



February 25, 2010

Thank you for attending the public information open house for STP00-0001-00(420), P.I. No. 0001420, the proposed construction of a new bypass just north of the Leesburg City Limits, which would run east-west between SR 3/US 19 and SR 195. 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 March 11, 2010. 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 Albany Area Office located at 2060 Newton Road, Albany, Georgia 31707. 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 Environment Services, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 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 Douglas Fadool at (404) 308-1353 or Alexis John at (404) 631-1407 of the Office of Environment Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bobby Hilliard".

Bobby Hilliard, P.E.
State Program Delivery Engineer

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Attachments

OPEN HOUSE HANDOUT

Georgia Department of Transportation Proposed Leesburg North Bypass from SR 3/US 19 to SR 195

Project STP00-0001-00(420), P.I. No. 0001420, Lee County

The Leesburg North Bypass is proposed to be located just north of the Leesburg City Limits and would run east-west between SR 3/US 19 and SR 195. It is anticipated that the bypass project would improve the transportation network of Leesburg in several ways. The bypass would divert traffic from downtown Leesburg and would help alleviate some of the congestion at the US 19/SR 32/SR 195 & 4th Street intersection and railroad crossing by routing through-traffic around the City. The bypass would also improve safety by providing a grade-separated crossing of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad tracks. No grade-separated railroad crossings currently exist near Leesburg. Traffic, especially school bus traffic, would benefit from the increased safety and efficiency of the new bypass. It is proposed that the Leesburg North Bypass be designated SR 195 once a local government agreement is made; the existing SR 195 would then become a local road.

Proposed Design Features:

- Project Length: 1.78 miles.
- Proposed Typical Sections: One 12-foot through lane in each direction with a 10-foot outside shoulder, 6.5 feet paved and 3.5 feet grassed.
- Proposed Design Speed: 55 mph; 35 mph ramp design.
- Number of Displacements: 0
- Structures: Bridge over SR 3/US 19 and Norfolk-Southern railroad approximately 300 feet long and 40 feet wide.
- Traffic Control during Construction: Traffic would be maintained on the existing area roads during the construction of the new highway. Access would be maintained during construction.
- Other Alternatives Considered: (1) No build; (2) connect to SR 3 Bypass with an interchange at US 19. This alternative would include the extension of the SR 3 Bypass and would include an interchange at US 19. Alternative 2 would add additional environmental impacts, construction costs for the interchange and additional cost for right-of-way; and (3) an extension of the SR 3 Bypass without an interchange at US 19, but with intersection improvements at Jordan Road. Alternative 3 would add additional construction costs, would require additional right-of-way, and would involve more environmental impacts because of the additional length.

PROJECT HISTORY

Georgia Department of Transportation
Proposed Leesburg North Bypass from
SR 3/US 19 to SR 195

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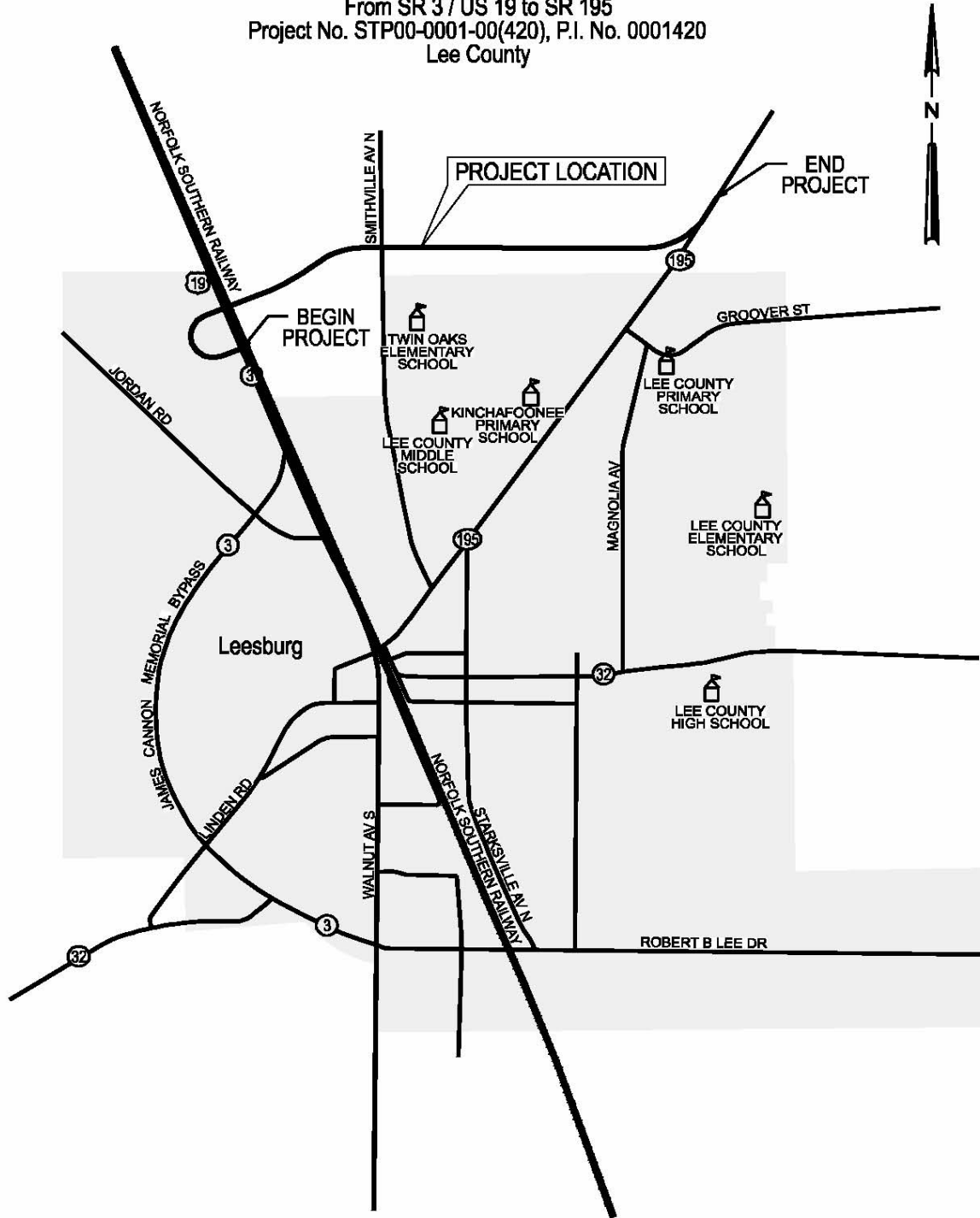
A public involvement plan was created for the Leesburg North Bypass project to provide a basic structure for implementation of the public process. This handout provides a summary of the public involvement tasks completed to date for this project.

- Project Stakeholder List: A project stakeholder list was developed at the start of the project to include, at a minimum, public officials, agency representatives, transportation professionals, community representatives, non-profit/non-governmental organizations, and facility users. As this project progresses the list is updated on an as needed basis.
- Initial Concept Team Meeting: An Initial Concept Team Meeting was held on February 29, 2008 at 10:00 AM in the GDOT District 4 office in Tifton, GA. The purpose of the Initial Concept Team Meeting was to introduce the project to various stakeholders and to discuss the draft concept report, conceptual alignment, and preliminary environmental concerns.
- Non-Advertised Meetings: Several non-advertised meetings were held with a variety of stakeholders. These meetings included:
 - Individual Stakeholder Interviews, April 9, 2008
 - Leesburg North Bypass Stakeholder Meeting, April 9, 2008
 - Project Status Meeting, 10:00 AM with Elected Officials, June 18, 2008
 - Project Status Meeting, 12:00 PM with Stakeholders, June 18, 2008, and
 - Project Status Meeting, 2:00 PM with Elected Officials, June 18, 2008
- Concept Team Meeting: A Concept Team Meeting was held in Leesburg, GA on November 5, 2009 to introduce the proposed project concept and gather input.

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

Leesburg North Bypass

From SR 3 / US 19 to SR 195
Project No. STP00-0001-00(420), P.I. No. 0001420
Lee County



Not to Scale

Georgia Department of Transportation
Public Information Open House Comment Card
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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 the DOT 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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