



April 23, 2013

Thank you for attending the public information open house for **PROJECT DERENNE**, the proposed solution to address congestion on I-516 (SR 21) and DeRenne Avenue. This project is being sponsored by the City of Savannah with oversight from the Georgia Department of Transportation (P.I. Nos. **0008358**, **0008359** and **0010236**). In this handout package you will find a project description, location map, and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project and representatives from the City of Savannah, Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and their consultant team. These representatives are available to discuss the project and answer any questions you may have. Please take the opportunity to discuss the project with them as there will be no formal presentation. You can identify these representatives by the nametags they are wearing.

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 May 7, 2013. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Paul Alimia, State Environmental Administrator, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. Comments can also be made via the web at 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 GDOT and the City of Savannah know your view of the proposal.

The displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after the public information open house at the Georgia Department of Transportation District 5 office located at 204 North Highway 301, Jesup, Georgia, 31546 and the City of Savannah Midtown Municipal Building located at 601 East 66th Street, Suite 220, Savannah, GA 31405. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at these same locations and at the Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Environmental Services, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public information open house and for giving us your comments. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the GDOT project manager David Moyer at (404) 291-5880 or Paul Alimia at (404) 631-1353 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

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P.I. Nos. 0008358, 0008359 and 0010236

Project DeRenne

Project Description:

Project DeRenne is the proposed solution to address congestion on I-516 (SR 21) and DeRenne Avenue. This project is being sponsored by the City of Savannah with oversight from the Georgia Department of Transportation, and consists of three proposed projects (P.I. Nos. 0008358, 0008359 and 0010236) which are described below:

➤ **PI 0008358: West DeRenne/Hampstead Connector (Referred to as the “Boulevard Option”)**

- The Boulevard Option consists of a new four lane roadway that would connect I-516 (just west of Mildred Street) to a redirected White Bluff Road via a widened Hampstead Avenue. This new roadway is envisioned to be a four-lane median divided roadway with sidewalks and a multi-use path.
- White Bluff Road, south of Hampstead Avenue, would be realigned to connect to the new Boulevard. White Bluff Road, just north of Hampstead Avenue, would be realigned to tee into the new Boulevard.
- The project would include two bridge structures. One bridge would carry outbound traffic over I-516 to facilitate an on-ramp configuration. The other bridge would carry inbound traffic over the access to Hunter Army Airfield.
- Montgomery Street, south of DeRenne Avenue, would be narrowed to a two-lane, median divided roadway with on street parking and sidewalks.
- Bicycle and pedestrian traffic to and from the Hunter Army Airfield would be accommodated on the planned multi-use path connection to the realigned, pedestrian enhanced, intersection with White Bluff.

➤ **PI 0010236: SR 21 From CS 346/Mildred Street to SR 24 (Referred to as “West DeRenne Avenue Improvements”)**

The West DeRenne Avenue Improvements Project would operate in conjunction with the Boulevard Option (PI 0008358 described above) to improve the portion of DeRenne Avenue (GA 21) between Mildred Street and the intersection of Abercorn Street (inclusive). This portion of DeRenne

Avenue is GDOT owned and City maintained. These improvements would include:

- A continuous raised median between intersections;
- Improved intersection configurations at Montgomery Street, White Bluff Avenue and Abercorn Street to reflect the change in travel patterns with the implementation of the Boulevard;
- Enhanced pedestrian accommodations along the corridor and at the intersections.

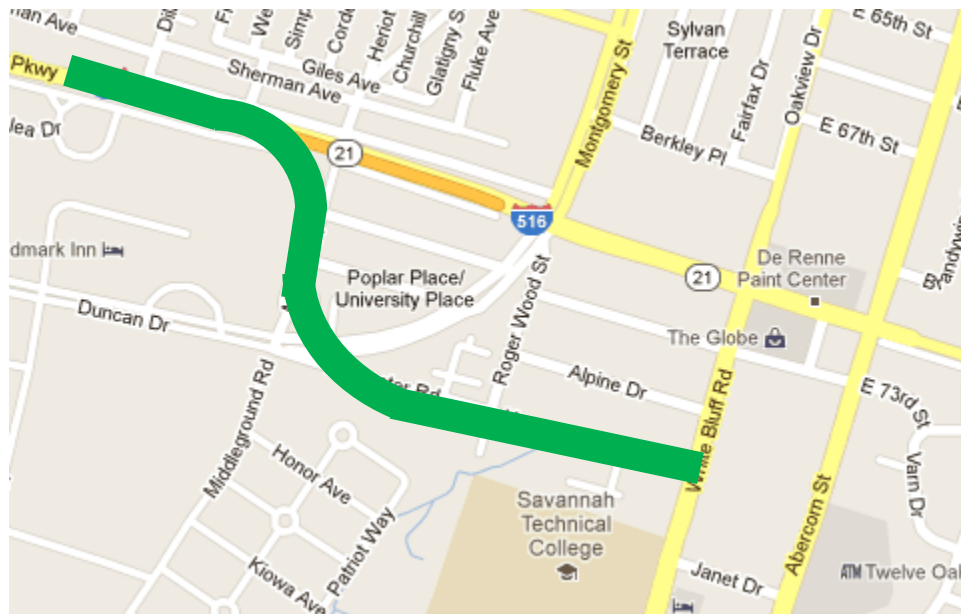
➤ **PI 0008359- East DeRenne from Abercorn Street to Harry S. Truman Pkwy (Referred to as East DeRenne Avenue Improvements)**

The East DeRenne Avenue Improvement Project would improve the segment of DeRenne Avenue between Abercorn Street and the Harry S. Truman Parkway. This portion of DeRenne Avenue is on the National Highway System and City maintained. These improvements include:

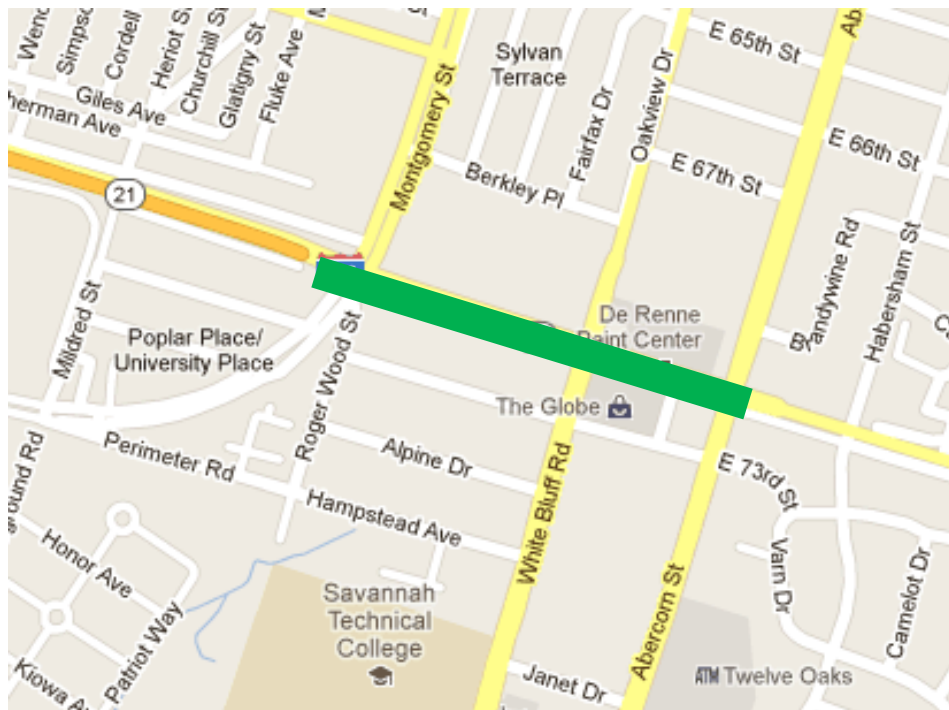
- Conversion of the existing two way left turn lane to a raised, planted median;
- Optimizing the intersection configuration of DeRenne Avenue and Waters Avenue;
- Develop a bicycle facility along DeRenne Drive;
- Enhanced pedestrian accommodations along the corridor and at the signalized intersections.

Project Location Map

P.I. 0008358: The Boulevard Option

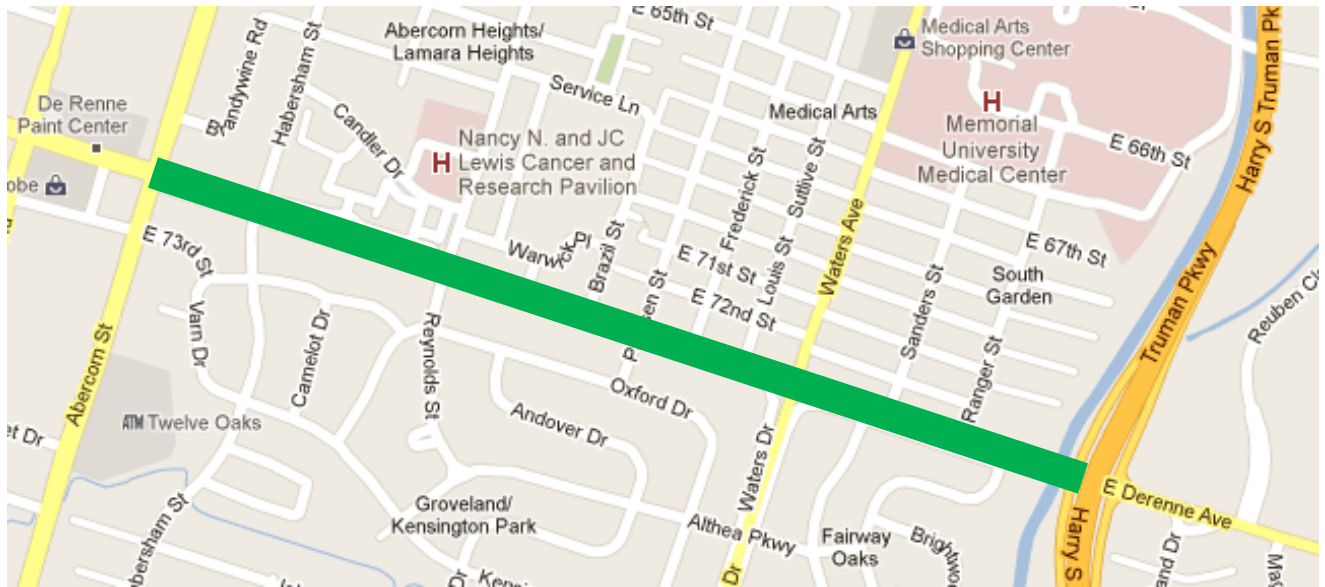


P.I. 0010236: West DeRenne Avenue Improvements



Project Location Map

P.I. 0008359: East DeRenne Avenue Improvements



Georgia Department of Transportation

Public Information Open House Comment Card

PROJECT DERENNE

Sponsored by: City of Savannah

Chatham County, P.I. Nos. 0008358, 0008359, 0010236

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? ☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Conditional ☐ Uncommitted

Comments _____

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.

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 way GDOT conducts public meetings.

Mail To:

Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental Administrator

Georgia Department of Transportation

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