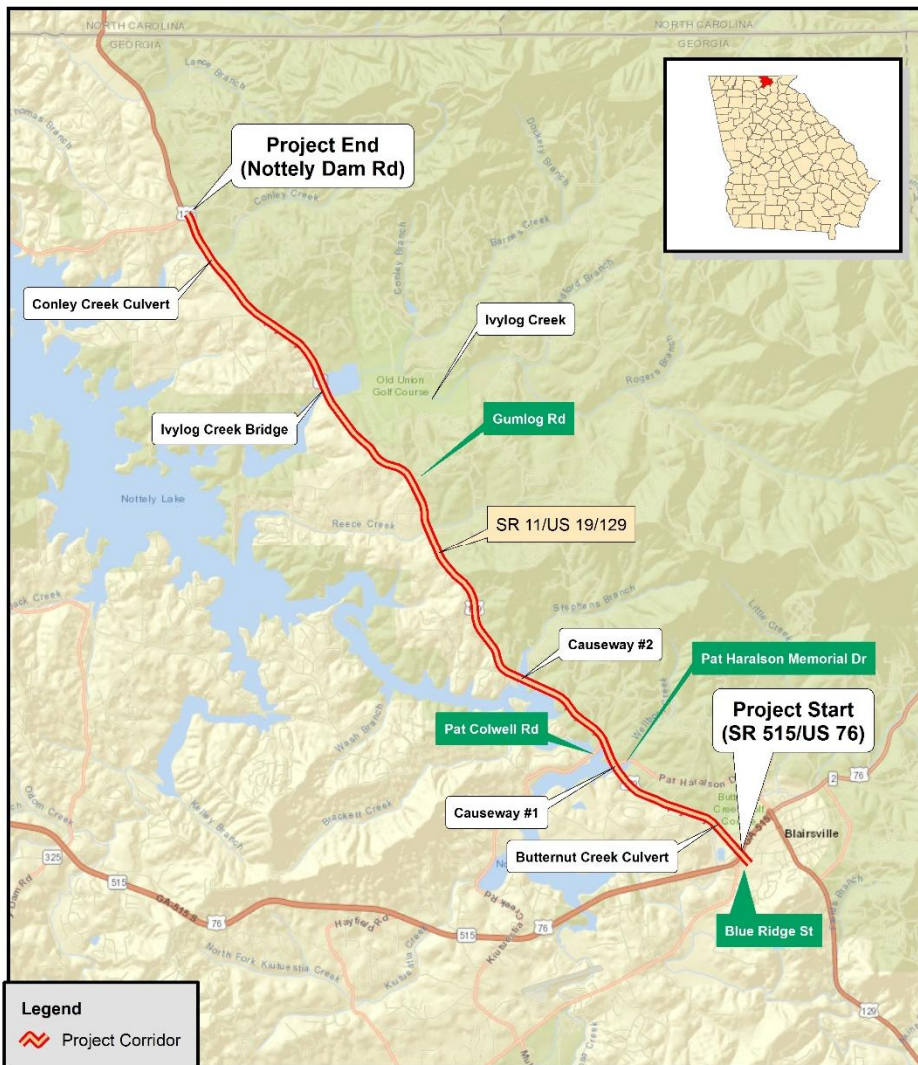
A transportation need has been identified within this corridor to relieve congestion and improve safety. The proposed project would address these needs by adding through lanes, turn lanes, medians, intersection controls, access control, improving roadway geometry and sight distance, and upgrading the facility to current design standards.

Project Description:

The proposed project would widen the existing two and three-lane roadway to a four-lane facility with either a flush or grassed median. A variable typical section is proposed in order to avoid or minimize impacts to identified resources and would generally follow the existing roadway alignment with some minor new location to straighten out some sharp curvature. The proposed roadway would have 12-ft deceleration turn lanes for right turns at selected locations. Median openings will also be provided at selected locations. Intersections would be improved to include additional lanes on side street approaches and turning lanes where warranted.

Roundabouts are being considered as an alternative to signalized intersection at 5 locations (Blue Ridge Street, Pat Haralson Memorial Drive, Pat Colwell Rd, Gumlog Rd, and Ivylog Rd). For additional information, background, instructional videos, training, links, and frequently asked questions (FAQs) about roundabouts, please visit the GDOT website at: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/Roundabouts>.

The proposed speed limit varies between 45 and 55 miles per hour. The existing right-of-way (ROW) varies from 80 to 130 feet. Proposed ROW varies between approximately 120 and 300 feet. The project includes crossing two causeways and a bridge over the impoundment areas of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)-operated Nottely Lake.



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Do you support the project to improve SR 11 from SR 515/US 76 to SR 325/Nottely Dam Road/Ivylog Road? (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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