



October 1, 2015

Thank you for attending the Detour Open House for the proposed intersection improvement, PI Number 0009953. 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, which includes a traffic detour route that would be used during construction. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, a map of the proposed detour, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project display and the detour map. 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 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, October 12, 2015** by using either of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 1. From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Go*;
 2. Then select *0009953 Roundabout SR 81/Bold Springs Rd*;
 3. 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 website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the Georgia DOT District Office located at 2505 Athens Highway SE, Gainesville, Georgia, 30507 and the Georgia DOT Area Two Office at 450 Hull Road, Athens, Georgia, 30601. 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, Charles Robinson, at 404-631-1439 or the environmental analyst, David Borchardt, at 404-631-1184 of the Office of Environmental Services.

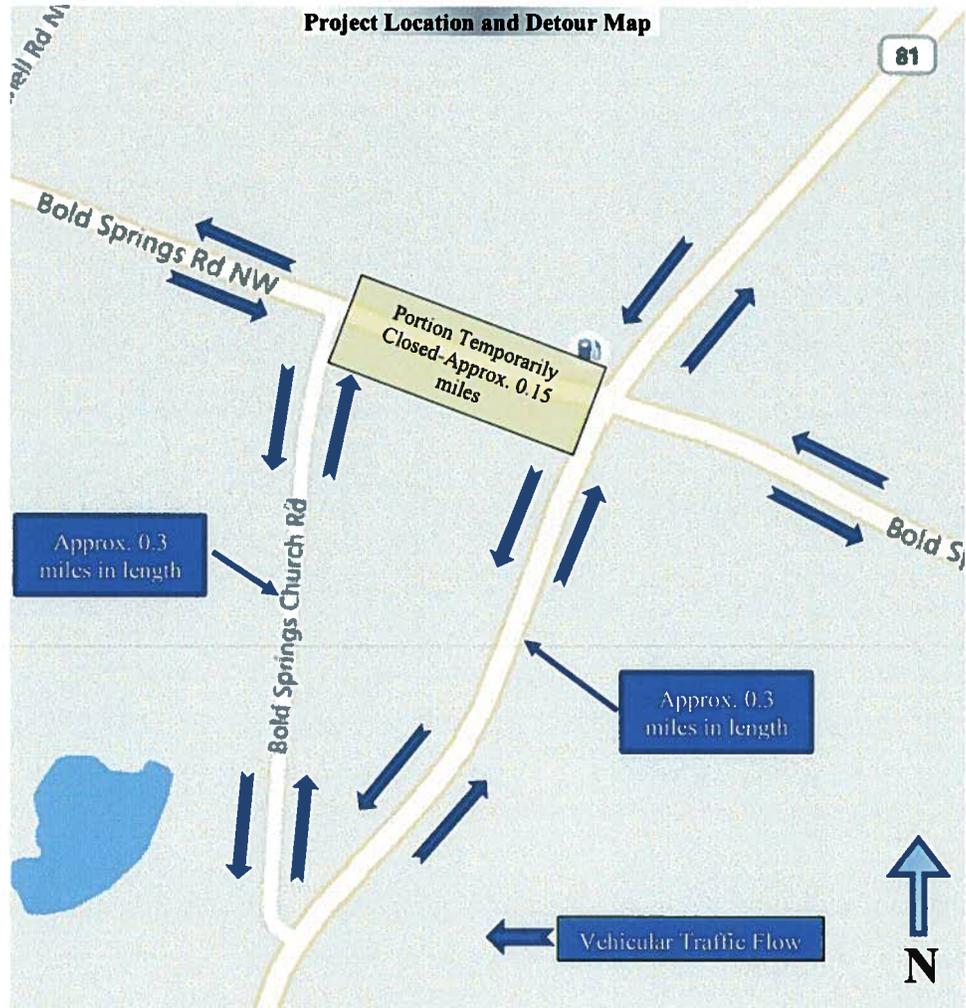
Sincerely,

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

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

Why We Are Here: This project proposes to improve the operation of the existing intersection of State Route (SR) 81 and County Road (CR) 461/CR 462/Bold Springs Road while minimizing the number and severity of crashes by reducing potential angle crashes. Crash data at the intersection from 2005-2011 indicates that 56 crashes occurred resulting in 15 total injuries. Of those crashes, 64% were angle collisions accounting for 67% of the injuries. This is higher than the national average. Nationally, intersection crashes account for 40% of all reported crashes and approximately 20% of traffic fatalities. Due to the high rate of vehicle crashes at the intersection, various configurations of traffic operations through the intersection have been previously implemented. In 1997, after a continued increase in fatal crashes, the intersection was converted from a two-way stop with flashing beacons to a four-way stop controlled configuration that currently exists. The four-way stop control configuration has reduced crashes over previously implemented configurations. However, the proportion of crashes resulting in injury and crashes resulting in property damage only remain high, primarily due to the angle of approach of the existing intersection. Converting the existing intersection to a roundabout would better handle present and future traffic levels and reduce crash frequency.

Project Description: This project proposes construction of a roundabout at SR 81 and CR 461/CR 462/Bold Springs Road. The proposed roundabout construction requires temporary closure of approximately 0.15 miles of CR 461/CR 462/Bold Springs Road west of the SR 81 intersection. CR 461/CR 462/Bold Springs Road would be closed a duration of approximately 1-2 months with vehicular traffic detoured toward an alternate route. Traffic traveling east on CR 461/CR 462/Bold Springs Road would be redirected to Bold Springs Church Road for approximately 0.3 miles; then north on SR 81 for approximately 0.3 miles; then reconnecting with CR 461/CR 462/Bold Springs Road or continuing north on SR 81. Traffic traveling west on CR 461/CR 462/Bold Springs Road would follow the route in reverse order. The total length of the detour route is approximately 0.6 miles.



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? Choose an item. (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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