



Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed Buford Highway Safety Improvements Project from Afton Lane to Shallowford Terrace-Phase II, PI No. 0009400. Two meetings are being held for this project, **October 23, 2016** and **November 10, 2016**. 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 but your name and address are not required. Should you provide comments by one of the methods noted below with your contact information, we will respond to you in writing usually within 30 days of the close of the comment period. 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 Monday, November 21, 2016** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 - From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Go*;
 - Then select *Buford Hwy Safety Improvements – Phase II*;
 - Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Scan QR code to the right with your smart phone's QR reader
- Online at: <http://bit.ly/GDOT0009400>
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, 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 website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the Georgia DOT District 7 Office located at 5025 New Peachtree Road, Chamblee, GA 30341. 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, Robert Reid, at (678) 518-3667 or the environmental analyst, Ryan Perry, at (404) 631-1271 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Duff".

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here:

Pedestrian facilities would be improved along Buford Highway/State Route (SR) 13 between Afton Lane and Shallowford Terrace. Many people walk along the six lane roadway with center turn lane and often do not cross at intersections. The proposed project would provide wider sidewalks, increase the distance between the roadway and walkers where possible by providing a stamped concrete strip between the curb and sidewalk, improve lighting, and create safer places to cross the roadway between intersections.



Crash data from 2008-2012 indicated that 82 crashes occurred along this corridor resulting in 48 injuries and 2 fatalities. The vast majority of these crashes were the result of a lack of pedestrian facilities to accommodate the conflicting movements between people and vehicular traffic.

The proposed improvements are expected to improve the frequency and severity of crashes in the project corridor.

Project Description:

The proposed improvements on Buford Highway/SR 13 from Afton Lane to Shallowford Terrace in DeKalb County, Georgia. (A map showing the project location is on the next page.) The proposed project is second phase of a two phased approach to improve pedestrian facilities that includes: upgrading or adding new five-foot wide sidewalk along both sides of the road with a two-foot wide, adding a stamped concrete strip between the curb and sidewalk where possible; adding a raised median from Afton Lane to Clairmont Terrace; adding pedestrian refuge islands with pedestrian hybrid beacons; upgrading handicap ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; and adding pedestrian lighting. The project length is about 2.6 miles. The existing right-of-way (ROW) varies from 100 to 115 feet wide. The proposed ROW would vary from 105 – 135 feet in width.

The first phase of the project is completed and consisted of similar pedestrian improvements to Buford Highway/SR 13 from Lennox Road to Afton Lane. The photo below is an example of pedestrian refuge island with pedestrian hybrid beacons.



Project Location Map:



Project Location Map
PI No. 0009400, Dekalb County
SR 13 from Afton Lane to Shallowford Terrace - Phase II



Not To Scale

Comment Card

Please print responses.

Date _____

Do you support the project? (check your response)

- For**
 Against
 Conditional
 Uncommitted

General Comments _____

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) **Newspaper** **Signs** **GDOT Website** **Radio**

Word of Mouth **Social Media** **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:

Mail to:

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