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Thank you for attending the public information open house for STP00-1105-00(004), BHSLB-1105-00(005), STP00-7007-00(006), BRSLB-7007-00(007), P.I. Nos. 245320, 245325, 250610, 250615, the proposed changes to the Windsor Spring Road widening and bridge replacement projects. In this handout package, you will find a project description, maps and a comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Department of Transportation (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 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 May 2, 2008. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., 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.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 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 City of Augusta Engineering Department located at 522 Greene Street, Augusta, Georgia 30911. 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, GA 30336-1593, 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 Jan Hilliard at (404) 656-5441 or Alexis John at (404) 699-4409 of the Office of Environment/Location.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James B. Buchan".

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Attachments

**Projects STP00-7007-00(006), BRSLB-7007-00(007), STP00-1105-00(004), BHSLB-1105-00(005)
Augusta-Richmond County, P.I. Nos. 250610, 250615, 245320, 245325
Windsor Spring Road, Phases IV & V**

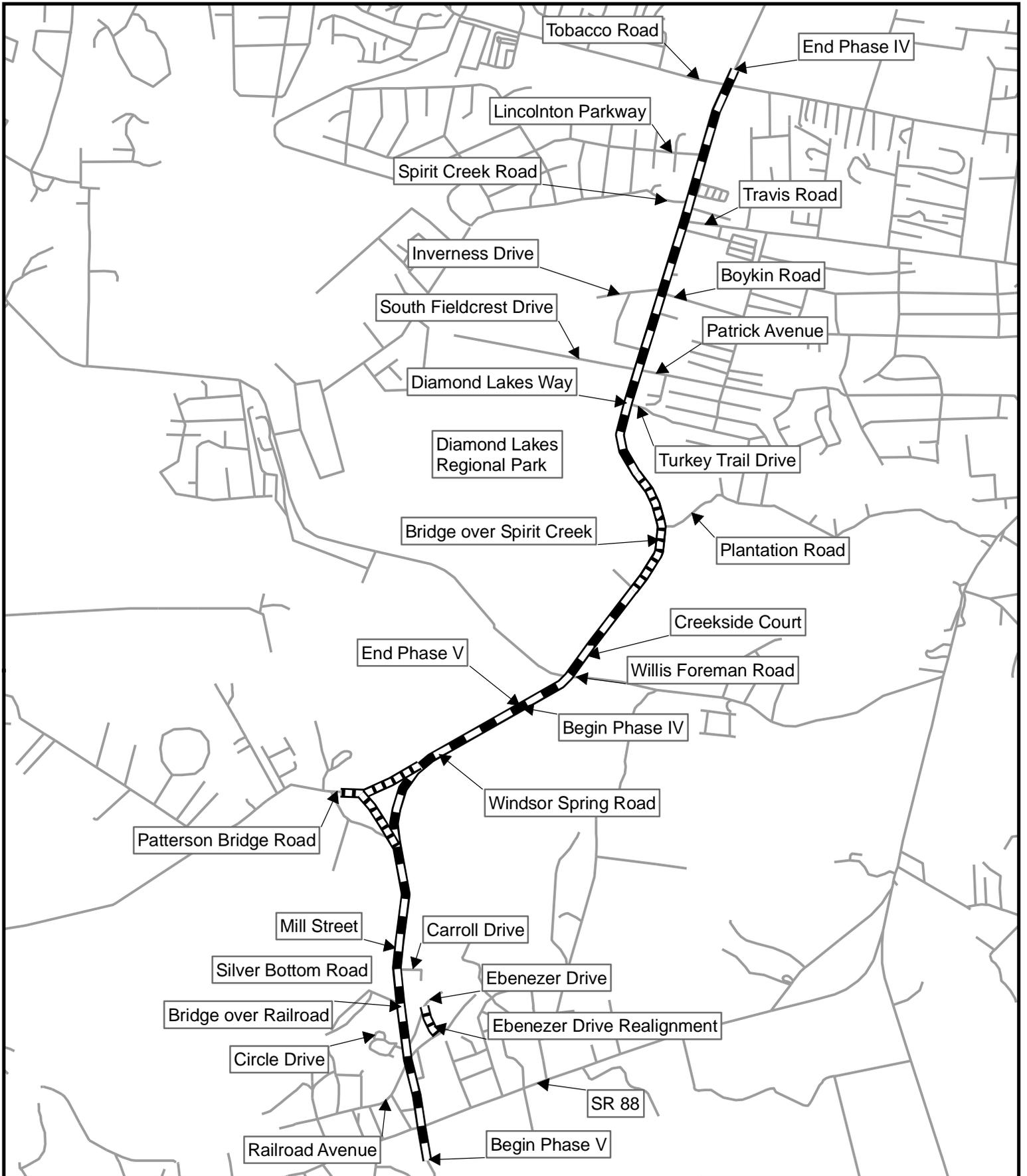
Since the last public hearing open house, a Value Engineering (VE) Study was conducted to analyze the Windsor Spring Road projects with the goal of generating alternates that would result in an equal or better design. The changes to the project based on the VE study are outlined below as part of the project description. The proposed projects are located on Windsor Spring Road in Augusta-Richmond County. The projects begin at the intersection of Windsor Spring Road and State Route 88 (SR 88) and terminate at the intersection of Windsor Spring Road and Tobacco Road. The total length of the widening projects on Windsor Spring Road is approximately 5.41 miles. The projects are proposed to be divided into two phases:

Phase IV, Projects STP00-7007-00(006) and BRSLB-7007-00(007), begins south of the intersection of Windsor Spring Road and Willis Foreman Road and terminates at the intersection of Windsor Spring Road and Tobacco Road. This phase of the project is approximately 3.26 miles long. The existing two-lane facility will be widened to four 11-foot wide travel lanes (two in each direction) separated by a 19-foot wide raised median. Left and right-turn lanes will be provided at the major intersections as required. The previous design included four 12-foot wide lanes separated by a 20-foot wide raised median with the same number of turn lanes. The shoulder width remains the same at 16 feet. However, the new design incorporates an 8-foot wide multi-use trail on both sides of the roadway rather than a 4-foot wide bicycle lane and a 5-foot wide sidewalk on each side of the roadway. The existing two-lane bridge over Spirit Creek will be replaced with a bridge having four 11-foot wide lanes (two lanes in each direction) separated by a raised concrete median. The previous design incorporated a 4-foot wide bike lane and 6-foot wide sidewalks. Now, an 8-foot wide multi-use trail is proposed for both sides of the bridge.

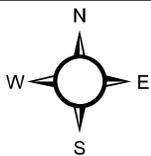
Another revision to the design will be to change the curve in the vicinity of Spirit Creek. This design change reduces the amount of required right of way.

Phase V, Projects STP00-1105-00(004) and BHSLB-1105-00(005), begins south of the intersection of Windsor Spring Road and SR 88 and terminates south of the intersection of Windsor Spring Road and Willis Foreman Road. This phase of the project is approximately 2.15 miles long. The existing two-lane facility will be widened to four 11-foot wide travel lanes (two in each direction) separated by a 19-foot wide raised median. Left and right-turn lanes will be provided at the major intersections as required. The previous design included four 12-foot wide lanes separated by a 20-foot wide raised median with the same number of turn lanes. The shoulder width remains the same at 16 feet. However, the new design incorporates an 8-foot wide multi-use trail on both sides of the roadway rather than a 4-foot wide bicycle lane and a 5-foot wide sidewalk on each side of the roadway. The existing two-lane bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad will be replaced with a bridge having four 11-foot wide lanes (two lanes in each direction) separated by a raised concrete median. The previous design incorporated a 4-foot wide bike lane and 6-foot wide sidewalks. Now, an 8-foot wide multi-use trail is proposed for both sides of the bridge.

The current design provides right-in, right-out access to both intersections of Ebenezer Drive and Windsor Spring Road. At the previous public meeting, a median opening was proposed at the intersection of Windsor Spring Road and Ebenezer Drive (north). Since that meeting, it was determined that there isn't sufficient sight distance for a median opening at this intersection and a median opening at the southern intersection of Windsor Spring Road and Ebenezer Drive would be too close to Railroad Avenue. A suggested alternate includes the removal of the intersection of Ebenezer Drive (southern intersection) and Windsor Spring Road to realign Ebenezer Drive to connect with Railroad Avenue.



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Windsor Spring Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Project

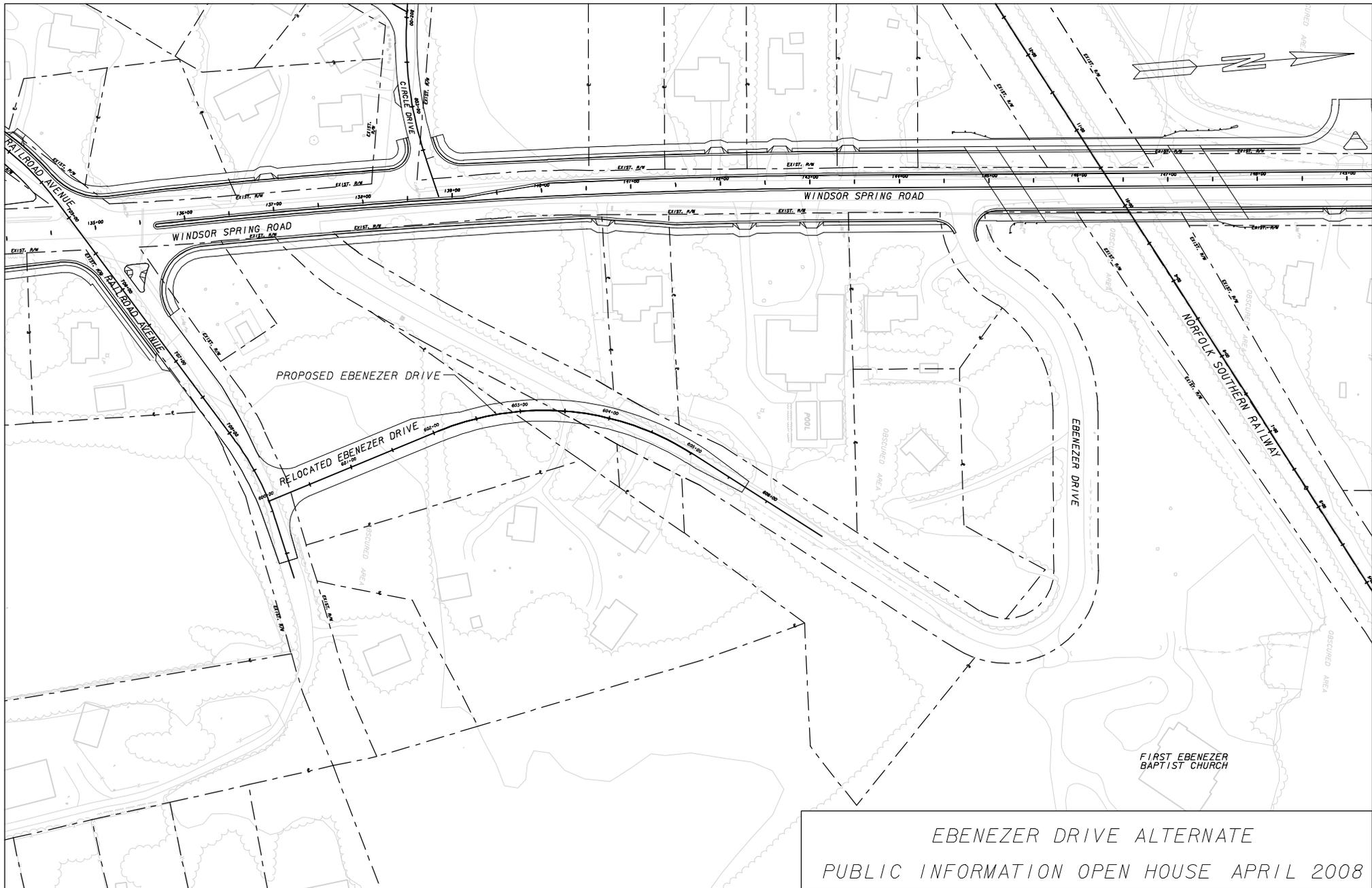
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STP00-7007-00(006) = Phase IV

STP00-1105-00(004) = Phase V

 Widening of Existing Windsor Spring Road

 New Alignment



EBENEZER DRIVE ALTERNATE
 PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE APRIL 2008

Georgia Department of Transportation

Public Information Open House Comment Card

Projects STP00-1105-00(004), BHSLB-1105-00(005), STP00-7007-00(006), BRSLB-7007-00(007)

Richmond County, P.I. NOS. 250610, 245320, 250615, and 245325

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Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project changes? *For* *Against* *Conditional* *Uncommitted*

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 project changes 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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