



Forsyth County Department of Engineering

September 10, 2015

Thank you for attending the public information open house for CSHPP-0007-00(526), P.I. No. 0007526, the proposed State Road 400 interchange at McGinnis Ferry Road project located in Forsyth County, Georgia. In this handout package you will find a project description, location map, Tidwell Drive Alternatives, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. The Forsyth County and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, who can be identified by the nametags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with a County or GDOT 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 September 21, 2015. Written comments should be sent to Mr. John Cunard, Director, Forsyth County Engineering Department, 110 East Main Street, Suite 120, Cumming, Georgia 30040. Comments can also be made on the GDOT Public Outreach web site at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach>. Select Project: Georgia 400 Interchange at McGinnis Ferry Road. 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 will be available for review until September 21, 2015 at the Forsyth County Engineering Department located at 110 East Main Street, Suite 120, Cumming, Georgia 30040, the GDOT District One Area Office located on 2594 Gillsville Hwy, Gainesville, Georgia 30507, and the GDOT District Seven Office located at 5025 New Peachtree Road, Chamblee, Georgia 30341. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at the Forsyth County Administration Offices 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 Mr. Tim Allen at (770) 781-2165 or the GDOT project manager, Davida White, at (404) 631-1717.

Sincerely,

John Cunard, Director
Forsyth County Engineering Department

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Attachments

Project Description

The proposed project would consist of constructing a full-diamond interchange on State Route (SR) 400 at McGinnis Ferry Road. The project would add a northbound and southbound auxiliary lane on SR 400 between Windward Parkway ramps and the McGinnis Ferry Road ramps and between the McGinnis Ferry Road ramps and the McFarland Parkway ramps. The auxiliary lanes would have standard, non-flex 14-foot shoulders that include 12 feet of paving and 2 feet grassed.

SR 400 southbound would be widened one additional lane from 1,900 feet south of the southbound McFarland Parkway exit ramp to 3,500 feet north of the southbound McFarland Parkway exit ramp.

The project would replace the existing bridge over SR 400 and widen McGinnis Ferry Road from Bethany Bend through the intersection of Union Hill Road onto Ronald Reagan Boulevard to Counselors Way. All through lanes would be 11-foot wide and turn lanes would be 12-foot wide. McGinnis Ferry Road would be widened to four lanes with a 14-foot flush median from Bethany Bend to Deerfield Point Drive; four lanes with a 20-foot raised median from Deerfield Point Drive through the SR 400 interchange; and, six lanes with a 20-foot raised median from SR 400 through the intersection of Union Hill Road onto Ronald Reagan Boulevard to Counselors Way.

The typical section would include curb and gutter and five-foot sidewalks on the south side, with a 12-foot standard shoulder, and a multi-use path on the north side with an 18-foot standard shoulder along the entire length of McGinnis Ferry Road. Additional right-turn lanes and left-turn lanes would be provided along McGinnis Ferry Road at the major intersections of the project. The proposed bridge would be designed to span future managed lanes on SR 400.

The overall project length is estimated at 4.98 miles which includes the project length along SR 400 which is 3.28 miles and McGinnis Ferry Road and other minor side road improvements total 1.7 miles in length. The 2008 update to the Forsyth County Bicycle Transportation & Pedestrian Walkways 2025 Plan includes a 10-foot wide multi-use path, which will be incorporated into the project. The existing right-of-way width of McGinnis Ferry Road is 80 feet and the proposed right-of-way varies from 120 to 150 feet. The existing right-of-way on SR 400 is approximately 200 feet. No additional right-of-way on SR 400 is anticipated.

Descriptions of Tidwell Alternatives

There are also three (3) alternatives for improvements for Tidwell Drive:

Alternative 1 – Tidwell Drive would remain at its existing location. The intersection at McGinnis Ferry Road would be modified with a channelized island to allow only right-in and right-out turning movements. Additionally, the median on McGinnis Ferry Road would be modified to allow left-turning movements into Tidwell Drive. A median opening would be constructed at Deerfield Point Drive and additional pavement to accommodate U-turn maneuvers would be provided at this intersection.

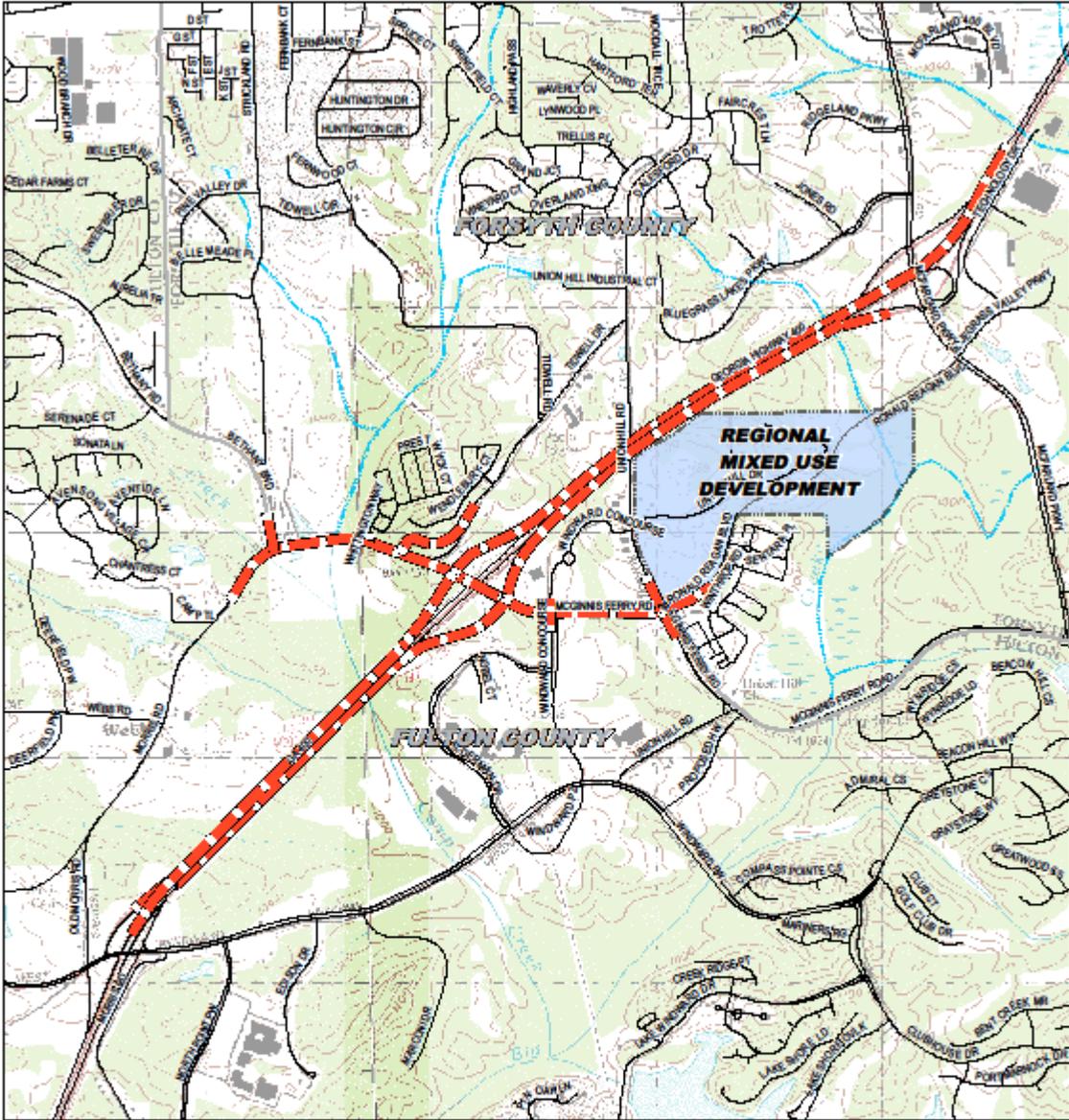
Alternative 2 – Tidwell Drive would be realigned with Deerfield Point Drive and all turning movements would be provided at this median opening.

Alternative 3 – Tidwell Drive would be cul-de-saced. There would no longer be access to Tidwell Drive from McGinnis Ferry Road.

Attached Graphics Following This Page:

- Project Location Map
- Tidwell Drive Alternative 1
- Tidwell Drive Alternative 2
- Tidwell Drive Alternative 3

Project Location Map

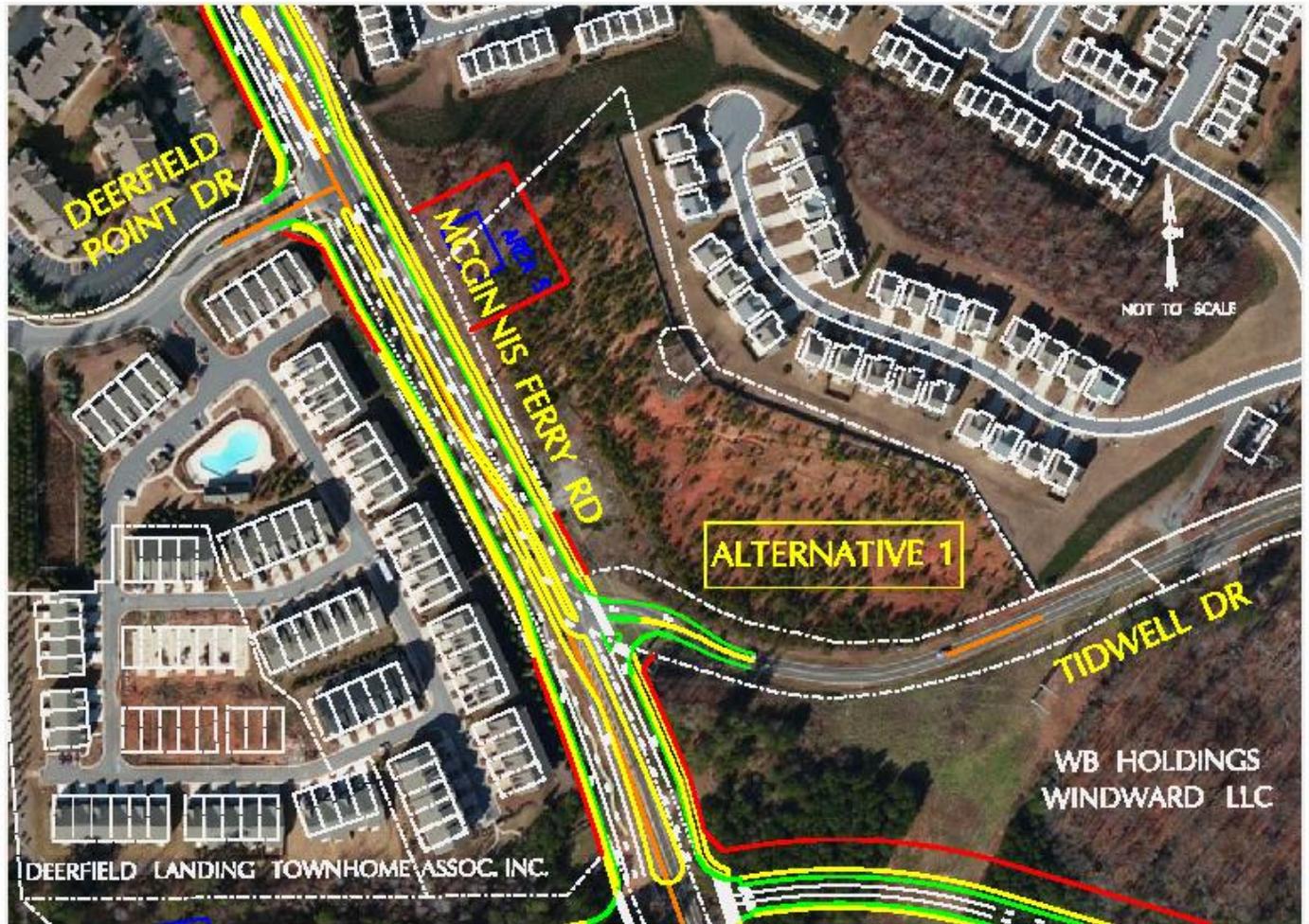


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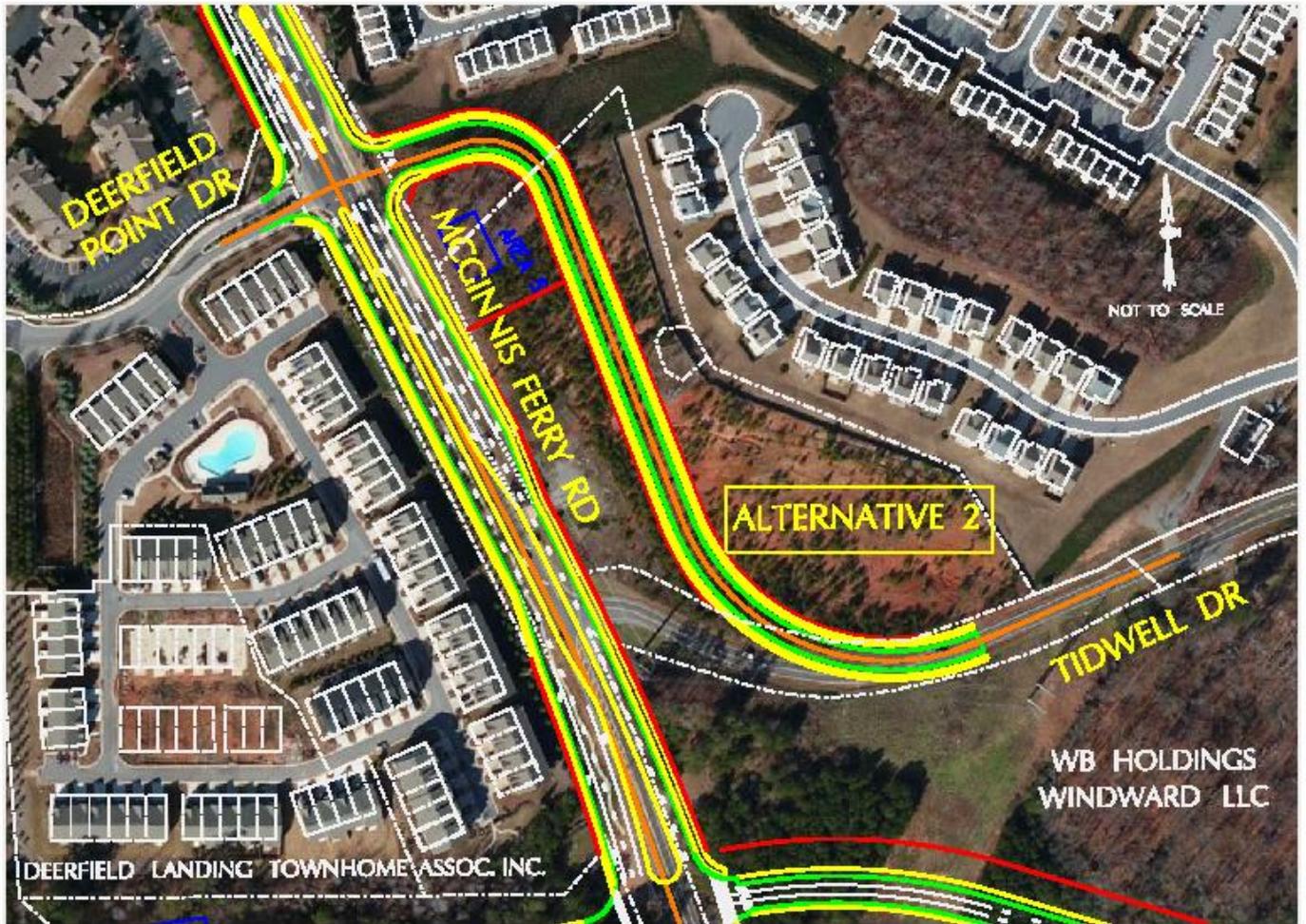
	<p>Project Location Map</p>	<p>SR 400 at McGinnis Ferry Road Interchange</p> <p>Forsyth/Fulton Counties, Georgia</p>	
	<p>Project Limits</p>		

Tidwell Drive Alternative 1



Alternative 1 – Tidwell Drive would remain at its existing location. The intersection at McGinnis Ferry Road would be modified with a channelized island to allow only right-in and right-out turning movements. Additionally, the median on McGinnis Ferry Road would be modified to allow left-turning movements into Tidwell Drive. A median opening would be constructed at Deerfield Point Drive and additional pavement to accommodate U-turn maneuvers would be provided at this intersection.

Tidwell Drive Alternative 2



Alternative 2 – Tidwell Drive would be realigned with Deerfield Point Drive and all turning movements would be provided at this median opening.

Tidwell Drive Alternative 3



Alternative 3 – Tidwell Drive would be cul-de-saced. There would no longer be access to Tidwell Drive from McGinnis Ferry Road.

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Public Information Open House Comment Card
Project CSHPP-0007-00(526), Forsyth County, P.I. No. 0007526
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Please print responses

Name _____

Address _____

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

Comments _____

Which Tidwell Drive Alternative do you prefer? *Alternative 1* *Alternative 2*

Alternative 3 *No Preference*

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 the County/GDOT personnel? Yes No

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

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Forsyth County conducts public meetings.

Mail To:
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