

COBB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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October 17, 2016

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed South Barrett Reliever Phase 3 project, P.I. No. 0013239. The project would widen and extend Shiloh Valley Drive/Greers Chapel Drive from Barrett Lakes Parkway, over Interstate 75 (I-75), to a widened Roberts Court to form a continuous road south of Ernest Barrett Parkway. Our goal is two-fold: 1) to provide you with information on the proposed project and 2) to provide an opportunity for you to give us your comments on the proposed project. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project display. Cobb County Department of Transportation (CCDOT) and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. There will be no formal presentation.

We hope you will take the opportunity to tell CCDOT what you think. Listed below are several ways to comment on the project. Your comments are important to us and, should you provide comments by one of the methods noted below, we will respond to you in writing usually within 60 days of the close of the comment period. All comments will become part of the project's official record.

While you are attending the open house, you can **provide your comments today** by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box, or you may choose to provide your verbal comments to the court reporter who will transcribe your comments.

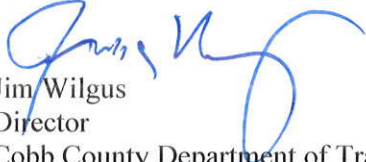
You can also **provide your comments by Thursday, October 27, 2016** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 1. From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located (Cobb) and click *Go*;
 2. Then select *South Barrett Reliever Phase 3*;
 3. Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Brian Loudermilk, Project Manager, CCDOT, 1890 County Services Parkway, Marietta, Georgia 30008-4014.
- Email your comment to: Brian.Loudermilk@cobbcounty.org. Be sure to include the P.I. No. 0013239 and meeting date in the Subject line.

The project displays and plans will be available for review for 10 days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the CCDOT office located at 1890 County Services Parkway, Marietta, Georgia 30008, and at the Town Center Community Improvement District office located at 1701 Barrett Lakes Boulevard, Suite 200, Kennesaw, Georgia 30144. Following the 10-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request by contacting Mr. Brian Loudermilk at the address above.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact Mr. Brian Loudermilk at (770) 528-4378.

Sincerely,



Jim Wilgus
Director
Cobb County Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here: Ernest Barrett Parkway (Barrett Parkway) is a major east-west route in northern Cobb County. In the project vicinity, the facility is heavily utilized by commuting traffic accessing I-75 during the weekday peak hours and by shoppers accessing a highly developed retail/commercial area close to the interstate during the weekend. The most congested conditions along Barrett Parkway are currently experienced during the Saturday peak hour, due to the large amount of traffic entering and exiting roads that provide access to shopping centers in the area.

Traffic count data show that the existing average daily traffic volumes along Barrett Parkway within the study area range from 41,080 vehicles per day (vpd) east of Mall Boulevard to 48,660 vpd west of Barrett Lakes Boulevard, with much higher volumes (up to 69,020 vpd) in the immediate area of the I-75 interchange. These volumes are anticipated to increase to 46,840 vpd east of Mall Boulevard and 54,000 vpd west of Barrett Lakes Boulevard by the open year (2022) and to 51,740 vpd and 59,640 vpd, respectively, by the design year (2042) without the proposed project.

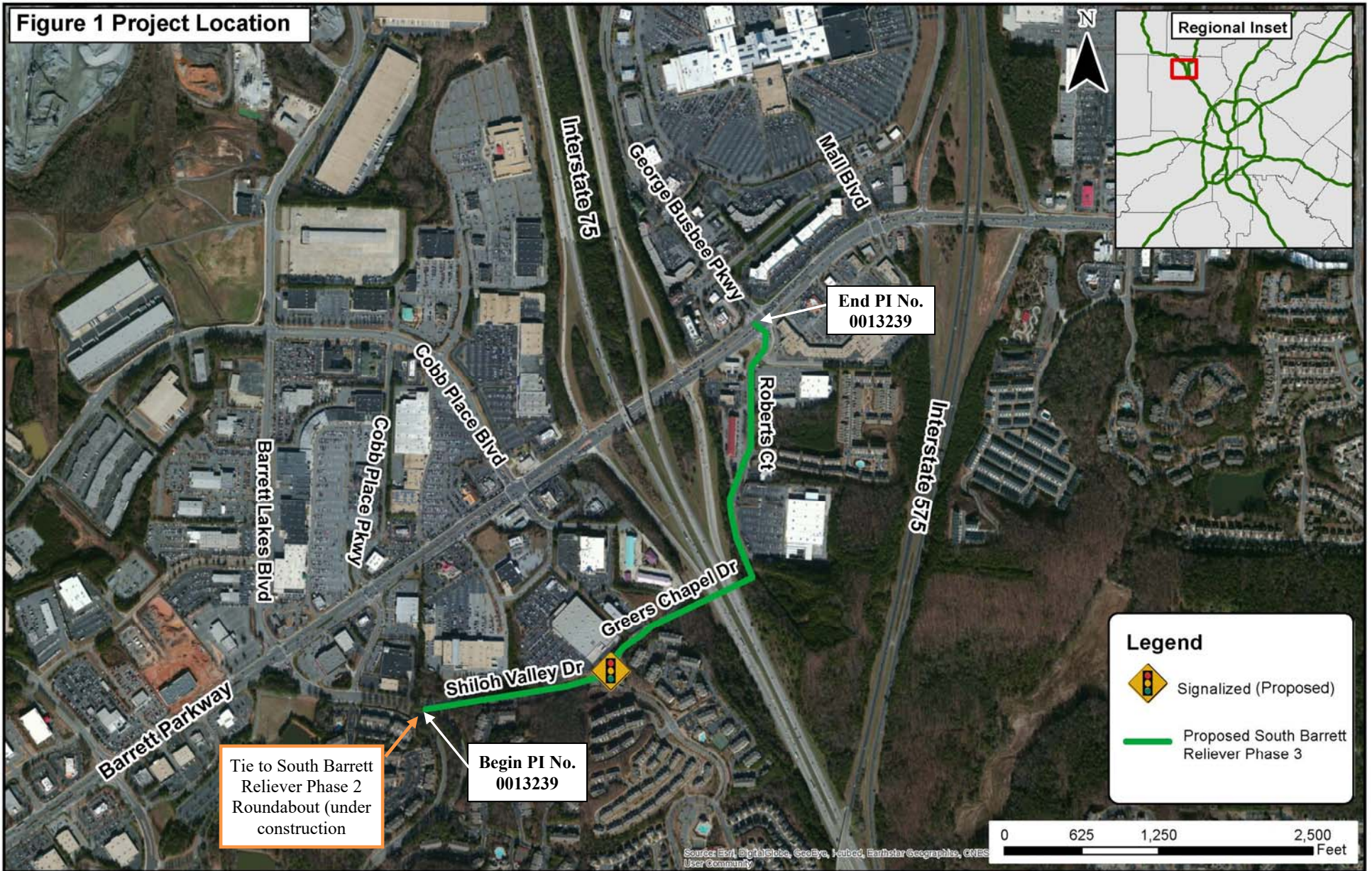
The proposed project would reduce delay and congestion, and thereby improve motorist safety, along Barrett Parkway in the vicinity of I-75 by providing alternative access around the interchange area and the densely developed adjacent retail area along Barrett Parkway. The new crossing that would be constructed by the project would provide some relief to the congestion experienced at the Barrett Parkway/I-75 interchange by allowing through traffic to pass over I-75 to Roberts Court and avoid the I-75 interchange area. Furthermore, the project would provide additional access to some commercial and retail businesses and single-family and multi-family residential areas along Shiloh Valley Drive, Greers Chapel Drive, and Roberts Court.

Current Project Description: The proposed project would widen and realign Shiloh Valley Drive/Greers Chapel Drive, and then extend the widened road across I-75 to a widened Roberts Court to form a continuous road approximately 0.3 mile south of Barrett Parkway in Cobb County, Georgia (see Figure 1). The proposed extension (called the South Barrett Reliever Phase 3) would have four 11-foot lanes (two in each direction), a variable 6- to 20-foot raised median, and 4-foot bike lanes, 5-foot sidewalks, and curb and gutter on both sides of the road. The proposed extension would also include a new, approximately 600-foot long bridge over I-75; however, no new interstate access would be provided at the new overpass. The bridge would consist of four 11-foot lanes (two in each direction), an 8-foot raised median, and 4-foot bike lanes and 8-foot sidewalks on each side of the road.

Roberts Court would be widened to a four-lane roadway (two lanes in each direction) with a raised median, curb and gutter, 5-foot sidewalks, and 4-foot bike lanes north to its intersection with Barrett Parkway. At the Roberts Court/Barrett Parkway/George Busbee Parkway intersection, Roberts Court would be partially realigned to improve intersection geometry and speed design. In addition, westbound Barrett Parkway would be reconfigured at this intersection to lengthen the existing left-turn lane approximately 100 feet and add a second, approximately 330-foot, dedicated left-turn lane onto Roberts Court. This work would be completed largely by restriping the existing roadway and conducting minor reconstruction of the raised median on Barrett Parkway in this area.

An intersection reconstruction would realign existing Shiloh Valley Drive to tie into Greers Chapel Drive and this realigned intersection would be signalized. In addition, due to geometric and right-of-way (ROW) constraints, a multi-lane roundabout would be constructed at the new roadway's connection to existing Roberts Court.

The proposed South Barrett Reliever Phase 3 would be constructed by using as much of the existing ROW associated with Shiloh Valley Way, Greers Chapel Drive, and Roberts Court as possible. The proposed ROW along the South Barrett Reliever Phase 3 would vary from approximately 110 to 200 feet.



SOUTH BARRETT RELIEVER PHASE 3 COMMENT CARD

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? (check your response)

- For Against Conditional Uncommitted

General Comments _____

Would you have any objections to changing the name of the road west of the proposed roundabout to be consistent throughout the project length? Yes No Comments: _____

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) Newspaper Signs Website Radio
 Word of Mouth Social Media Other _____

Was the location of the Open House 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 Cobb County personnel? Yes No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? Yes No

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways Cobb County DOT conducts Open Houses:

Comments can be dropped in the comment box or mailed to:

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