



January 7, 2010

Thank you for attending the public information open house for STP00-7001-00(009), P.I. No. 250510, the proposed Wrightsboro Road widening and improvements project in Richmond County from the the existing five-lane section of Wrightsboro Road, approximately 2,400 feet east of the intersection with Jimmy Dyess Parkway, to the Interstate 520 (I-520) southbound ramp terminus, a distance of approximately 2.56 miles. In this handout package, you will find a project description, location map and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Georgia Department of Transportation (Department) representatives and Richmond County officials, 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 Department or Richmond County 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 January 18, 2010. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental Administrator, Georgia Department of Transportation, One Georgia Center, 600 Peachtree Street, NW, 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. Using the drop down box, scroll to select **Richmond County** and then click Go. Scroll down and click on **Wrightsboro Road Widening and Improvements**. 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 information open house at the Augusta Engineering Department, 522 Greene Street, Augusta, Georgia 30901. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at this same location and at the Office of Environmental Services, One Georgia Center, 600 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 Brandon Kirby at (770) 718-5029 or Alexis John at (404) 631-1407 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bobby Hilliard'.

Bobby Hilliard, P.E.
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Attachments

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Project STP00-7001-00(009), P.I., No. 250510, in Richmond County, would widen and reconstruct Wrightsboro Road from approximately 2,400 feet east of the intersection with Jimmy Dyess Parkway and would end at the Interstate 520 (I-520) southbound ramp terminus, a distance of approximately 2.4 miles.

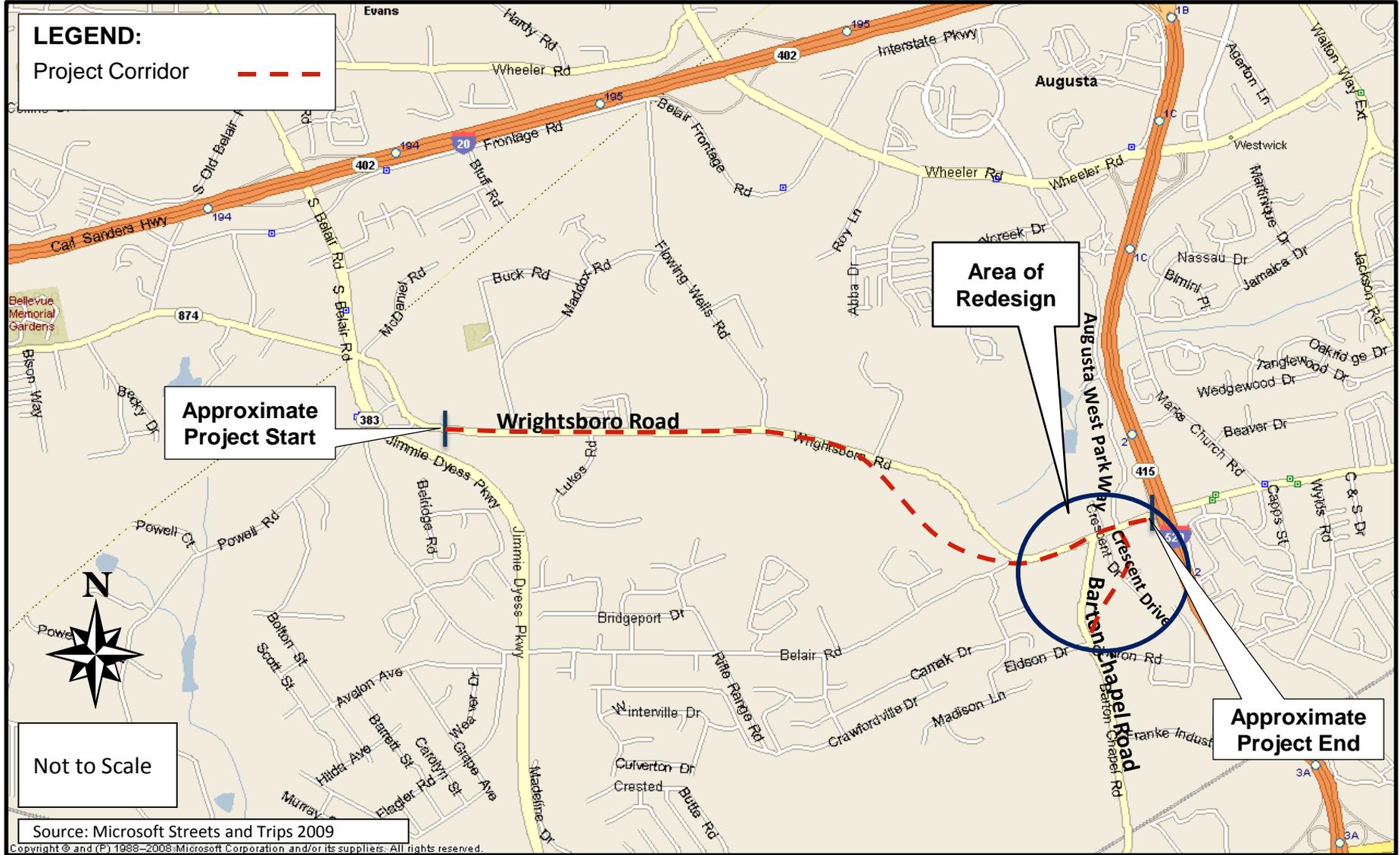
Specifically, the proposed project would widen the existing two lane facility to four 12-foot through lanes, including a 4-foot bicycle lane in each direction, a 20-foot raised median with 12-foot turn lanes at median openings, shoulders to include curb and gutter with adequate drainage structures, streetlights, and 5-foot sidewalks on both sides. As part of the project, Wrightsboro Road would be realigned to the south of its existing alignment starting approximately 700 feet east of Maddox Drive. The new alignment would travel approximately 1,400 feet east and reconnect with the existing Wrightsboro Road alignment approximately 800 feet west of Belair Road. A cul-de-sac and access drive would be placed approximately 1,000 feet along the existing Wrightsboro Road beginning east of Maddox Drive where the proposed alignment shift begins. The old Wrightsboro Road would have access to the proposed new Wrightsboro Road through an intersection to be located approximately 1,900 feet east of the Maddox Drive intersection along the proposed Wrightsboro Road.

Barton Chapel Road and Augusta West Parkway are currently located less than 500 feet apart. Due to their close proximity, vehicles are not given an appropriate queuing distance for left turns between the intersections. As part of the original Wrightsboro Road widening project (for which the EA/FONSI was approved in 2004) the intersection of Barton Chapel Road was proposed to be relocated approximately 180-feet to the west to allow for additional storage length. However, it was decided to combine the two intersections into one four-legged intersection, which would improve operations and safety. Barton Chapel Road would be relocated approximately 490 feet to the east to align opposite the existing Augusta West Parkway intersection at Wrightsboro Road.

Between the previous Public Information Open House, held July 21, 2003, and this one, the main revision has been the realignment of Barton Chapel Road to tie-in to Wrightsboro Road opposite of Augusta West Parkway. Previously, Barton Chapel Road was proposed to be realigned through the Advanced Auto Parts property to create a "T" intersection approximately 669 feet from the intersection of Augusta West Parkway. As plans for the redevelopment of parcels near these two intersections became known, the future traffic operations in this area became an issue of concern. A study was performed to determine the feasibility of realigning Barton Chapel Road to align with Augusta West Parkway, creating one 4-legged intersection. The results of the study confirmed that the single intersection would improve the safety and operations in this area.

Project Location Map

Wrightsboro Road Widening and Improvements
Project STP00-7001-00(009), P.I. Number 250510
Richmond County, Georgia



Georgia Department of Transportation

Public Information Open House Comment Card

Project STP00-7001-00(009), Richmond County, P.I. No. 250510

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Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

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 the DOT personnel? *Yes* *No*

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

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

Mail To:

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