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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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April 16, 2013

Thank you for attending the public information open house for Cobb County Department of Transportation (DOT) Project E4010 (Georgia DOT PI No. 0010157), the proposed Skip Spann Connector project. In this handout package, you will find a project description, project location map, potential temporary detour map, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Cobb County DOT and Georgia DOT 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 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 April 30, 2013. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Michael Wright, P.E., District 1 Engineer, Cobb County Department of Transportation, 1890 County Services Parkway, Marietta, GA 30008. Comments can also be sent electronically via e-mail to michael.wright@cobbcounty.org, and can be made via the Georgia DOT's website at www.dot.ga.gov. Click on the ***Information Center*** dropdown menu at the top right side of the homepage, then click on ***Public Outreach*** and launch the website. Once on this page, enter the county (Cobb) and select this project from the dropdown box. 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 DOT know your view of the proposal.

The handouts, displays, and plans will be available for review for 10 days after the public information open house at the Cobb County DOT office, located at 1890 County Services Parkway Marietta, Georgia 30008. They can also be viewed at the Cobb County DOT website at www.cobbdot.org. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at the Cobb County Department of Transportation located at 1890 County Services Parkway Marietta, Georgia 30008 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 Mr. Michael Wright, P.E., Cobb County District 1 Engineer at 770-528-4375.

Sincerely,

Faye DiMassimo, Director
Cobb County Department of Transportation

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Attachments

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Skip Spann Connector
Project No. E4010; Georgia DOT PI No. 0010157; Cobb County
April 16, 2013

The project consists of the construction of an approximately 0.5-mile new connector road (hereafter called the Skip Spann Connector) over Interstate 75 (I-75) between Frey Road and Busbee Drive (see Project Location Map). The primary purpose of this project is to provide traffic relief on Chastain Road in the vicinity of the I-75 interchange, which would improve operations along Chastain Road. As a secondary benefit, the project would also provide access to and connectivity around the Kennesaw State University (KSU) campus and surrounding residential and commercial areas.

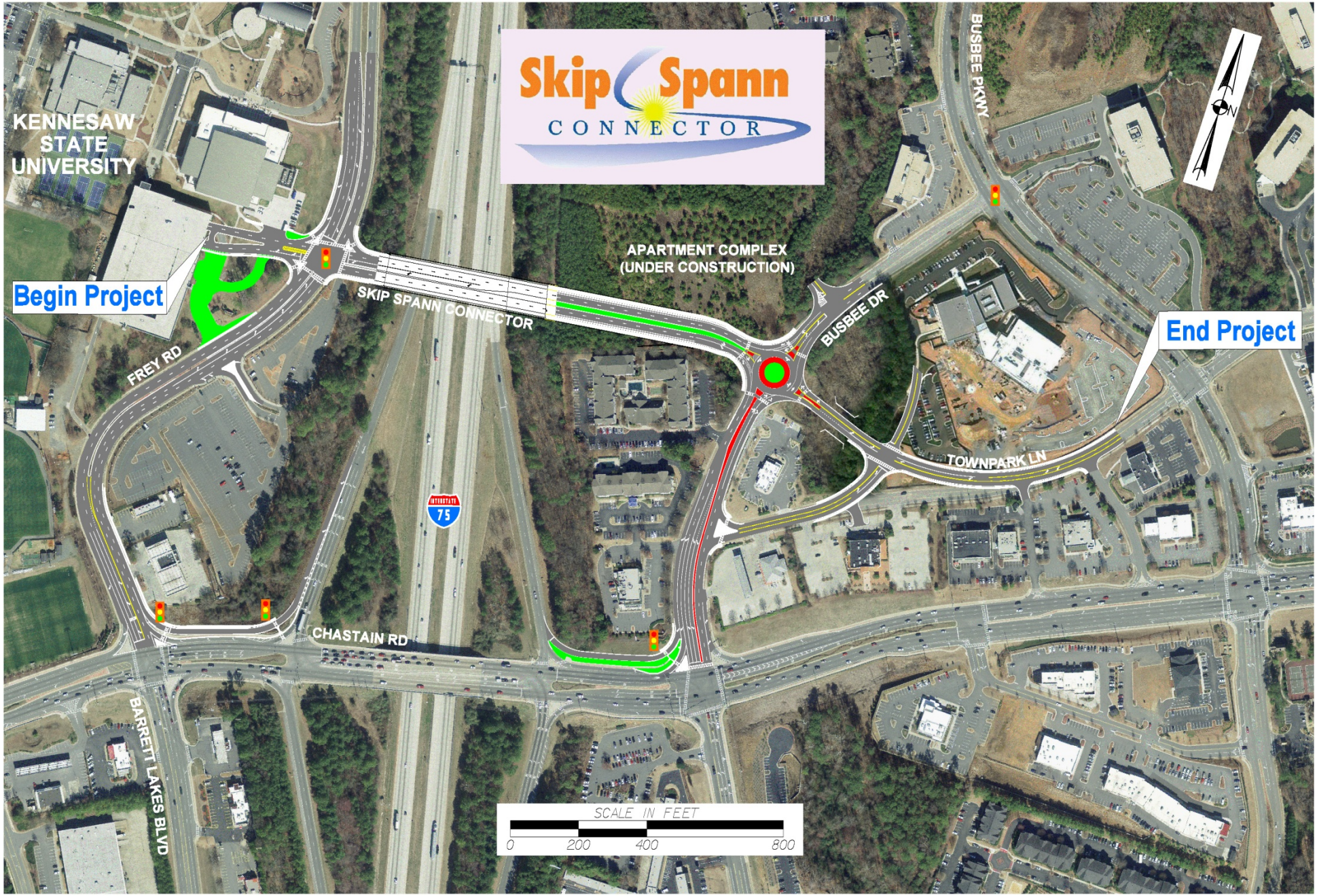
TownPark Lane at its existing intersection with Busbee Drive would be relocated northward to form a new roundabout intersection with Busbee Drive, and the proposed Skip Spann Connector would be constructed from this new roundabout intersection westward onto a new location, over I-75, ending at a new intersection with Frey Road at the KSU parking deck (at a relocated parking deck entrance). The proposed Skip Spann Connector would consist of four 11-foot travel lanes (two in each direction), a 16-foot, raised, concrete median, 12-foot right- and left-turn lanes at Frey Road and Busbee Drive, 4-foot bike lanes, and 10-foot sidewalks. A 15-foot pedestrian-friendly sidewalk (including 11.5 feet of useable sidewalk area and 3.5 feet of planter space) would be provided on the bridge over I-75. The proposed right-of-way along the new Connector would be approximately 103 feet.

The roundabout proposed at the intersection of the proposed Skip Spann Connector and Busbee Drive would be striped to allow a single circulating lane in the east-west direction and two circulating lanes in the north-south direction. The former intersection of Busbee Drive and Townpark Lane to the south would remain open for access to businesses along that portion of TownPark Lane, but would become right-in, right-out only. This portion of the former TownPark Lane would be realigned at its eastern end to form a new intersection with the relocated TownPark Lane. An additional 11-foot left turn lane would also be added at the intersection of Busbee Drive and Chastain Road.

The existing KSU parking deck entrance on the west side of Frey Road in the area of the proposed Connector would be obliterated; however, the existing surface parking lot entrance across the street (east side) would remain open as a right-in, right-out entrance after project construction. A new intersection would be created at the KSU parking deck entrance (west side of Frey Road) at the proposed Skip Spann Connector. In addition, median-separated, right-turn lanes would be constructed from Busbee Drive (southbound) onto the I-75 northbound on-ramp at Chastain Road and from the I-75 southbound off-ramp onto Frey Road (northbound). These separate right-turn lanes would allow traffic to connect directly between the interstate and Frey Road and Busbee Drive and the interstate without merging into and impeding traffic on Chastain Road.

At the time of the Public Information Open House held in May 2012, a four-legged intersection was proposed at the intersection of the new Skip Spann Connector and Busbee Drive (and relocated TownPark Lane). As a result of value engineering, a roundabout is now proposed at this intersection (as shown on the Project Location Map). In addition, 4-foot bike lanes along the new Skip Spann Connector are now proposed. To accommodate these bike lanes, the proposed median on the Connector has been reduced to 16 feet in width.

Construction of the roundabout may require the temporary (90 days or less) closure of Busbee Drive at this roundabout location, and a detour may be required. The proposed detour route is shown on the Potential Temporary Detour Plan map. From Busbee Drive south of the closure location, motorists wanting to head north can take TownPark Lane to George Busbee Parkway and turn left on George Busbee Parkway. From points north, motorists can travel south on George Busbee Parkway, then turn right on TownPark Lane to access Busbee Drive.



Project Location Map
Skip Spann Connector
GDOT Project No. 0010157
Cobb County

POTENTIAL DETOUR PLAN

DETOUR

GEORGE BUSBEE PARKWAY

ROAD CLOSED

KAISER PERMANENTE

DETOUR

GEORGIA TRUST BANK

ROAD CLOSED

RESIDENCE INN

BUSBEE DRIVE

ZAXBY'S

TOWNPARK LANE

O' CHARLEY'S

BB&T

DUNKIN DONUTS

CHASTAIN ROAD

LOS REYES MEXICAN RESTAURANT

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES

DETOUR

CHEVRON

INTERSTATE 75

CHICAGO PIZZA

CALIFORNIA DREAMING

CRACKER BARREL

LEGEND

DETOUR DIRECTION

POTENTIAL ROAD CLOSURE

SCALE IN FEET

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Public Information Open House/Detour Meeting Comment Card

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Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

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

Do you understand the concept of a roundabout and how to use it? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Comments _____

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How did you hear about this meeting? ☐ ***Website*** ☐ ***Newspaper*** ☐ ***Signs*** ☐ ***Word of Mouth*** ☐ ***Postcards***

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.

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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 Cobb DOT personnel? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Cobb DOT conducts public meetings.

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Mail To:
Mr. Michael Wright, P.E., Project Manager
Cobb County Department of Transportation
1890 County Services Parkway, Marietta, GA 30008
Please return form by April 30, 2013.