



November 9, 2010

Thank you for attending the public information open house for CSSFT-0008-00(314), P.I. No. 0008314, the proposed improvements to SR 136 from the SR 136 Connector to SR 515. 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. 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 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 November 23, 2010. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., 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 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 Ellijay Area Office located at 258 Maddox Drive, Ellijay, Georgia 30540. 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 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 project manager Derrick Cameron at (404) 635-8153 with the Office of Traffic Operations or Alexis John at (404) 631-1407 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Zahul". To the right of the signature is a circular stamp containing the initials "DDC".

Kathy Zahul, P.E.
State Traffic Engineer

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Attachments

Project CSSFT-0008-00(314), Pickens County

P.I. 0008314

The Proposed Improvements to SR 136 from the SR 136 Connector to SR 515

Project Description

The proposed project would consist of various safety improvements to the horizontal and vertical alignment of State Route (SR) 136 and intersection improvements at the SR 136 Connector, Antioch Church Road, Priest Circle, Old Highway 5/Ellijay Road, and the connector to SR 515 in Pickens County. In addition, shoulders along the areas of improvements would be widened to standard statewide widths, allowing room for bicycles. The existing right-of-way width is 80 feet. The required right-of-way width would be variable with a maximum width of approximately 125 feet. The total required right-of-way would be approximately 6.76 acres. The total project length is approximately 2.7 miles.

The horizontal and vertical improvements would focus on five critical areas along the project corridor.

The first area is at the western project terminus in Blaine, at the intersection of SR 136 and SR 136 Connector. The proposed project would reconstruct this intersection as a roundabout.

The second area is the curve at SR 136 and Antioch Church Road. The alignment of SR 136 at the intersection would be shifted to the north to the inside of the existing horizontal curve. This realignment would improve sight distances through the curve and at the intersection.

The third area is on SR 136 at the skewed intersections with Priest Circle. Priest Circle would be realigned at both intersections to address the skew and create 90 degree intersection angles.

The fourth area is the curve on SR 136 west of Old Highway 5/Ellijay Road. The intersection of SR 136 and Old Highway 5/Ellijay Road would be shifted approximately 700 feet north along Old Highway 5/Ellijay Road to improve the horizontal curve on SR 136. The intersection would also be reconstructed as a roundabout.

The fifth area is the intersection of SR 136 with the connector to SR 515. The intersection would be realigned to the southeast to create a 90 degree intersection.

Georgia Department of Transportation

Public Information Open House Comment Card

Project CSSFT-0008-00(314), Pickens County, P.I. No. 0008314

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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 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.

Mail To:

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