



CITY OF CARTERSVILLE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

December 17, 2013

Thank you for attending the public information open house for project CSSTP-0007 -00 (494), P.I. No. 0007494 which is the proposed widening of Douthit Ferry Road. 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. Southland Engineering, the consultant representing the City of Cartersville, and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, who can be identified by the nametags they are wearing, is available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with a 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 December 30, 2013. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Karl Lutjens, P.E., President, Southland Engineering, Inc. 114 Old Mill Road, Cartersville, Ga 30120. Comments can also be made via the web at www.dot.ga.gov. Click on **Public Outreach** from the **Projects** 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 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 City of Cartersville Department of Public Works Office at 330 South Erwin Street, Cartersville, Georgia 30120. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at this same location and at the Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Environment Services, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, as soon as compilation is completed. The displays will also be available for review on the Southland Engineering website at www.southlandengineers.com.

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 David Moore, Project Manager or Karl Lutjens, P.E. President of Southland Engineering Inc. at (770) 387-0440.

Sincerely,

KL/DM

Attachments

Project Description

PI No. 0007494, Bartow County

Douthit Ferry Road Widening

The proposed project would begin at the intersection of Douthit Ferry Road and Old Alabama Road and end at the intersection of Douthit Ferry Road and SR 113/ SR 61. The project is approximately 2.48 miles in length..

The proposed widening would begin at the intersection with Old Alabama Road. The intersection would be redesigned to match the widening from 2 lanes to 4 lanes. The lanes on this project will have and 11 ft wide inside lanes and a 12 ft wide outside lanes.

The section of roadway that begins at Old Alabama Road will have 2 lanes in each direction separated by a 20 ft raised median with urban shoulders consisting of curb and gutter and sidewalks on each side. This section continues to Riverside Court.

From Riverside court the section transitions to an 8 ft raised median with 2 lanes in each direction with curb and gutter and sidewalks on each side. This section continues to Indian Mounds Road. This reduced median in necessary to avoid an archeological site just past the Etowah River Bridge on the east side.

From Indian Mounds Road the section transitions back to a 20 ft raised median with 2 lanes in each direction with urban shoulders that has curb and gutter and sidewalks on each side. This section continues to the intersection at Pine Grove Road / Walnut Grove Road. This intersection will be redesigned from a 4-way stop to a duel lane roundabout with an outside inscribed island of 185 ft and an inside island of 121 ft. The drive at Cartersville Middle School will be redesigned to allow a separation of the bus traffic with the car traffic.

From the Pine Grove Road / Walnut Grove Road intersection the section transitions back to a 20 ft raised median with 2 lanes in each direction with curb and gutter and sidewalks on each side. This section continues south of the intersection with Old Mill Road.

From South of Old Mill Road the sections transitions to a 5 lane section with two lanes in each direction with a 14 ft wide flush median with urban shoulders that has curb and gutter and sidewalks on each side. This section continues to the intersection of SR 61 / SR 113 where the project ends.

Because of the varying proposed typical sections, required right-of-way (ROW) varies throughout the project corridor. At the south end of the project, the ROW varies from Old Alabama Road to Indian Mounds Road from 158 feet to 220 feet. From Indian Mounds Road to the proposed roundabout at the intersection with Pine Grove Road / Walnut Grove Road the ROW varies from 150 feet to 194 feet. From the proposed roundabout to Old Mill Road the ROW varies from 155 feet to 210 feet. Then From Old Mill Road to SR 61 / SR 113 at the north terminus of the project the ROW varies from 102 feet to 112 feet.

The video *Modern Roundabouts: A Safer Choice* provides general information about roundabouts including guidance on how to navigate through roundabouts. To view this video, scroll down to Resources and click on the **WMV** or **MOV** file on the Federal Highway Administrator's Roundabouts website: <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/roundabouts/>.



Public Information Open House Comment Card
Project STP00-0007-00(494) Bartow County - GDOT P.I. No. 0007494
Douthit Ferry Road Widening

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 Southland Engineering personnel? **Yes** **No**

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

Please share your suggestions on improving the way the City of Cartersville conducts public meetings.

Mail to
Mr. Karl Lutjens, PE, President
Southland Engineering, Inc
114 Old Mill Road
Cartersville, GA 30120

Please return form by January 5, 2014