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Thank you for attending the public information open house for the proposed reconstruction of US 27/SR 1 Hamilton Road between Auburn Street and SR 219 in LaGrange Georgia, Project NH-017-1(20) P.I. No. 322250. In this handout package you will find a project need and purpose, project description, location map, and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Department of Transportation (DOT), and City of LaGrange representatives, who can be identified by the name tags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with a DOT or city 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 Monday, November 20, 2006. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Harvey D. Keepler, 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.state.ga.us. Click on **Public Outreach** from the list of Featured Links. 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 GDOT Area Engineer's Office, located at 1107 Hogansville Road, LaGrange, GA 30241 and at the Office of Environment/Location, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, GA 30336. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at these same locations as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public information open house and for giving us your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Long/SBK". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Todd Long, P.E.
Director of Preconstruction

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Attachments

Project NH-017-1(20)
Troup County, P.I. No. 322250
Proposed Reconstruction of US 27/SR 1/Hamilton Road
Auburn Street to SR 219 in LaGrange, Georgia

Need and Purpose

The City of LaGrange has taken an active role in economic development in its community with one of the greatest benefits to its residents being excellent employment opportunities throughout the city and surrounding area. This factor has been a significant reason that the population of LaGrange continues to grow. However, with this growth has come the need for improvements along the S.R. 1/U.S. 27 corridor. Deficiencies in the corridor include insufficient capacity for future traffic volumes, increased congestion, inadequate pedestrian facilities, substandard intersections (skewed and spacing), and high accident rates. While short sections of sidewalk are located throughout the corridor, continuous pedestrian facilities do not exist. Several of the existing structures (both residences and businesses) are located so close to the existing road that vehicles attempting to park in front of the structures are actually over the top of the sidewalk. Since there is a total lack of curbing between the travel lane and the sidewalk it is difficult to determine where the sidewalk is in several areas, and it is clearly an unsafe condition for the many pedestrians who are walking in the corridor. In other areas of the corridor, the sidewalk was never constructed or is in a deteriorated condition. In addition, there are no facilities where pedestrians can safely cross the existing roadway.

The need and purpose of this project is briefly summarized as follows:

- The purpose of the project is to relieve vehicular congestion, accommodate and improve safety for pedestrian traffic, and reduce the number of accidents in the corridor, especially those that occur when left turns are made from the existing two-lane facility.
- The proposed project would provide continuity with the multi-lane roadway portions currently in place on existing S.R. 1/U.S. 27 south of Auburn Street to I-85 and north of the U.S. 219 project terminus.

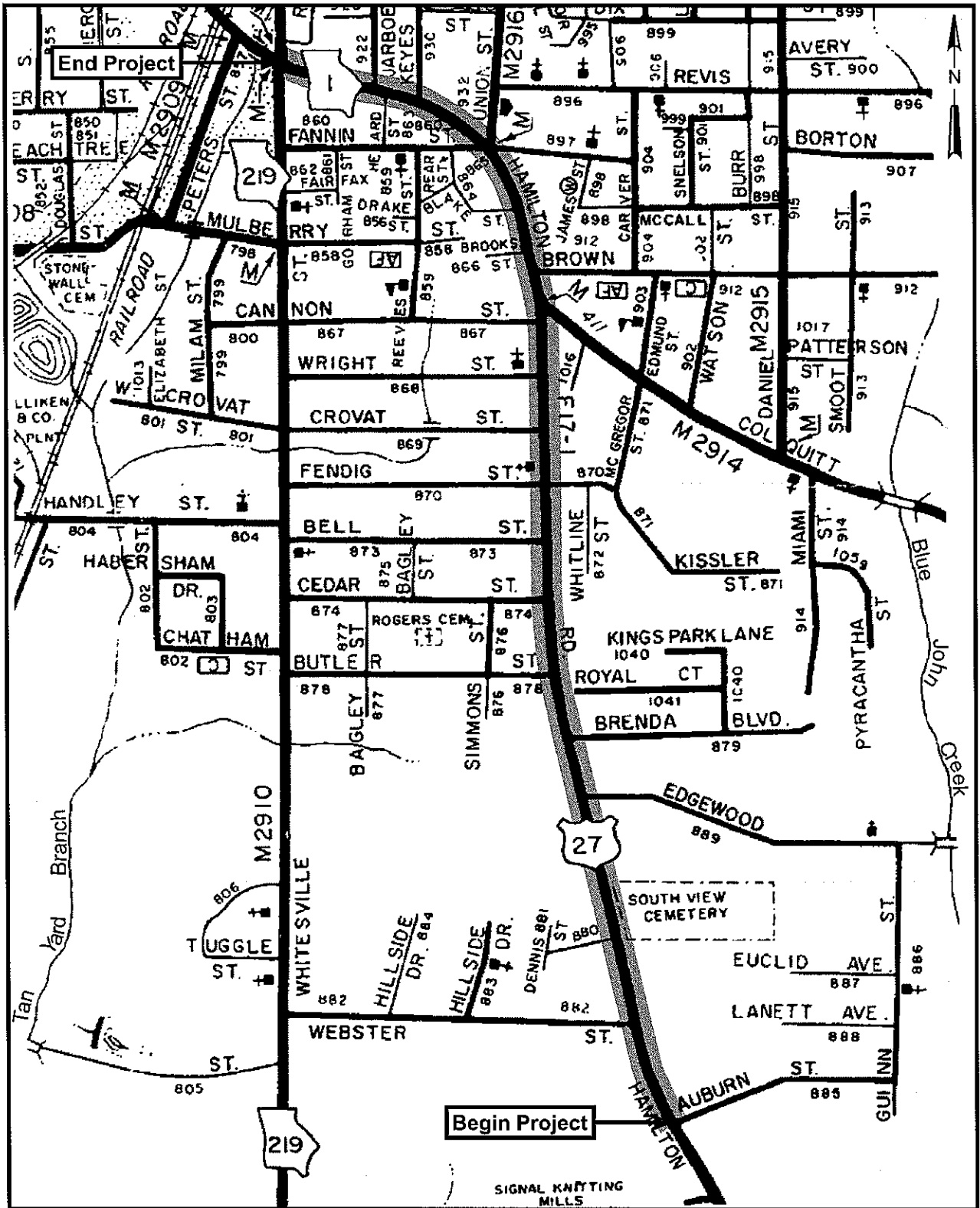
Project Description

The proposed project would widen a portion of SR 1/US 27/Hamilton Road beginning just south of the intersection with Auburn Avenue and ending just north of the intersection with SR 219/Whitesville Street. The total length of the project would be approximately 1.46 miles.

The existing typical section of two 12-foot lanes with a paved shoulder would be widened to provide four 12-foot lanes, two in each direction, with a 20-foot raised median. The proposed improvements would also include construction of curb and gutter and sidewalks along both sides of the roadway. Pedestrian cross walks would be added across all intersections. Left turn lanes would be constructed at median openings and right turn lanes would be constructed at intersections with side streets where warranted.

Median openings would be located at regular intervals along the project corridor. Colquitt Street would be realigned to tie directly to Cannon Street with turn lanes added as warranted. The intersection of Fannin Street and Union Street would be shifted to the north and turn lanes would be added to improve the intersection's operation. The speed limit from Davis Road to Webster street would be 45 mph. The speed limit from Webster Street to SR 219 would be 35 mph.

Access from Tower Street, Keyes Street, Jarboe Street and Heard Street directly to Hamilton Road would be eliminated in order to reduce residential displacements and reduce side road traffic congestion. Brookside Terrace would be improved and extended north one block to provide access from Jarboe and Keyes Streets to SR 1/US 27/Hamilton Road by way of Union Street. Additional right-of-way and easements would be required for the project. During construction, traffic would be maintained on the existing roadway.



Project NH- 017-1(20), Troup County, P.I. No 322250
 Proposed Widening and Reconstruction of S.R. 1/U.S. 27
 in LaGrange, Georgia

Date: August 2006
 Scale: Not to Scale

Project Location Map

Figure 1

Georgia Department of Transportation

Public Information Open House Comment Card

Project NH-017-1(20) Troup County, Georgia

P.I. No. 322250

November 9, 2006

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the projects? For Against Conditional Uncommitted

Comments _____

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

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.

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