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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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June 18, 2009

Thank you for attending the public information open house and detour meeting for STP00-0159-01(014), Meriwether County, P.I. No. 321880, the proposed replacement of the CSX Railroad bridge over State Route 41, northwest of Warm Springs. In this handout package you will find a project description with the proposed detour route, project location map, detour location map, and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project and the proposed detour route. Department of Transportation (DOT) representatives, who can be identified by the nametags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and the detour route and to 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 June 28, 2009. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental/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](http://www.dot.ga.gov). Click on **Public Outreach** from the **Information Center** dropdown menu at the top right of the page. Next click **6/18/09 CSX Railroad Bridge Replacement over SR 41** in the **Select a Project** dropdown box in the center 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 and detour meeting at the Georgia Department of Transportation District Three Office located at 115 Transportation Boulevard, Thomaston, Georgia 30286 and at the Area 6 Engineer's Office located at 107 Hogansville Road, LaGrange, GA 30241. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at these same locations and at the Office of Environment/Location, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30336-1593, as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public information open house and detour meeting and for giving us your comments. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager Bill Rountree at (706) 646-6990 or Debra Pruitt at (706) 646-6984 of the District Three Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Howell Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas B. Howell Jr., P.E.  
District Three Engineer

TBH/dp

Attachments

## STP00-0159-01(014), Meriwether County, PI 321880

### Project Description and Detour Information

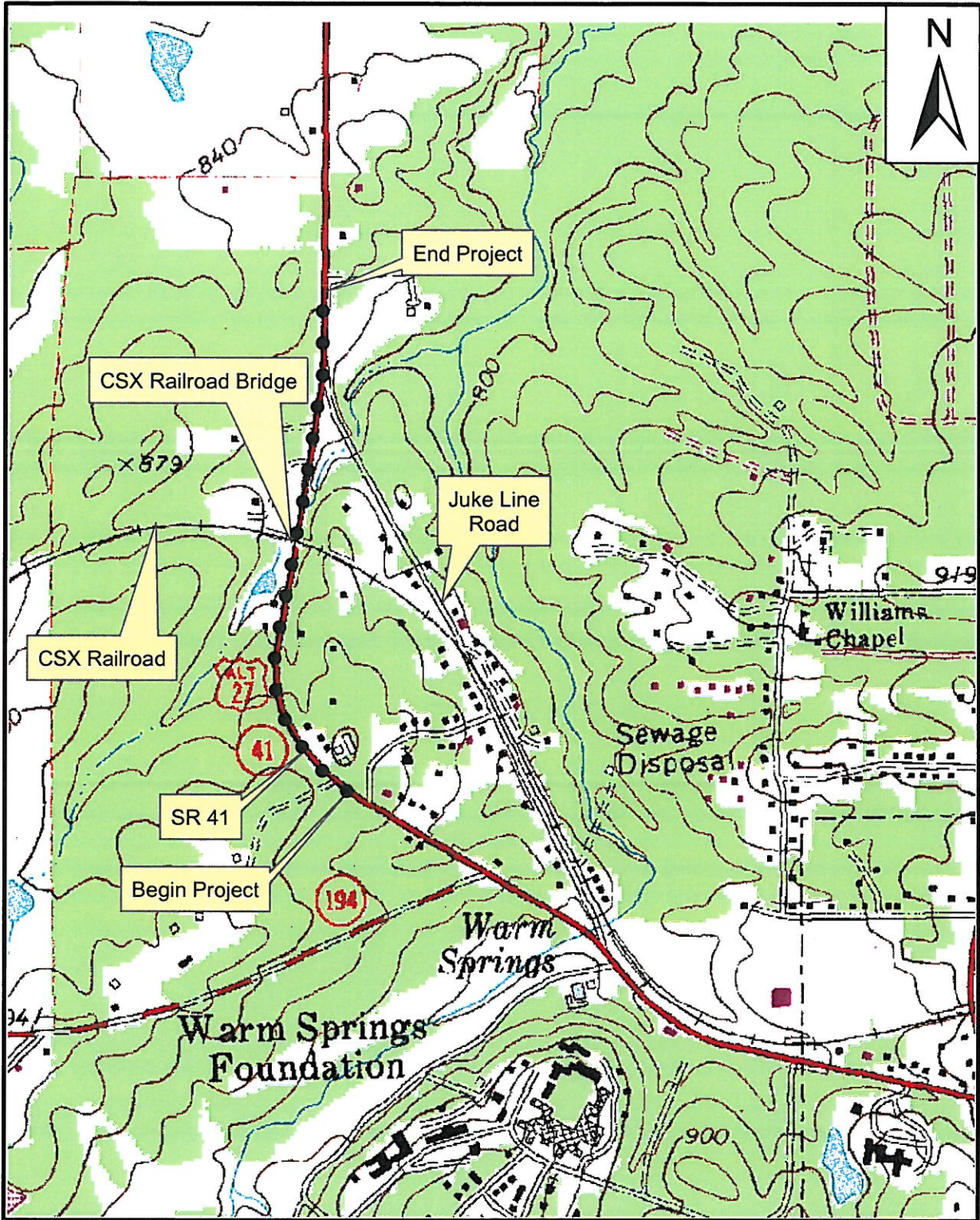
The proposed project is located approximately one mile northwest of Warm Springs, Georgia. The proposed project would replace the existing CSX railroad bridge over SR 41/US 27 ALT. The existing bridge is 40 feet long by 14 feet wide and has both substandard horizontal and vertical clearance for traffic. The horizontal clearance is 23 feet and 8 inches and the vertical clearance is 13 feet and 8 inches. The existing roadway consists of two 12-foot travel lanes and 6-foot graded shoulders with 60-foot rural right-of-way. The posted speed limit is 45 miles per hour (mph).

The preferred alternative would construct a new bridge (93 feet by 24 feet) to carry the CSX Railroad. The proposed bridge is located along the existing centerline of the railroad track. SR 41/US 27 ALT. would be realigned and reconstructed as a two-lane road with 100-foot rural right-of-way. The proposed SR 41/US 27 ALT. would consist of two 12-foot travel lanes with 10-foot rural shoulders. The project would begin approximately 1,130 feet south of the existing CSX railroad bridge and would extend approximately 1,667 feet north of the bridge. CR 378/Juke Line Road would also be realigned at a right angle with SR 41/US 27 ALT. and would be improved to have two 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot rural shoulders. The intersection would be controlled by a stop sign. The proposed design speed for SR 41/US 27 ALT. would be 45 mph, and CR 378/Juke Line Road would have a 25 mph design speed.

The proposed project would construct a temporary railroad bridge on new alignment located south of the existing railroad bridge to facilitate maintenance of railroad traffic during construction. Railroad traffic would be shifted on to the temporary detour bridge, while the existing railroad bridge would be demolished and a permanent bridge would be constructed at the location of the existing bridge. SR 41/US 27 ALT. would be lowered approximately 6.5 feet near the proposed bridge location in order to provide adequate vertical clearance and reconstructed as a two-lane roadway.

### Proposed Detour Information

A combination of temporary construction staging and an off-site detour would be used to maintain traffic during construction. The length of SR 41/US 27 ALT. to be detoured would be approximately 5.50 miles. The posted detour route would utilize SR 194 for approximately 5.45 miles and SR 18 for approximately 5.05 miles for a total detour length of approximately 10.50 miles. The off-site detour route would be in effect for approximately two months.



**Project Location Map**

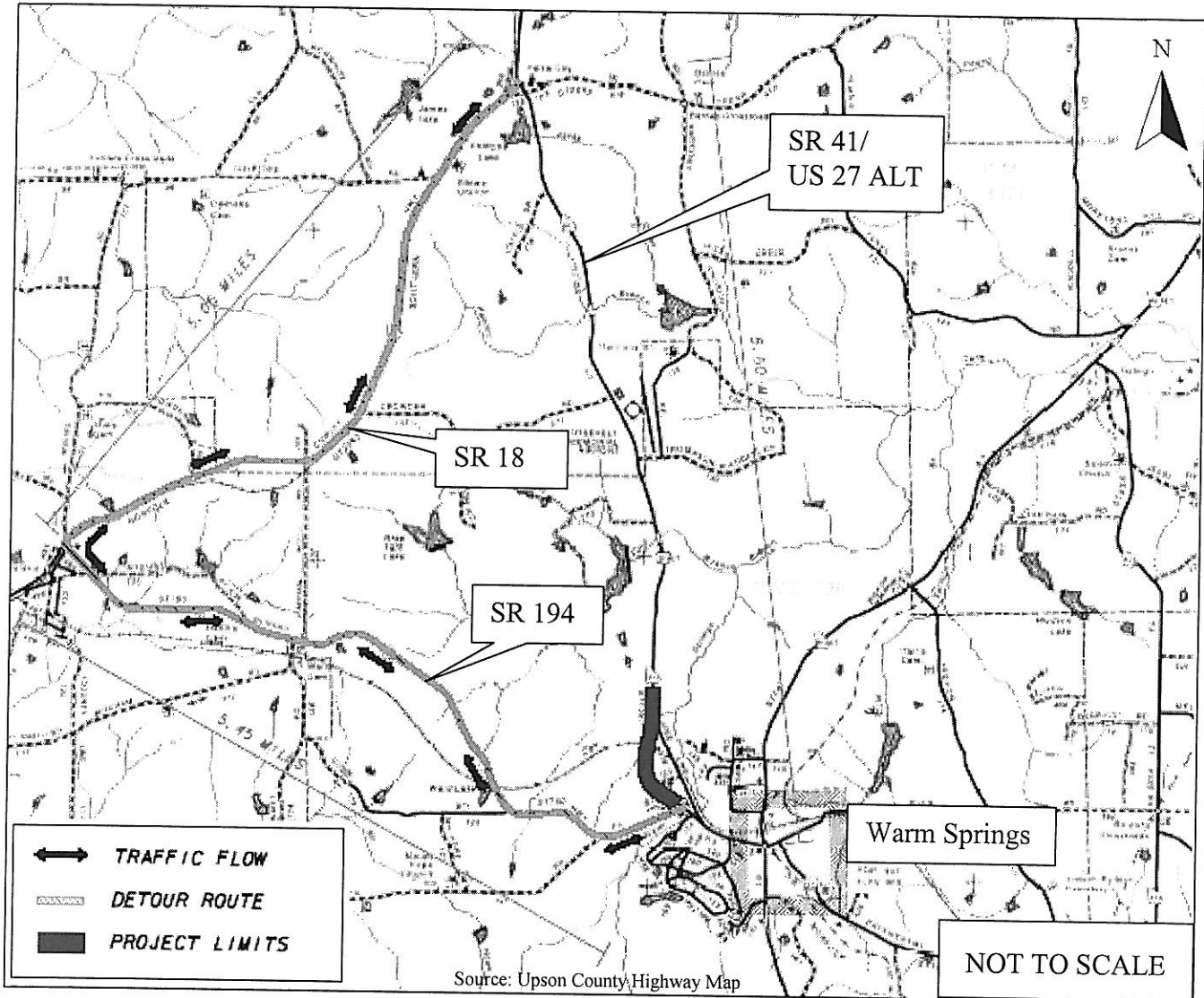
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Source: Warm Springs, GA  
Quadrangles/USGS 7.5'  
Series (Topographic)



## Proposed Detour Route

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Detour Route = 5.45 miles (SR 194)

+ 5.05 miles (SR 18)

Total Detour Length = 10.50 miles

SR 41 Route to be detoured = 5.50 miles

# Georgia Department of Transportation

Public Information Open House and Detour Meeting Comment Card

Project STP00-0159-01(014), Meriwether County, P.I. No. 321880

June 18, 2009

*Please print responses.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you support the project?     For     Against     Conditional     Uncommitted

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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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.

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**Mail To:**

*Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental/Location Engineer*

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