



August 12, 2014

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed State Route (SR) 21 at Interstate 95 (I-95) Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) project, PI Number 0012722. 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 and, should you provide comments by one of the methods noted below, we will respond to you in writing usually within the next 45 days. 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 Tuesday, August 26, 2014** by using either of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov.
 1. Click *Information Center* on the upper right side of the page;
 2. Click *Public Outreach* in the Public Events block;
 3. From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Go*;
 4. Then select 8/12/14 PIOH for I95/SR21 DDI, 0012722;
 5. 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 *Information Center* at www.dot.ga.gov, described above. Hardcopies will also be available at the Georgia DOT District 5, Savannah Area Office (Area 5) located at 630 W. Boundary Street, Savannah, GA 31401. 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, Andrew Hoenig, at 404-631-1757 or the environmental analyst, Sam Pugh, at 404-631-1167 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hiral Patel - 58".

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

Why We Are Here: To discuss the proposed operational improvements proposed at the I-95 and SR 21 interchange. Currently, the northbound off-ramp traffic from I-95 to SR 21 backs-up onto the mainline of I-95, impeding travel on I-95 northbound. The reconfiguration of this interchange should improve travel time and throughput of vehicles at this interchange. You will also have the opportunity to see a visualization of how a diverging diamond interchange (DDI) works, how to navigate through a DDI, and pose any questions or comments you may have to GDOT staff regarding the proposed improvement.

Project Description: The proposed project consists of operational improvements to the interchange of SR 21 at I-95. The existing full-diamond interchange in this location would be converted to a diverging diamond interchange (DDI) which utilizes the existing roadway underneath the bridge, while providing operational improvements. Existing SR 21 in the vicinity of the interchange consists of three lanes in each direction (two through lanes and one right-turn lane for entry onto I-95) with an approximately 40-foot grassed median. There are no existing sidewalks within the vicinity of the interchange. The existing I-95 exit ramps onto SR 21 consist of dual left-turn lanes and a single right-turn lane. The exit ramps are controlled by traffic signals that are coordinated with the intersection of SR 21 with SR 30 to the north. The existing right-of-way (ROW) along SR 21 varies from approximately 60 to 120 feet.

The proposed improvements would convert the SR 21/I-95 interchange to a DDI configuration, and would include widening SR 21 to four lanes (three travel lanes and one left turn lane) in each direction in the interchange area. Widening would occur to the inside of the roadway, making use of the existing 40-foot median. The entire project would be constructed within existing ROW; no additional ROW would be required. The additional (new) lanes along SR 21 at the interchange would terminate as a left-turn only lane at SR 30 to the north and a right-turn only lane at Hendley Road to the south. In addition, the northbound I-95 exit ramp onto SR 21 would be widened to include three left-turn lanes and a single right-turn lane. The southbound I-95 exit ramp would not be modified by the project. The total project is approximately 0.9 mile.



State Route (SR) 21 at Interstate 95 (I-95) Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) Project
 PI 0012722, Chatham County

EXISTING PAVEMENT TO BE RETAINED
 PROPOSED WIDENING
 PROPOSED RAISED ISLAND
 PROPOSED MEDIAN

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) **Radio** **Newspaper** **Signs** **Word of Mouth**

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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