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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed replacement of the existing bridge on SR (State Route) 10/US 78 over the North Oconee River in the City of Athens, Georgia, PI Number 0013806. 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. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, wearing nametags, 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 the GDOT 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 30 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 March 11, 2019 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 and click *Go*;
 2. Then select *SR 10/US 78 @ North Oconee River*;
 3. Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

The project display will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the GDOT Gainesville District Office, 1475 Jesse Jewell Parkway NE, Suite 100, Gainesville, GA 30501, the GDOT Athens Area Office, 450 Old Hull Road, Athens, GA 30601, and the Athens Clarke-County Transportation and Public Works Department, 120 W. Dougherty Street, Athens, GA 30603. Following the ten-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta address listed above.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Darrell Richardson, at 678-730-1448 or the environmental analyst, Jenna Osburn, at 404-347-0549 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

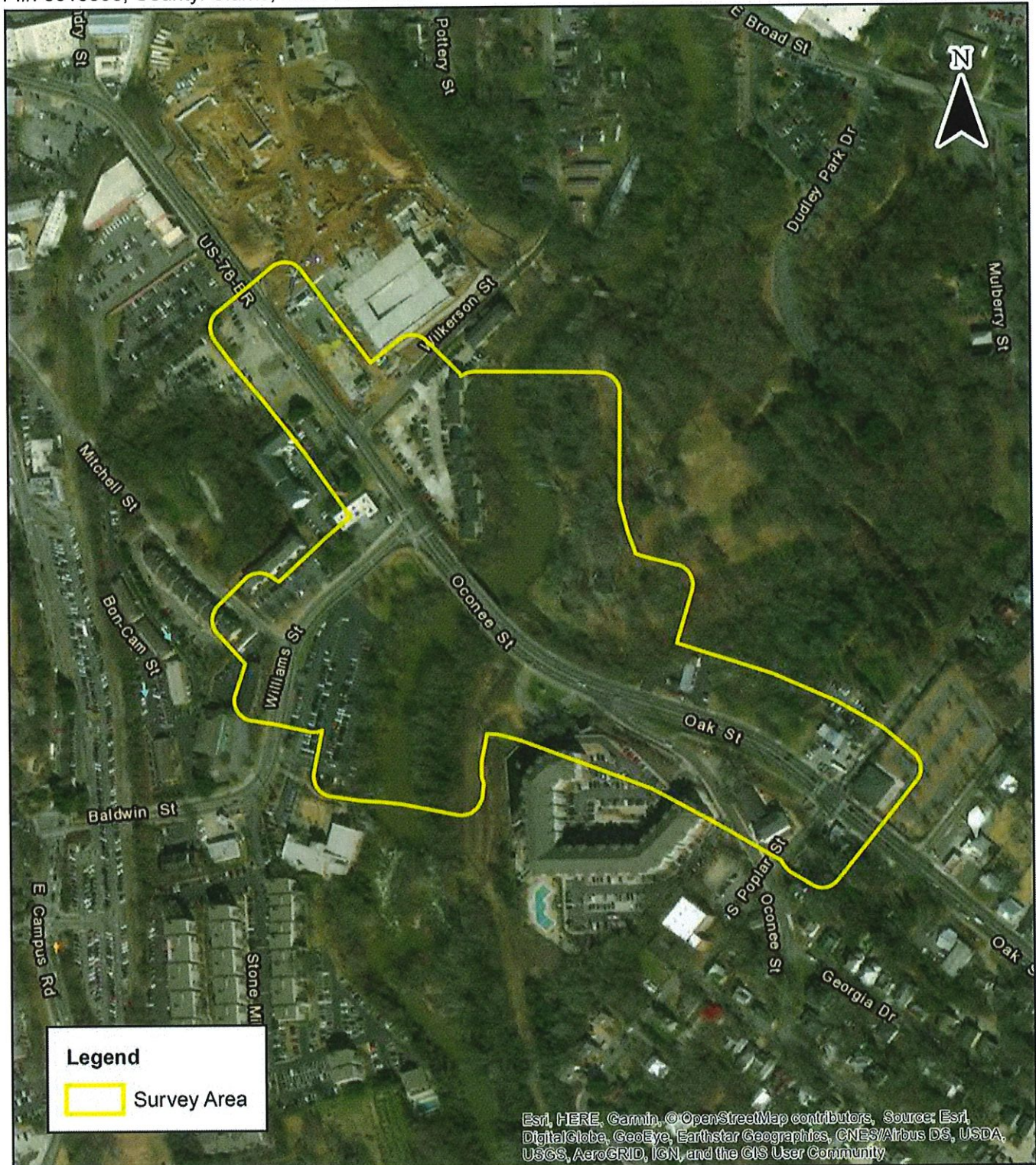
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eric Duff' with a circled 'D' at the end.

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here: The bridge on SR 10/US 78 over North Oconee River, Structure ID 059-0025-0, was built in 1937 and widened in 1975. The original section of the bridge consists of three (3) spans of Reinforced Concrete Deck Girders (RCDG's) on concrete pier walls. The widened section of the bridge consists of three (3) spans of prestressed concrete (PSC) beams on concrete caps with concrete columns. This bridge was designed using an H-15 vehicle, which is below current design standards. The overall condition of this bridge would be classified as fair. The deck is in satisfactory condition with moderate cracking and spalls with exposed rebar. The superstructure is in satisfactory condition with spalls with exposed rebar. The substructure is in fair condition with moderate abrasion and severe concrete deterioration at the waterline. This bridge is classified as having an unknown foundation and has moderate to severe scour noted at the pier walls. Due to the age of the structure, the structural integrity of the bridge pertaining to the design vehicle, and the unknown foundation of the substructure, replacement of this 82-year-old bridge is recommended.

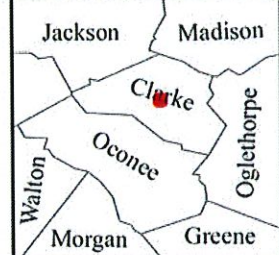
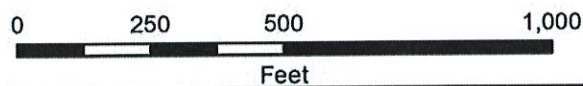
Project Description: The proposed project would replace the existing bridge on SR 10/US 78 over the North Oconee River in the City of Athens, Georgia with a new bridge matching the existing grade with four 12-foot through lanes, a 12-foot left turn lane, 2-foot gutters, a sidewalk along the north side of the bridge and a shared use path on the south side of the bridge. The overall length of the project is approximately 0.23 mile. The bridge replacement would utilize staged construction, and no offsite detour is anticipated. Due to this staged construction, two 10-foot lanes would remain in operation to carry traffic (one lane in each direction). The existing right-of-way is 80 to 100 feet. Proposed right-of-way is typically 100 feet.

Project Location Map: See attached.



Project Location Map

SR 10/US 78 @ North Oconee River
Clarke County
PI No. 0013806



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? (check your response)

- For**
 Against
 Conditional
 Uncommitted

General Comments _____

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) **Newspaper** **Signs** **GDOT 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 GDOT personnel? **Yes** **No**

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

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

Mail to:
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