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Thank you for attending the public information open house for CSNHS-0006-00(043), Cherokee County, P.I. No. 0006043, the proposed construction of an interchange at I-575 and Ridgewalk Parkway/Old Rope Mill Road. In this handout package you will find a project description, a brief project history, a location map, and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Department of Transportation (DOT) representatives, who can be identified by the name tags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with a DOT representative. There will be no formal presentation.

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 April 27, 2006. Written comments should be sent to Ms. Michelle McIntosh, CROY-MSE, LLC., 200 North Cobb Parkway, Building 400, Suite 413, Marietta, Georgia 30062. Comments can also be made via the web at www.dot.state.ga.us. Click on **Public Outreach** from the list of Featured Links. All comments will be made a part of the project record. We hope you will take advantage of one of these opportunities to let the Department 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 Woodstock City Hall located at 103 Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock, Georgia. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at this same location and at the Office of Environment/Location, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public information open house and for giving us your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Buddy Gratton". The signature is written in a cursive style and includes a small mark at the end that looks like "P.E."

Buddy Gratton, P.E.
Director of Preconstruction

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Attachments

Project CSNHS-0006-00(043)
Cherokee County
P.I. Number 0006043

Project Description

Project CSNHS-0006-00(043), Cherokee County is a proposal to construct a new full diamond interchange on I-575 between the existing interchanges at Towne Lake Parkway (Exit 8) and Sixes Road (Exit 11). The interchange would be constructed at the existing Woodstock Parkway overpass (signed on bridge as Rope Mill Road). The existing bridge over I-575 would be widened to accommodate the proposed interchange. In addition, new auxiliary lanes will be constructed between the new interchange and the Towne Lake Parkway interchange. The proposed project would also realign Old Rope Mill Road to intersect with Ridgewalk Parkway approximately 525 feet to the east of the existing intersection to accommodate the proposed interchange ramps. The total project length would be approximately 9,300 feet (1.76 miles).

The proposed project would be constructed primarily within existing right-of-way. A minor amount of right-of-way would be required in the immediate area of Ridgewalk Parkway to accommodate the proposed ramps. Also, approximately 80 feet of right-of-way would be required for the realignment of Old Rope Mill Road.

Brief Project History

Improved access to I-575 has been an item of concern in the project area over the last decade as the area continues to grow and develop. During project development, through extensive coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), many alternatives have been considered and analyzed. An alternative consisting of a split diamond interchange at Towne Lake Parkway was proposed late in 2004. During December, 2004 and January, 2005, three Public Information Meetings were held by the City of Woodstock to gather input relating to the split diamond interchange. Each meeting was attended by approximately 300 people and there was overwhelming support for the identification of a full diamond interchange as the preferred alternative as apposed to a split diamond interchange. This public input as well as additional traffic data allowed FHWA and GDOT to reevaluate the alternatives and select the full diamond interchange as the preferred alternative.

Georgia Department of Transportation
Public Information Open House Comment Card
Project CSNHS-0006-00(043), Cherokee County, P.I. No. 0006043
April 13, 2006

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*

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 the DOT personnel? *Yes* *No*

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

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

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