



November 20, 2008

Thank you for attending the public information open house for projects MSL00-0003-00(168) and MSL00-0004-00(086), P.I. Numbers 0003168 and 0004086, the proposed State Route (SR) 316 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Improvements. In this handout package you will find a project description, location maps, 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 name tags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the projects with a DOT representative as there will not be a 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 December 4, 2008. 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 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 DOT know your view of the proposal.

The displays will be available for review for ten days after the public information open house at the Georgia DOT Office of Environment and Location located at 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30336, the Georgia DOT District 1 District Office located at 2505 Athens Highway, SE Gainesville, GA 30503, and via the web at [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov) website. 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 as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public information open house and for giving us your comments. If you have any questions or need any additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Neal O'Brien at (404) 631-1725, or Laura Rish of the Office of Environment and Location at (404) 699-4439.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James B. Buchan". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Attachments

**State Route 316 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Improvements  
Projects MSL00-0003-00(168) and MSL00-0004-00(086)  
P.I. Numbers 0003168 and 0004086**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS**

Proposed project MSL00-0003-00(168) would begin approximately 2,200 feet west of Breckinridge Boulevard where it would tie-in with the proposed concurrent HOV lanes entering SR 316 from the interchange reconstruction project at SR 316 and I-85 (Project Number HPP-IM-85-2(146), P.I. Number 110530). Please note: Project HPP-IM-85-2(146) is not part of the proposed project and is not included in the environmental document. Proposed project MSL00-0003-00(168) would approximately end west of the intersection of SR 316 and Cedars Road. Total project length is approximately 8.7 miles.

The proposed project would reconstruct SR 316 to accommodate the construction of one barrier separated HOV lane in each direction and allow for HOV only access points throughout the project corridor. The HOV lanes would be constructed within the existing median along SR 316. No additional single occupancy vehicle (SOV) lanes would be added as a result of this project. The proposed typical section for these improvements would include the construction of a 2.5-foot wide median barrier to be placed on the project centerline to separate the eastbound and westbound HOV lanes. Two 12-foot wide HOV lanes would be constructed, one in each direction, with 4-foot wide inside shoulders and 10-foot wide outside shoulders. A second 2-foot barrier would be placed between the HOV lanes and the 14-foot inside shoulder of SR 316.

Improvements necessary to accommodate the HOV lanes include the construction of new HOV only interchanges along SR 316 at Herrington Road, Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road (west side ramps only), Walther Boulevard, and Hi-Hope Road (west side ramps only).

In order to accommodate the addition of the new interchanges, new interchange bridges would be necessary at Herrington Road, Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road, Walther Boulevard, and Hi-Hope Road. Additionally, a new bridge is necessary at SR 120/Duluth Road, and the existing bridges over the Yellow River and the gas line easement west of Collins Hill Road would be widened. All new bridges would be designed in such a manner as to not preclude future identified improvements to the corridor.

In addition to the HOV only interchanges to be constructed at Herrington Road, Walther Boulevard and Hi-Hope Road, an additional access point would be provided in the vicinity of Sugarloaf Parkway as a direct merge from the HOV lane westbound to the SOV westbound. This would provide an opportunity for HOV users to exit to I-85 north or to access the proposed Collector Distributor (C-D) Road between Old Peachtree Road and Pleasant Hill Road that is being constructed as part of the Interstate 85/SR 316 interchange construction project.

Proposed project MSL00-0004-00(086) would construct a new grade separated interchange at Collins Hill Rd and SR 20/Buford Drive on SR 316. In addition, new C-D roads would be constructed between the Collins Hill Road and SR 20/Buford Drive interchanges to facilitate operational efficiency. The C-D roads are needed due to the close proximity of these interchanges to one another. The SOV traffic traveling eastbound on SR 316 would exit prior to Collins Hill Road to reach Collins Hill Road and SR 20/Buford Drive. A ramp would be provided underneath Collins Hill Road so that vehicles traveling to SR 20/Buford Drive would not have to pass through the signalized intersection at Collins Hill Road. The SOV traffic traveling westbound on SR 316, would exit prior to SR 20/Buford Drive to reach both SR 20/Buford Drive and Collins Hill Road. The Collins Hill Road ramp is a loop ramp on the north side of SR 316.

The C-D roads between Collins Hill Road and SR 20/Buford Drive would include two 12-foot travel lanes with 10-foot paved inside shoulder and 10-foot paved outside shoulders. Separation between

SR 316 and the inside collector-distributor lane is approximately 58 feet; however, it varies at the bridge openings and ramp transitions.

Interchange ramps for both projects would consist of one to two lane sections with 12-foot to 16-foot travel lanes, 6-foot inside shoulders, 8-foot outside shoulders, and side ditches. Some ramps open to 4 lanes at the side street intersection.

Affected side streets in both projects would consist of 12-foot travel lanes in both directions. The number of lanes would vary. All shoulders would be 6-foot paved with curb and gutter and sidewalks.

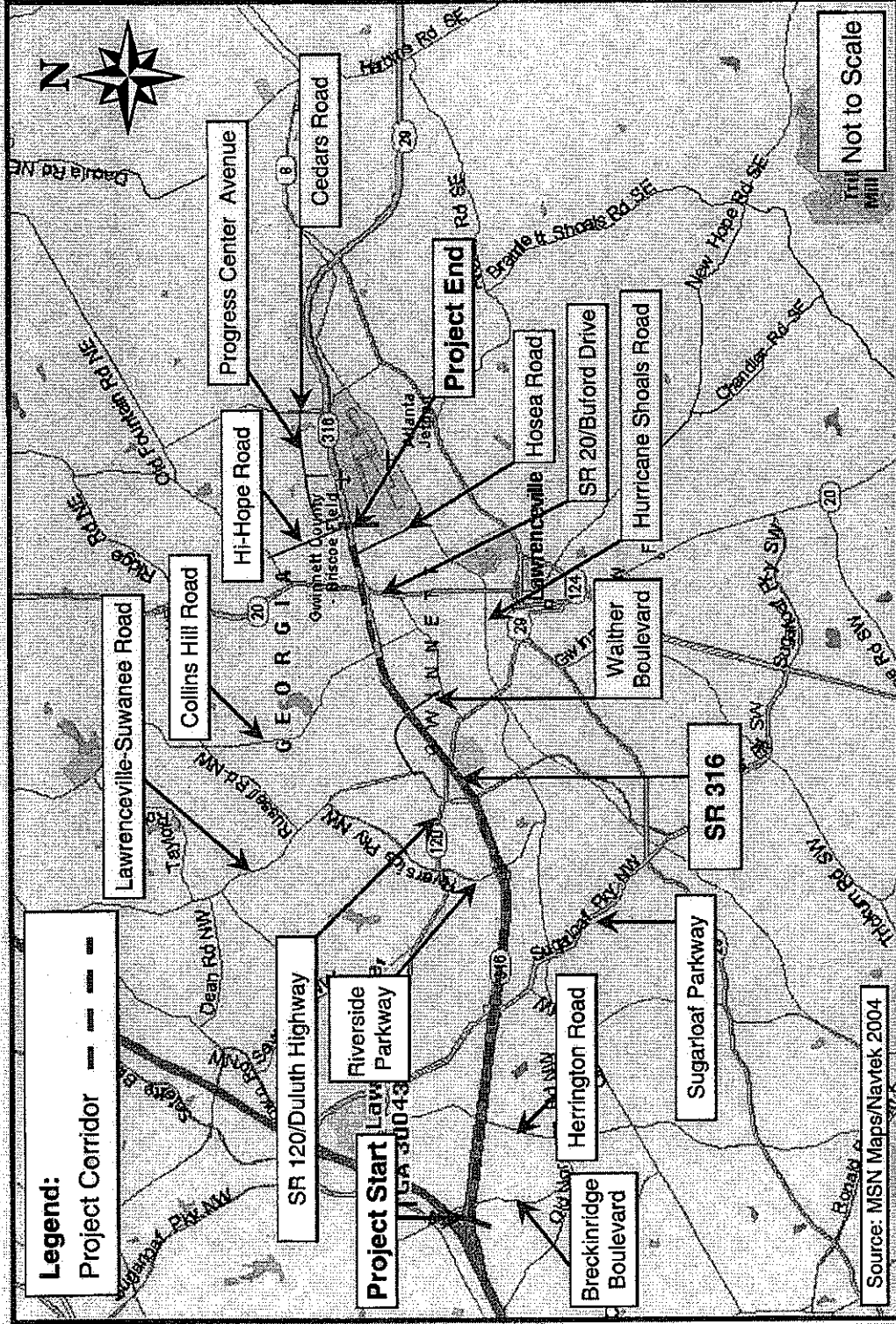
All businesses which now have direct access to SR 316 would be accommodated through access roads that would connect them to the C-D roads provided between the Collins Hill Road and SR 20/Buford Drive interchanges. A new connection would be provided to the Arrington-Blount Ford dealership on the southwest corner of Collins Hill Road and SR 316.

Existing intersections at SR 316 at Hosea Road and Progress Center Avenue would be closed. Surface street connections of these roadways provide access between SR 20/Buford Drive, Hi-Hope Road, and Cedars Road.

## PROJECT CHANGES

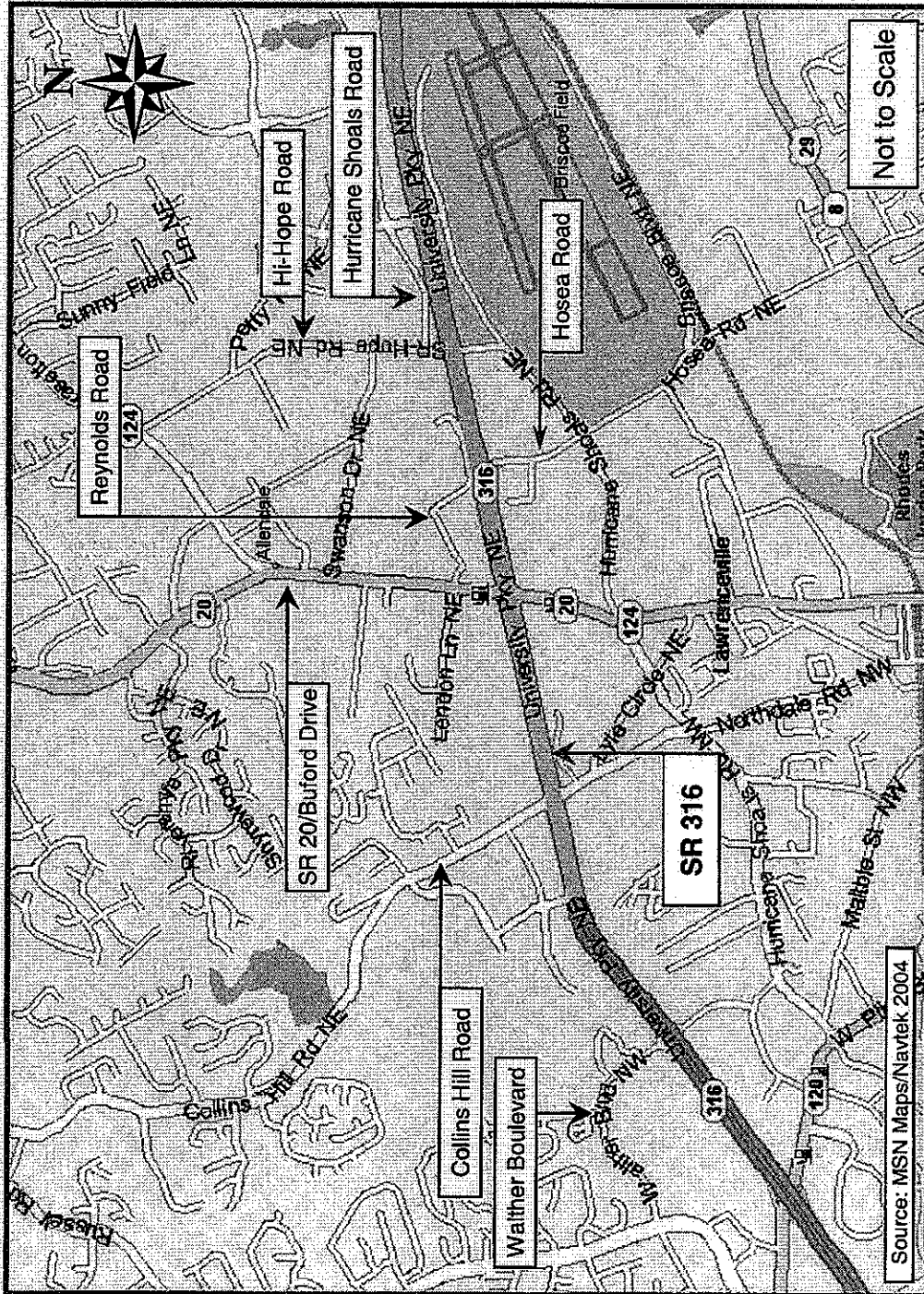
**Since the time of the last public information open house meeting held June 17, 2004 and the public hearing open house held February 16, 2006 the following design changes have occurred.**

- The Collins Hill Road loop ramps exiting from the C-D road and entering SR 316 westbound, have been revised. The ramp would no longer tie to Collins Hill Road, but would tie to a new road that would run parallel to SR 316. *It is important to note that the new parallel road is not part of this project, but is being developed separately by others.* This proposed parallel roadway would extend from Collins Hill Road to SR 20/Buford Drive, north of SR 316.
- The access road for businesses east of Collins Hill Road and south of SR 316 has been revised to tie to the existing signalized intersection in place for Wal-Mart. Due to utility conflicts, the proposed access road would no longer extend to SR 20/Buford Drive.
- Access to the Arrington-Blount Ford dealership as well as other parcels south of SR 316 between Walther Boulevard and Collins Hill Road would no longer be available as the proposed access road from Collins Hill Road has been removed.
- Reynolds Road has been re-aligned to tie to the access road for the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department. This alignment would provide a connection for local traffic between SR 20/Buford Drive and Hurricane Shoals/Hi-Hope Road. The previous access road for the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office has been re-aligned to no longer displace the City of Lawrenceville natural gas tanks. Hurricane Shoals Road has also been re-aligned to tie to the revised access road.
- Hosea Road's direct access to SR 316 will be closed. Hosea Road would be open to traffic via a one-way frontage road that would run between SR 20/Buford Drive and Hurricane Shoals Road.
- A noise barrier has been added along the south side of SR 316 west of Walther Boulevard for the Oxford Oak Apartments. The Herrington Mill Apartments on the north side of SR 316 west of Herrington Road also has a proposed noise barrier.



**Project Location Map**  
 Total Project Corridor

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Project  
 Location Map  
 Area of  
 Design Revisions

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Please print responses.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you support the project?     For     Against     Conditional     Uncommitted

If you support the project, which Alternate do you prefer (optional)?     A     B

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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