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Thank you for attending the public detour information open house for Project STP-076-1 (28), PI # 231350, and Project BRST-076-1 (37) PI # 232305, the proposed passing lane construction and bridge replacement on State Route 47. In this handout package you will find a project description, location map, the proposed detour route and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed detour route. Department of Transportation (DOT) representatives, who can be identified by the name tags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with a DOT 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 February 8, 2007. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Harvey D. Keepler, State Environmental/Location Engineer, Georgia Department of Transportation, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30336-1593. Comments can also be made via the web at www.dot.state.ga.us. Click on **Public Outreach** from the list of Featured Links. 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 Department know your view of the proposal.

The displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after the public detour information open house at the Georgia Department of Transportation Augusta Area Engineer's Office located at 4260 Frontage Road, Augusta, Georgia. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at this same location and at the Office of Environment/Location, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public detour information open house and for giving us your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael L. Thomas".

Michael L. Thomas, P.E.
District Engineer

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Attachments

Project Description

The Georgia Department of Transportation proposes to construct a passing lane on SR 47 from CR 46 to just north of Keg Creek. The proposed project STP-076-1 (28), Columbia County consists of the construction of a southbound passing lane on SR 47 beginning at the intersection of CR 46 and ending just north of the existing bridge over Keg Creek (MP 2.69 to MP 4.16). The existing typical section on this section of SR 47 consists of two 12-ft asphalt travel lanes with 6-ft rural shoulders. The existing right-of-way varies from 100-ft to 160-ft. The proposed typical section would consist of three 12-ft asphalted concrete travel lanes with 10-ft grassed shoulders (4-ft each side to be paved). An additional 10-ft to 30-ft of right-of-way would be required for construction of this proposed project on the west side of SR 47. The approximate length of the project is 1.477 miles. The vertical and horizontal reconstruction would require the use of an off-site detour.

The Department also proposes to replace the Keg Creek Bridge (Project BRST-076-1 (37) on SR 47 in Columbia County. The existing bridge consists of two 12-ft travel lanes with existing guardrail on all approaches to the bridge. SR 47 at this location is a two lane roadway with 12-ft asphalt travel lanes with 6-ft rural shoulders. The proposed project would widen the existing 195-ft X 30-ft bridge to 225-ft x 44-ft, correcting the structural deficiencies. The existing right-of-way is 150-ft and the proposed right-of-way is 235-ft. The total length of the project is 0.492 miles.

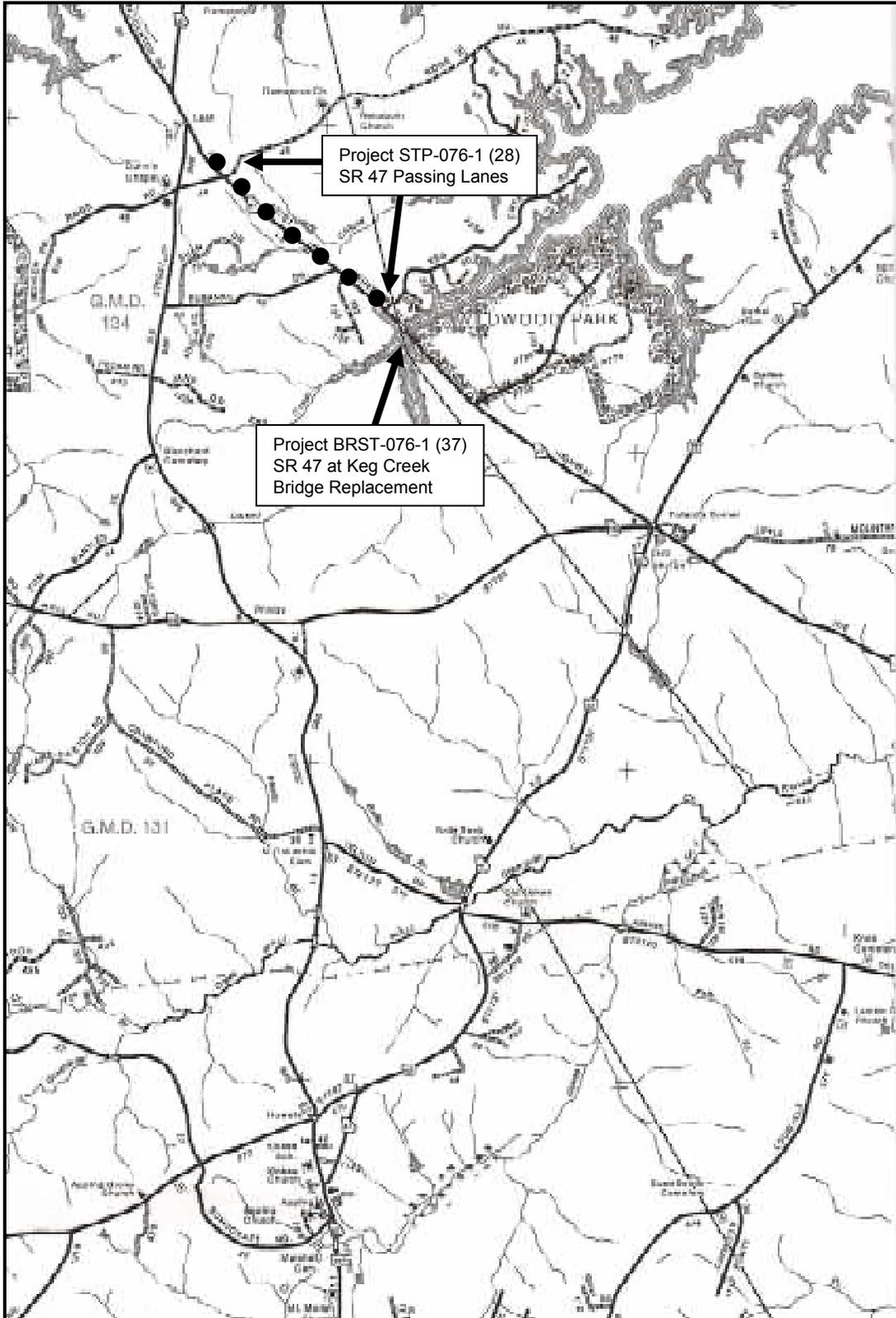
Proposed Detour Route

The proposed detour route will begin at the intersection of SR 47/US 221 and follow SR 150 in a southwesterly direction to the intersection of CR 986 (Old SR 47), and then travel in a northwesterly direction along CR 986 back to SR 47. This will decrease the impacts to wetlands located within the area of the proposed project limits for both projects. This will also reduce project cost since no additional work will have to be done to the detour route. The approximate length of the off-site detour is 7.33 miles.

Project Location Map

STP-076-1 (28) Columbia County
SR 47 Passing Lanes

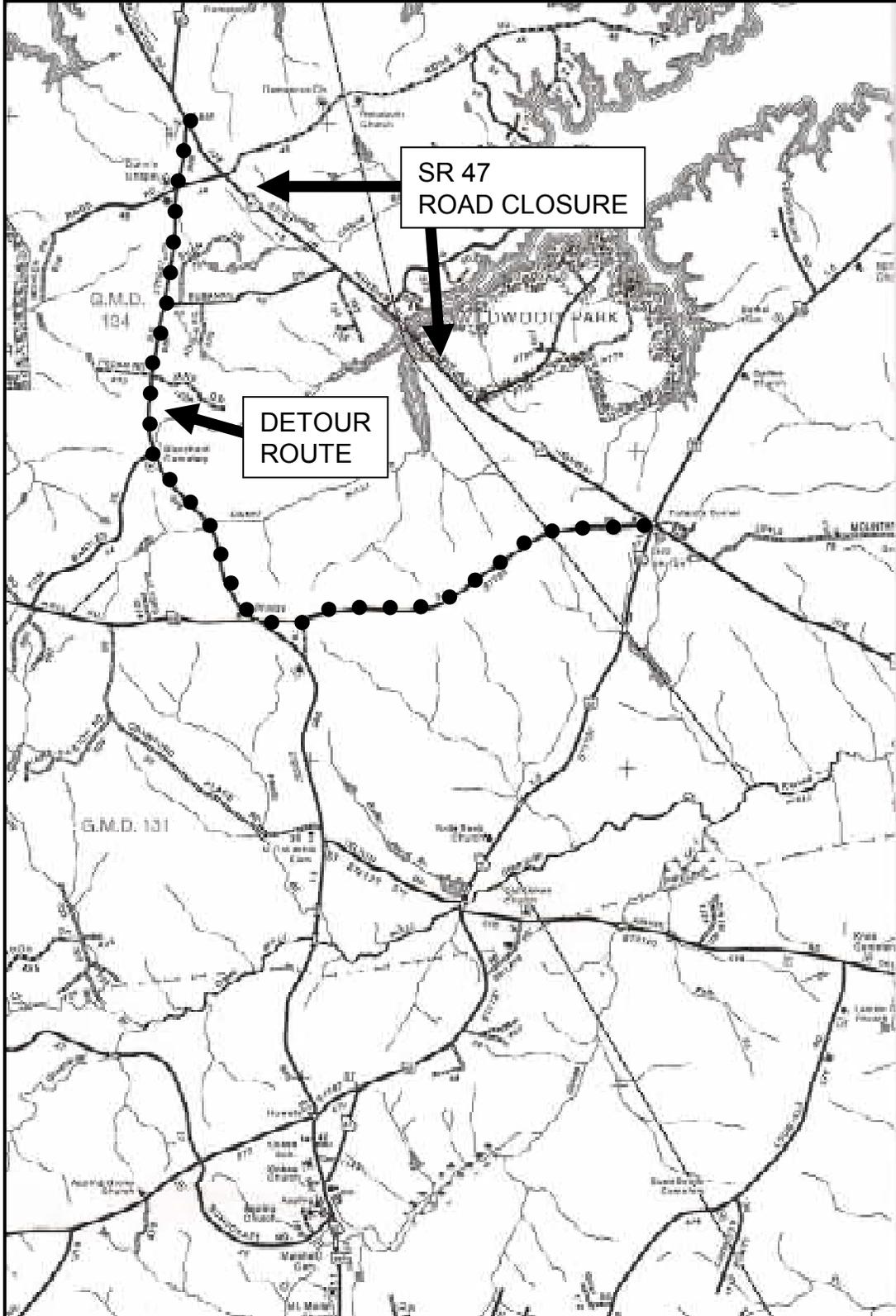
BRST-076-1 (37) Columbia County
SR 47 at Keg Creek Bridge Replacement



DETOUR Map

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SR 47 Passing Lanes

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Public Detour Information Open House Comment Card

Project STP-076-1 (28), and BRST-076-1 (37) Columbia Co., P.I. No. 231350 / 232305

Passing Lane Construction and Bridge Replacement

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Comments _____

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio Newspaper Signs Word of Mouth

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 the DOT personnel? Yes No

Do you understand the detour after attending this meeting? Yes No

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

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