



March 24, 2011

Thank you for attending the public information open house for EDS00-0545-00(040), BRN00-0014-01(073), BRN00-0014-01(074), P.I. No. 222250, 227815, 227816, the proposed widening and reconstruction of US 78/SR 17/SR 10 from SR 43 to CR 6/Smith Mill Road AND EDS00-0545-00(053), P.I. 222255, the proposed widening and reconstruction SR 17/SR 10 from CR 6/Smith Mill Road to the Washington Bypass. 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 projects. 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 April 7, 2011. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental Administrator, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. 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. 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, Area 2 Louisville Office located at 2971 US Highway 1 North, Louisville, Georgia 30434. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at this same location and at the Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Environmental Services, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30308, 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 Brandon Kirby at (678) 343-0816 or Philip Alimia at (404) 631-1353 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobby Hilliard".

Bobby Hilliard, P.E.
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Attachments

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

222250, 227815, 227816

The proposed Project EDS00-0545-00(040), P.I. No. 222250-, McDuffie County, would widen and reconstruct SR 17/SR 10/US 78 from SR 43/Lincolnton Highway Connector to a point 0.30 miles east of CR 6/Smith Mill Road which is the south terminus of Project EDS00-0545-00(053). The proposed project would be approximately 6.74 miles in length.

The proposed construction would widen SR 17/SR 10/US 78 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 44-foot depressed grass median would be constructed along the proposed corridor, with the exception of the portion at the southern end of the project tying to the existing 5 lane section. The proposed widening would also include the addition of bicycle lanes as part of the CSRA bike plan. The proposed improvements would include replacement of the existing bridges over Big Creek and Hart Creek. The design speed would be 65 miles per hour (mph) throughout the project. Right of way requirements for the proposed project would be variable ranging from 200 to 250 feet.

The SR 17/SR 10/US 78 improvements are part of the Governor's Road Improvement Program (G.R.I.P.) and involve the multi-laning of this primary north-south corridor in east Georgia, serving as a catalyst for the development of this region. The improvements will aid in the economic development of sparsely populated rural areas and small towns along this route. Traffic carrying capacity will be increased and safety and operational characteristics along this segment will be improved.

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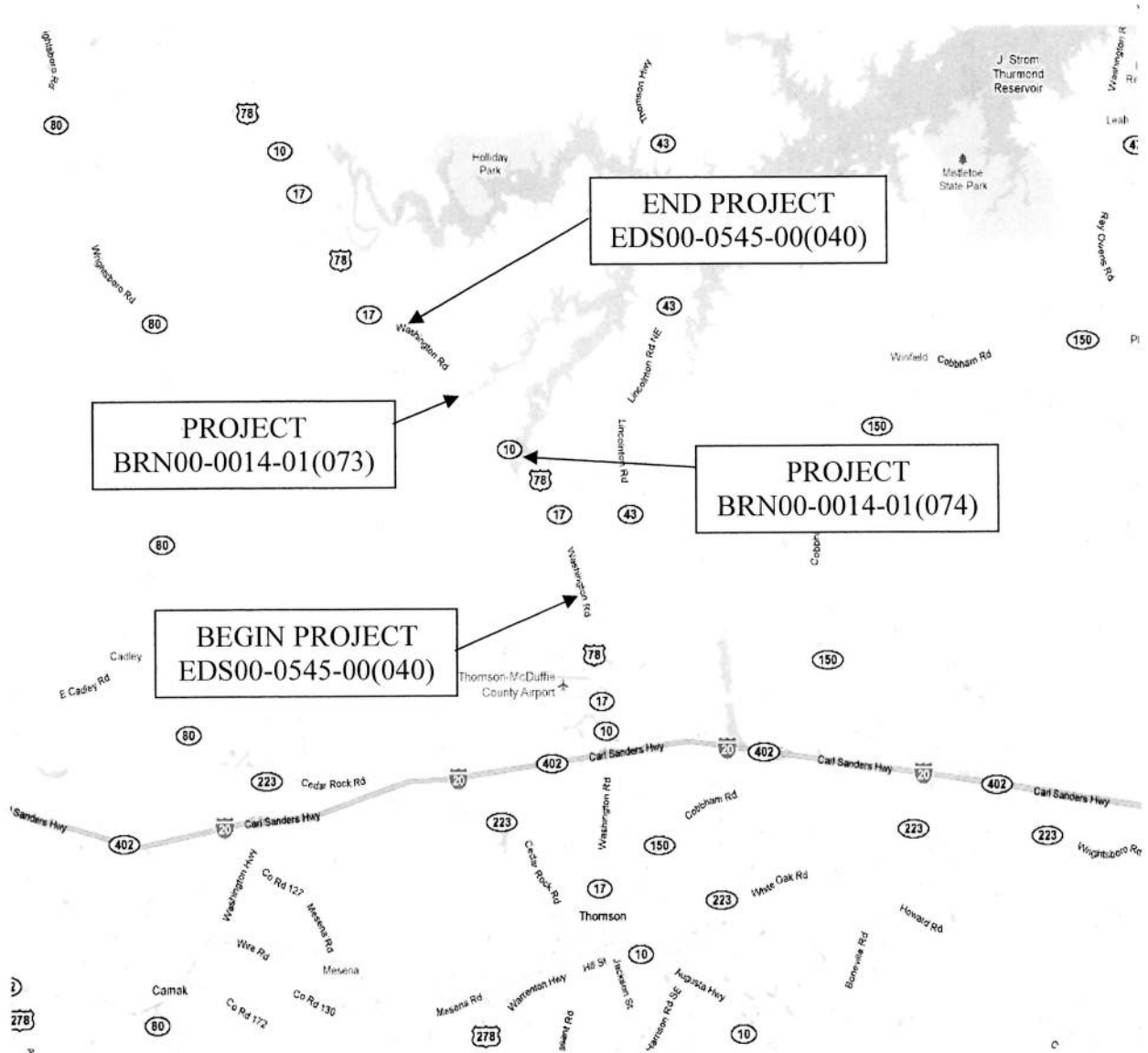
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The proposed Project EDS00-0545-00 (053) would widen SR 17/SR 10/US 78 and shift to new alignment on new location from CR 6/Smith Mill Road to the southern end of the Washington Bypass for a distance of approximately 9.64 miles.

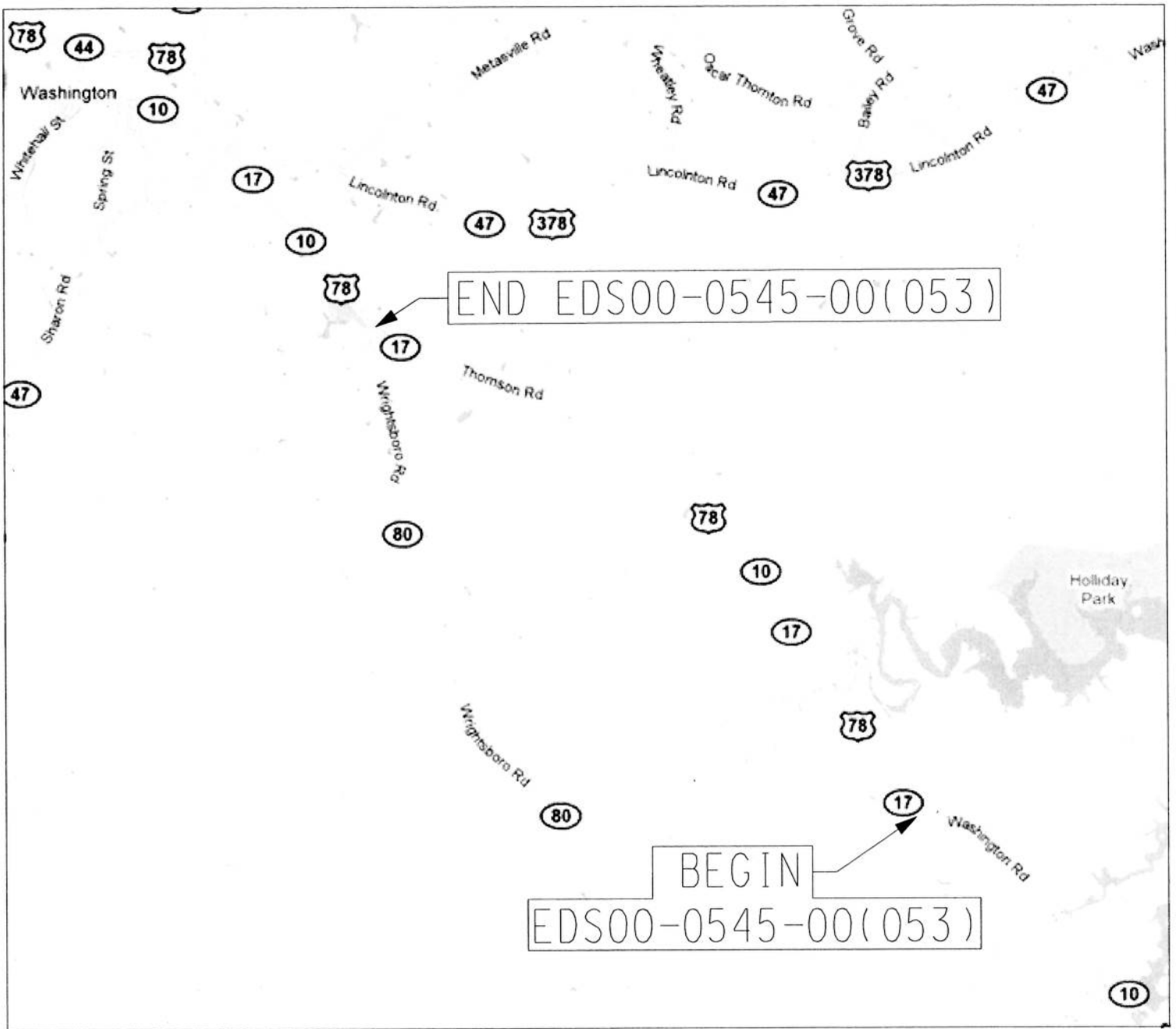
The widening would begin to the western side of SR 17/SR 10/US 78, using a typical section of four 12-ft lanes with a 44-ft grassed median, from CR 6/Smith Mill Road to a point approximately 1.7 miles north of Little River. There, the widening would shift back to the northeastern side until a point 0.21 miles south of CR 197. The widening would continue on new location to the northwest of Aonia, using a four 12-ft lane section with a 44-ft grassed median for approximately 1.0 mile, crossing back over SR 17/SR 10/US 78 north of SR 198 and continuing on new location to the north of SR 17 to a point just south of SR 80. At this point, SR 17/SR 10/US 78 will be widening on the west side with a 14-ft flush median and extend to the Washington Bypass. The proposed widening would also include the addition of bicycle lanes as part of the CSRA bike plan. Two new 450-ft x 38-ft bridges will be constructed over Little River. Required R/W varies from 150-ft to 250-ft. The speed design is 65 mph.

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FOR
PROJECTS EDS00-0545-00(040); BRN00-0014-01(073); BRN00-0014-01(074)
P.I. NO. 222250; 227815; 227816
McDUFFIE COUNTY**



**LOCATION MAP
(NOT TO SCALE)**



LOCATION SKETCH
PROJECT NO. EDS00-0545-00(053)
P. I. NO. 222255
MCDUFFIE/WILKES COUNTY

Georgia Department of Transportation

Public Information Open House Comment Card

Project EDS00-0545-00(040), BRN00-0014-01(073), BRN00-0014-01(074), McDuffie County, P.I. No. 222250, 227815, 227816 AND EDS00-0545-00(053), P.I. No. 222255

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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 GDOT personnel? Yes No

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

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

Mail To:

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