



February 1, 2018

Thank you for attending the Detour Open House for the proposed bridge replacement project along SR 169 over Bull Creek in Evans County, PI Number 0013825. 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, which includes a traffic detour route that would be used during construction. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, a map of the proposed detour, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project display and the detour map. 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 Thursday, February 15, 2018** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at [www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach](http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach).
  - From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Go*;
  - Then select *SR 169 at Bull Creek*;
  - 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, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

The project displays and plans 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 District 5, Area 4 Office located at 17213 U.S. Highway 301 North, Statesboro, GA 30458. 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, Aghdas Ghazi, at 912-659-0984 or the environmental analyst, Amber Barlow, at 404-631-1167 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Duff".

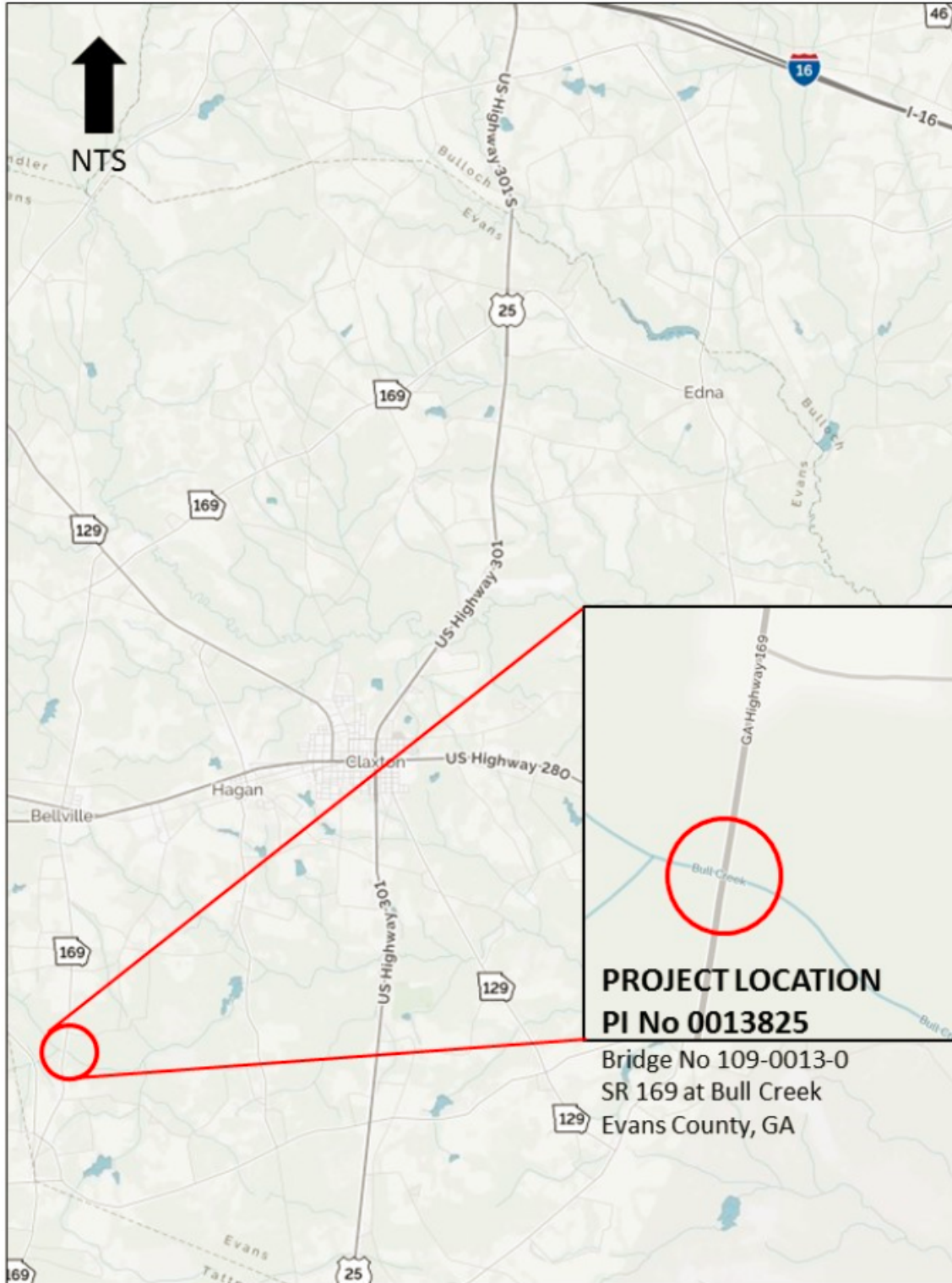
Eric Duff  
State Environmental Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation

**Why We Are Here:** The existing bridge over Bull Creek was built in 1957 and was designed using an H-15 vehicle, which is below current design standards. The structure is currently posted for weight restrictions. Due to the age of the structure, the posting for weight restrictions and its current condition, replacement is recommended.

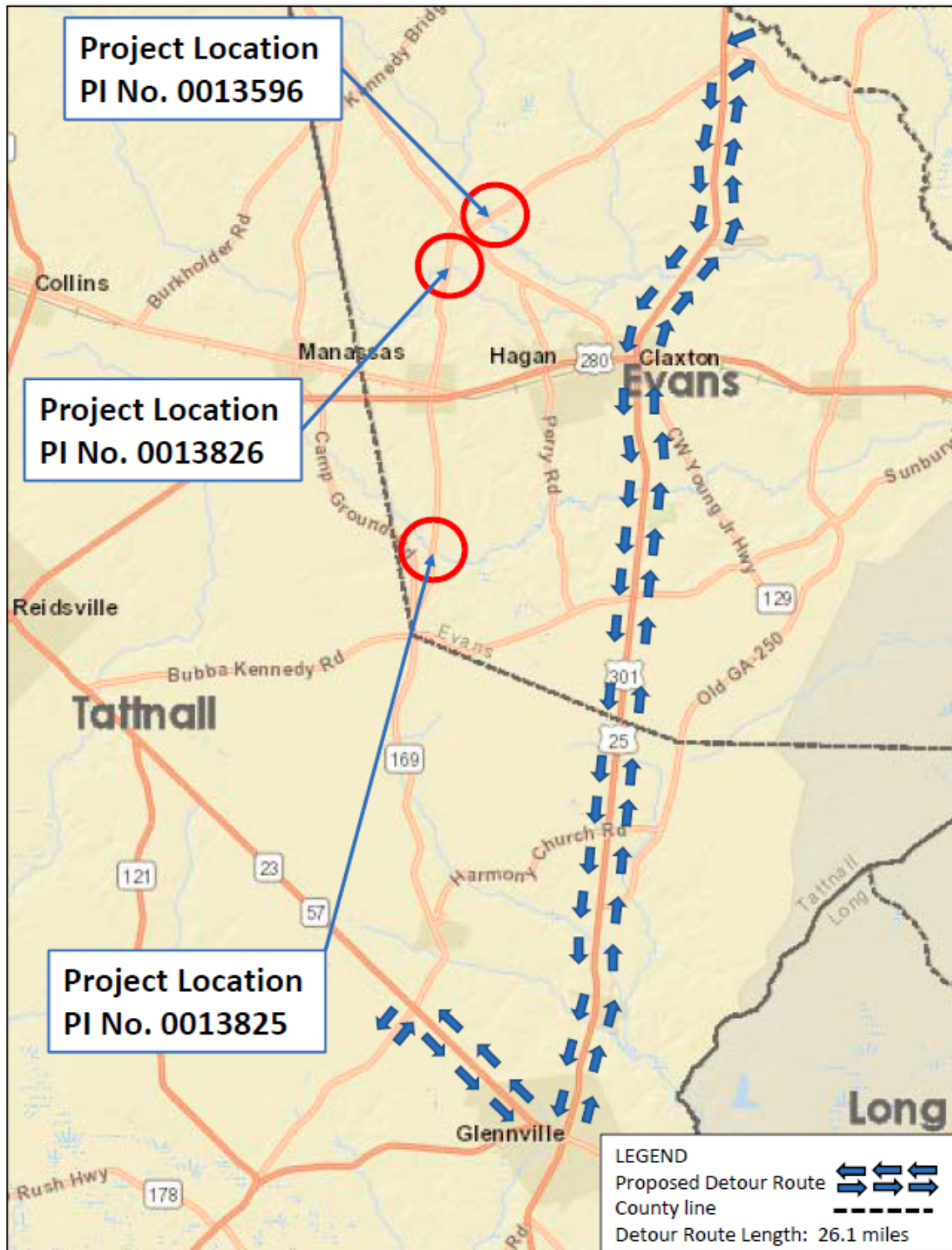
**Project Description:** The proposed project would replace an existing two-lane bridge along SR 169 over Bull Creek in Evans County with a new bridge in the same location. The proposed typical roadway section of the new bridge would feature 12-foot travel lanes with 6-foot shoulders in each direction. The existing right-of-way (ROW) of SR 169 at this location varies between 100 to 200 feet, and the proposed project would be constructed within existing ROW. The total project length is approximately 0.1 mile. During construction, an off-site detour will be utilized to route vehicles from SR 169 southwest along US 280 through Reidsville, GA, then southeast along SR 57 back to SR 169. The total detour route distance is 21.1 miles. Access to existing properties will be maintained during construction.

**Coordination with Nearby Projects:** Construction for the bridge replacement projects at SR 169 over Cedar Creek (PI No. 0013826) and SR 169 over Canoochee River (PI No. 0013596) could overlap with the construction of the bridge replacement project at SR 169 over Bull Creek (PI No. 0013825). In the event of construction overlap, there will be a combined detour utilizing US 301 from SR 169 north of Claxton, GA to SR 57 in Glenville, GA. The total detour route distance is 26.1 miles.

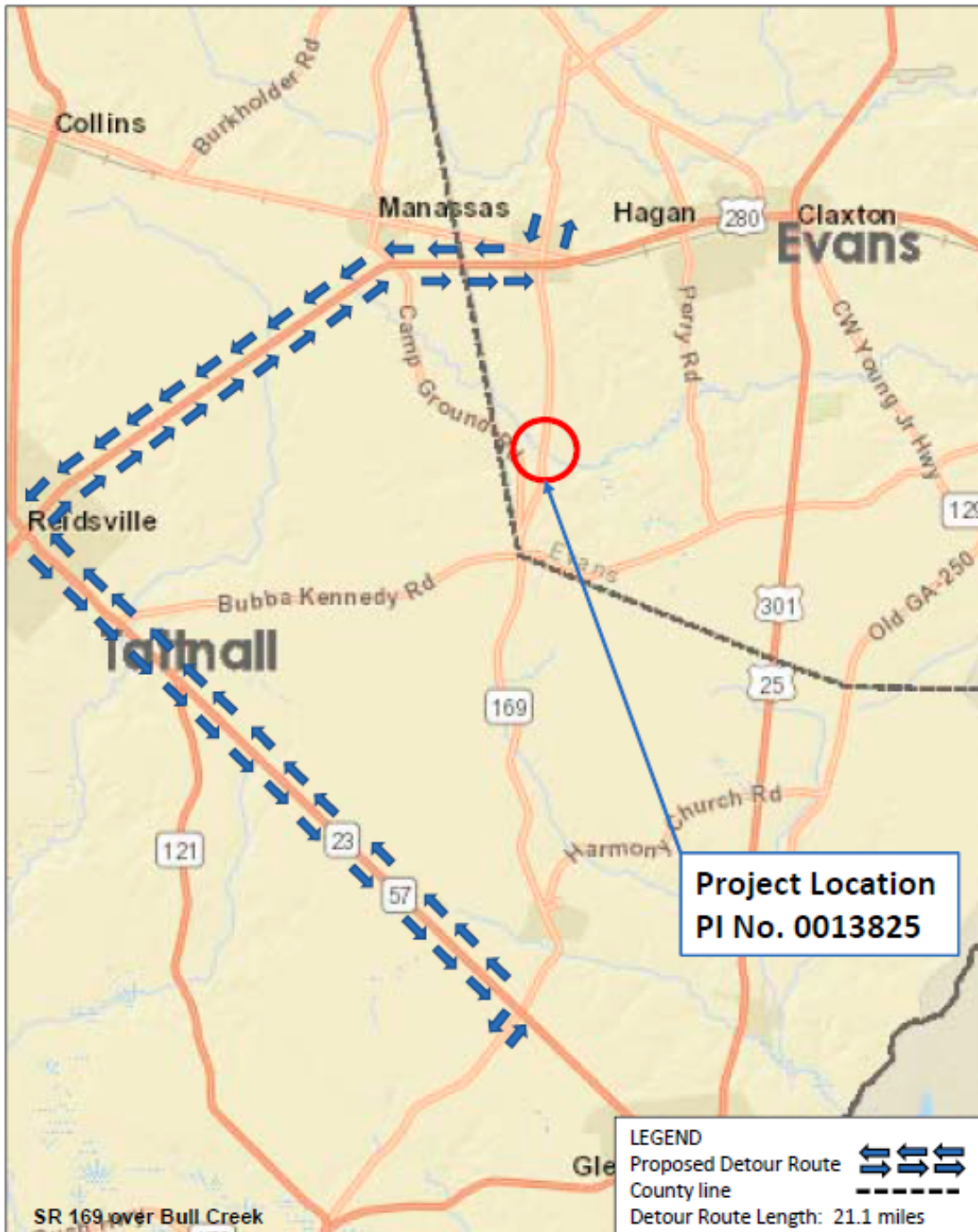
Project Location Map:



Overall Detour Map:



PI No. 0013825 Detour Map:



## Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you support the project **Choose an item.** (check your response)

**For**       **Against**       **Conditional**       **Uncommitted**

General Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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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 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:

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