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Thank you for attending the Detour Open House for the proposed bridge replacement on State Route (SR) 109 over Gola Creek, PI Number 0014904. 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 **Monday, November 26, 2018** 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 *0014904 Pike – Bridge Replacement*;
 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 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 3 Office located at 115 Transportation Blvd, Thomaston GA 30286. 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, Kenneth Wicks, at 207-951-5559 or the environmental analyst, Suncica Beba, NEPA planner at 404-631-1353 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eric Duff / RP'.

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here: The bridge on SR 109 over Gola Creek was built in 1954. The bridge was designed using an H-15 vehicle design standard, which is below current design standards. The overall condition of the bridge is classified as fair and has an unknown foundation with a risk for scour. Due to the structural analysis, integrity, and unknown foundation, replacement of the 63-year-old bridge is recommended. The purpose of the proposed project is to replace the bridge over Gola Creek to solve the structural integrity issues, providing a safe route for the surrounding community.

Project Description: The proposed project would replace the existing bridge on SR 109 at Gola Creek in Pike County, located 1 mile east of Meansville. Total length of the project is approximately 1355 feet, beginning 764 feet west of the existing bridge and ending 500' east of the existing bridge. The proposed project will be a 3-span bridge, approximately 90 feet long by 43.25 feet wide and will be constructed on the existing alignment. Traffic currently utilizing SR 109 as a through route on the current bridge over Gola Creek will utilize an off-site detour. The proposed structure would accommodate two 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot shoulders on both sides of the bridge. The acquisition of right-of-way may be necessary for project implementation.

Project Location Map and Detour Map:



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SR 109 at Gola Creek 1 Mile East of Meansville GDOT Project PI No. 0014904 Pike County, GA

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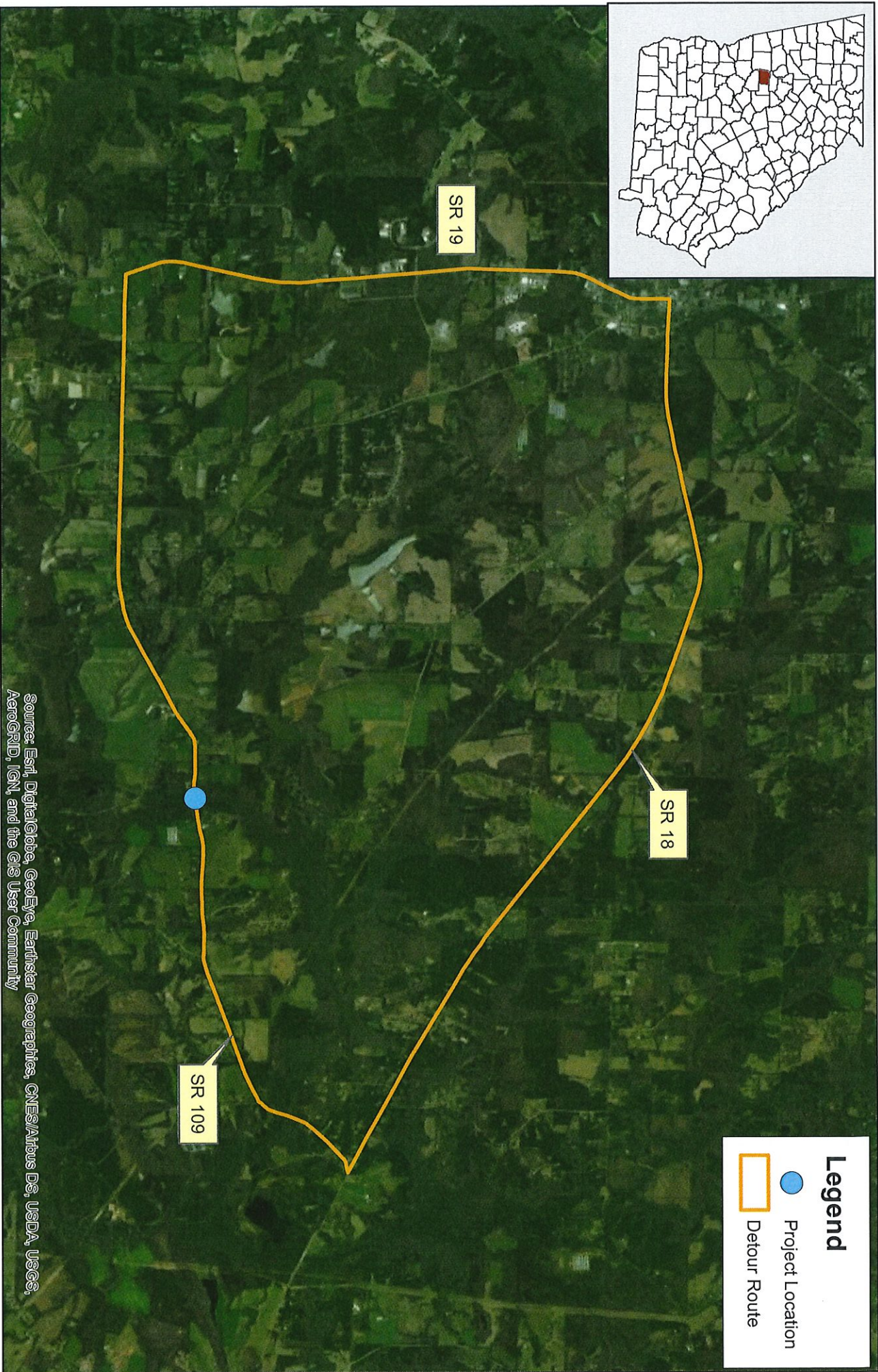
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-  Bridge Location
-  Waterbody




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**Project Location
Map**




Legend

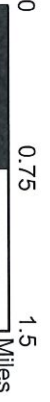
-  Project Location
-  Detour Route

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Figure 1
Proposed Detour
Map

SR 109 at Gola Creek 1 Mile East of Meansville
GDOT Project PI No. 0014904
Pike County, GA





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Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (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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