



December 9, 2014

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed improvements of State Route (SR) 44 from SR 24/US 441 in Putnam County to I-20 in Greene County, PI Number 0006252 and 0006253. 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 (Georgia DOT) 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 Georgia DOT 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 the next 45 days. 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 Tuesday, December 23, 2014** by using either of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov.
 1. Click *Public Outreach* under *Quick Links* on the lower right side of the page;
 2. From the menu, select Putnam County and click *Go*;
 3. Then select *Widening and Reconstruction of SR 44*;
 4. Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Ms. Hiral Patel, P.E., 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 *Public Outreach Site* at www.dot.ga.gov, described above. Hardcopies will also be available at the Georgia DOT Area Office located at 1570 Bethany Road, Madison, Georgia 30650. 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, Eric Wilkinson, at 478-538-8522 or the environmental analyst, Richard O'Hara, at 404-631-1169 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

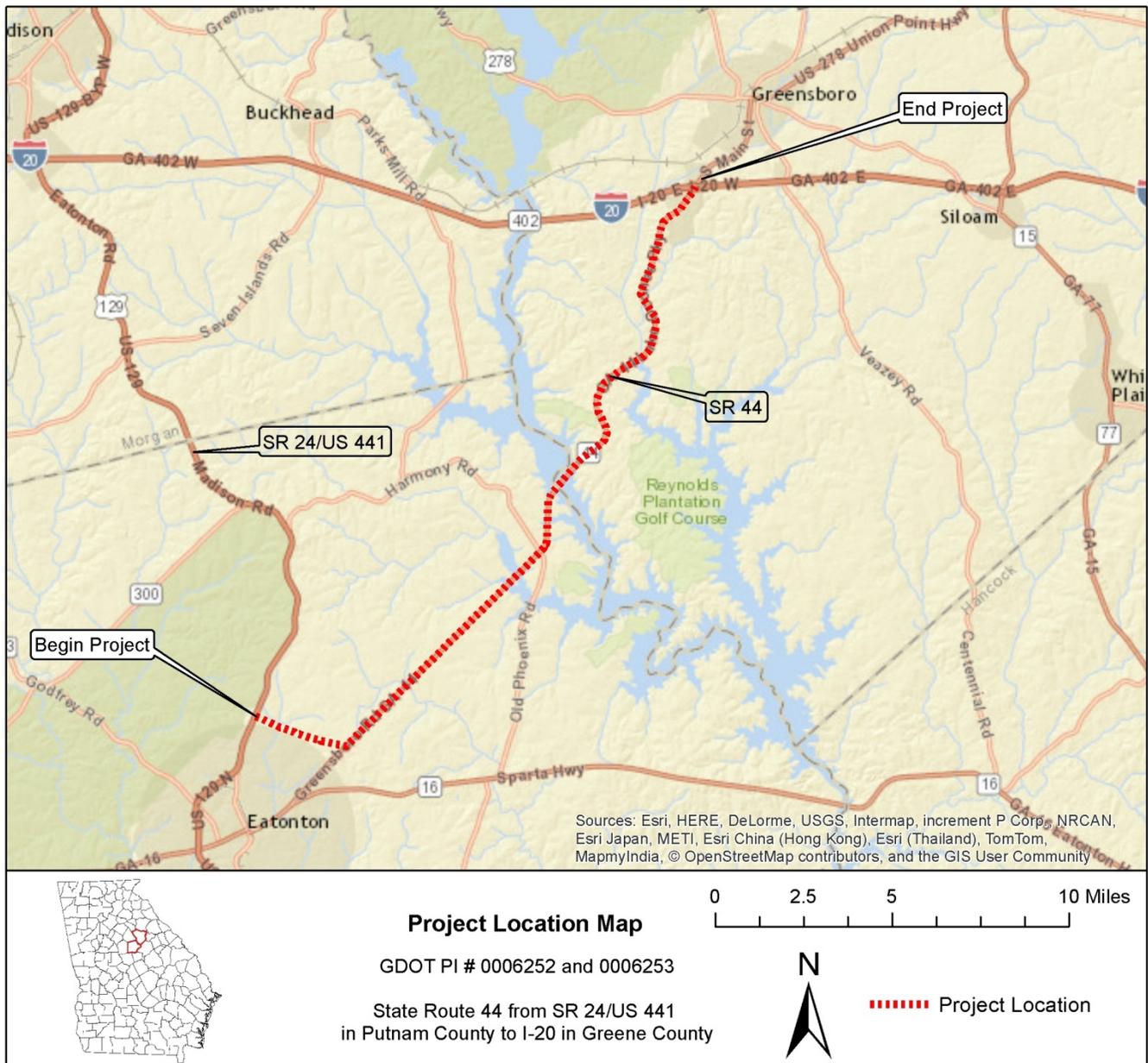
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hiral Patel / mm".

Hiral Patel, P.E.
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here: The SR 44 corridor is a rural minor arterial. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve access and operations along this corridor. The anticipated growth of this area presumes increased traffic volumes due to increased residential and commercial development in the area.

Project Description: GDOT P.I. No. 0006252 and 0006253 is the proposed improvements of SR 44 between Eatonton to the south and Interstate 20 to the north, an approximate distance of 22 miles. The project consists of a new alignment starting with an intersection approximately 6,000 feet north of Reids Road along SR 24/441, continuing east along this new alignment for approximately 2.25 miles to an existing intersection at SR 44 and County Road (CR) 139/Dance Road. It would then follow existing alignment north on SR 44 to I-20 with an expansion of the roadway from 2 to 4 lanes.

Project Location Map:



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) **Radio** **Newspaper** **Signs** **Word of Mouth**

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:

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