



March 25, 2014

Thank you for attending the public information and detour open house for P.I. No. 0010925, Fulton County, the proposed I-285 Ramps at County Road (CR 209)/Riverside Drive project. In this handout package you will find a project description, location map, proposed detour route map, and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project and the proposed detour route. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, who can be identified by the nametags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and proposed detour route 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 April 4, 2014. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Hiral Patel, 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 and detour open house at the Georgia Department of Transportation District 7 Area 2 Office located at 1269 Kennestone Circle, Marietta, Georgia 30066. A set of plans will also be available for review at Sandy Springs City Hall located at 7840 Roswell Road Sandy Springs, GA 30350. 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 Environment 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 and detour 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 Marlo Clowers at 404-631-1713 or Paul Alimia at 404-631-1353 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hiral Patel" followed by a stylized initial "HP".

Hiral Patel, P.E.
State Environmental Administrator

HP/MHB

Attachments

Public Information and Detour Open House
P.I. No. 0010925, Fulton County
I-285 Ramps @ County Road 209/Riverside Drive
Project Description

The proposed project area is located on Riverside Drive at the interchange with I-285 in Fulton County, Georgia and is within the city limits of Sandy Springs. The current roadway configuration of Riverside Drive consists of one, twelve foot wide lane in each direction, a ten foot wide grassed outside shoulder on each side, and traffic signals at the I-285 on and off ramp termini. There are no left turn lanes at the intersection with the I-285 entrance ramps.

The existing bridge consists of one, twelve foot wide lane in each direction, one northbound and one southbound.

The eastbound and westbound I-285 off ramps each consists of a single, sixteen foot lane.

There are no existing sidewalks approaching the bridge; however, there are existing five foot wide sidewalks on the bridge itself (both sides). The existing right-of-way along Riverside Drive varies from 50 to 100 feet.

The project consists of safety improvements to the existing interchange of I-285 at Riverside Drive. The project converts the two existing signalized intersections at each ramp terminal at Riverside Drive with single lane roundabouts.

Each approach to the roundabout is proposed to be widened to two lanes with one lane entering the roundabout and the other serving as the right turn lane. The outside shoulders are proposed to remain 10 feet.

A five foot wide sidewalk would be added to both sides of the roadway along Riverside Drive within the limits of the project. Decorative lighting will be installed on the roundabouts. The project is approximately 0.5 mile length.

The project also includes routine rehabilitation of the existing bridge.

This is a Design-Build project and it is currently scheduled to be let in October 2014. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2015.

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I-285 Ramps @ County Road (CR) 209/Riverside Drive
Project Detour Description

The proposed project area is located on Riverside Drive at the interchange with I-285 in Fulton County, Georgia and is within the city limits of Sandy Springs. The project consists of safety improvements to the existing interchange of I-285 at Riverside Drive. The project would convert the two existing signalized intersections at each ramp terminal at Riverside Drive with single lane roundabouts.

The project includes routine rehabilitation of the existing bridge, which may result in a temporary bridge closure of Riverside Drive over I-285. Exiting I-285 westbound traffic wishing to go south will take a right onto Riverside Drive towards Heards Ferry Road. Drivers will then take a right on Heards Ferry Road towards Mt. Vernon Highway and take a left onto Mt. Vernon Highway to head south over I-285. Drivers existing I-285 eastbound wishing to go north will take a right onto Riverside Drive towards Mt. Vernon Highway. Drivers will then take a left onto Mt. Vernon Highway to head north over I-285.

Raiders Drive to the west of Riverside Drive may be used as an alternate route to Mt. Vernon Highway to cross over I-285. The detours add approximately 1.5 miles or 3-5 minutes of travel time.

The detour is anticipated to be in effect for two consecutive weekends in the summer of 2015 while the project is under construction.

Georgia Department of Transportation

Public Information and Detour Open House Comment Card

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Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the proposed detour? *For* *Against* *Conditional* *Uncommitted*

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 GDOT personnel? *Yes* *No*

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

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

Mail To:

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