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Thank you for attending the detour open house for Project STP00-0001-00(769); P.I. No.0001769, the proposed intersection improvements of SR 53 at Thompson Road and Etowah River Road located in Dawson County, Georgia. In this handout package you will find a project description, detour location map and comment card.

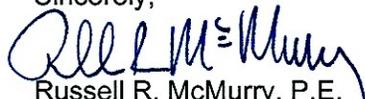
As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the project with the proposed detour route. Department of Transportation (DOT) representatives, who can be identified by the nametags they are wearing, are available to discuss the detour route and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity 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 detour route. 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 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. 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 detour open house at the Georgia Department of Transportation Gainesville District 1 Office, 2505 Athens Highway, S.E., Gainesville, Georgia 30507. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at this same location and at the Office of Environment/Location, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, GA 30336-1593, as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this detour 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, Shane Dover at 770-532-5580 or Kim Coley, District Environmentalist at 770-532-5582.

Sincerely,


Russell R. McMurry, P.E.
District Engineer
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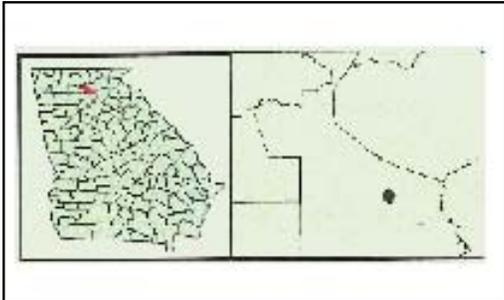
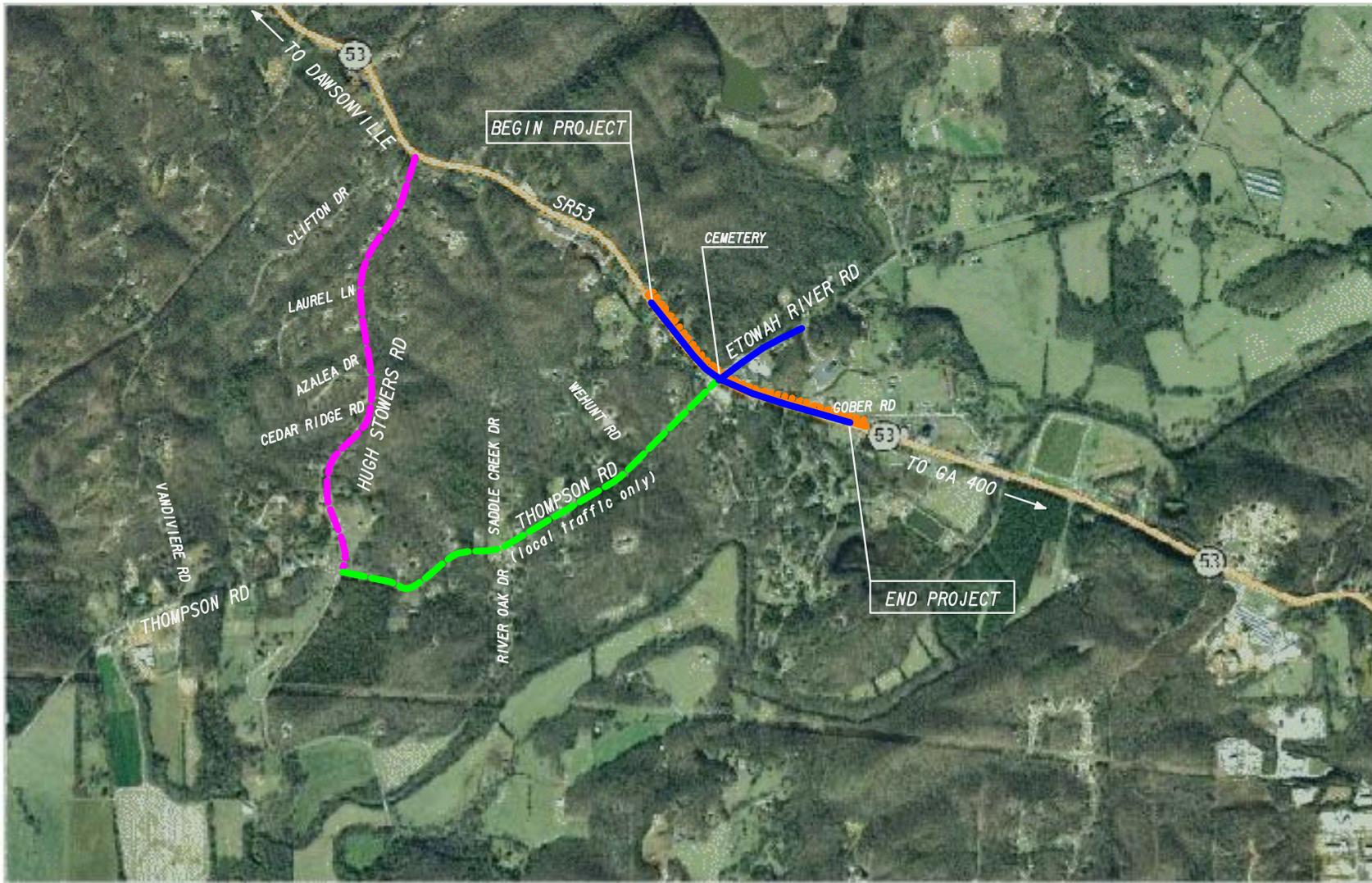
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Project Description
Georgia Department of Transportation
Project STP00-0001-00(769); Dawson County, P.I. No. 0001769

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) proposes to improve the SR 53 intersection with Thompson Road/Etowah River Road. The proposed project would improve safety and efficiency of the intersection. Improvements would include the addition of right and left turn lanes on SR 53 and left turn lanes on Thompson Road and Etowah River Road, and modifying the profile to improve sight distance. The proposed project length is approximately 0.5 mile.

There will be one detour, Thompson Road, during construction of this project. Thompson Road is to be closed in stages II & III in order to accommodate reconstruction and a grade change. Access to local driveways is to be maintained throughout construction. A detour is to be provided that utilizes Thompson Road to Hugh Stowers Rd to access SR 53.

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



-  DETOUR ALIGNMENT
-  PROJECT ALIGNMENT
-  LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY

STP00-0001-00(769)
 PI* 0001769
 SR53 AT THOMPSON RD/ETOWAH RIVER RD
 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
 DAWSON COUNTY, GEORGIA



Georgia Department of Transportation
Detour Open House Comment Card
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Please print responses.

Name _____
Address _____

Do you support the proposed detour? *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 proposed detour after attending this meeting? Yes No

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

Mail To:

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