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Thank you for attending the public information open house for Project BRST0-0054-01(066) in Butts and Newton Counties, P.I. No. 333172, the proposed State Route 36 Bridge over South River at the Butts/Newton County line. 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. 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 27, 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 Georgia Department of Transportation Madison Area Engineer's Office located at 1570 Bethany Road, Madison, Georgia 30650. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at these locations 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.

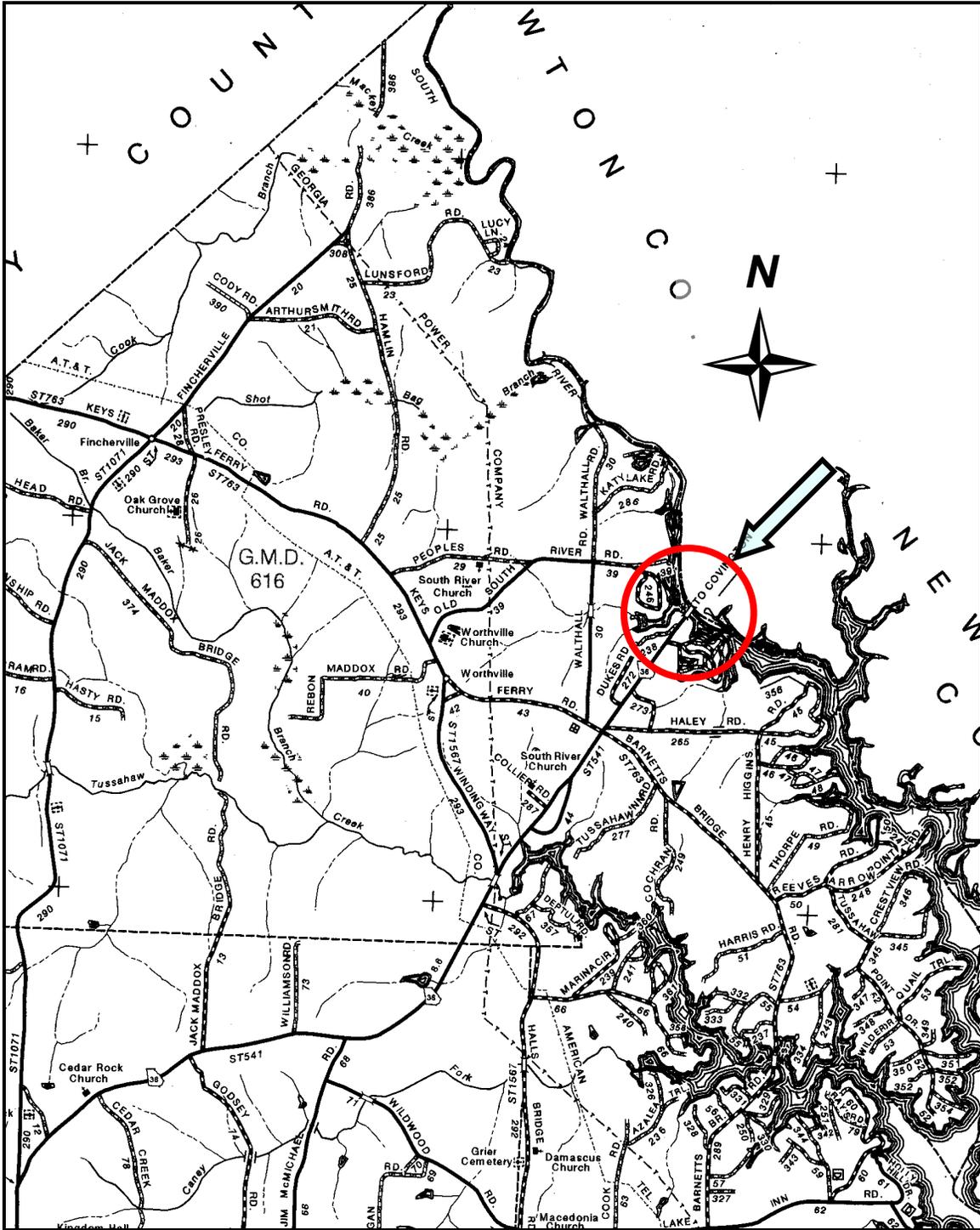
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Babs Abubakari".

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Attachments



Location Map

Project: BRST0-0054-01(066) Butts-Newton County **PI No.:** 333172-
Description: SR 36 over South River at Butts-Newton County Line

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Public Information Open House Comment Card

Project BRST0-0054-01(066), Butts/Newton Counties, P.I. No. 333172

May 13, 2008

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**

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:

Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental/Location Engineer
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Project Description

Project: BRST0-0054-01(066), Butts/Newton Counties, P.I. No. 333172

Project BRST0-0054-01(066) will replace the bridge at SR 36 over South River. The existing facility is a two-lane bridge built in 1952. This facility is classified as rural minor arterial and carried and Average Annual Daily Traffic volume of 4,950 in 2003. Ten percent of these vehicles are estimated to be trucks. This portion of SR 36 is also utilized as a school bus route.

This portion of Butts County is beginning to experience increasing residential growth due to its proximity to the Atlanta Metropolitan Area. During the last 10 years, travel along SR 36 has increased at an average rate of eight percent per year.

The existing bridge is a structurally deficient bridge with a bridge rating of 47.8 out of 100. Based on Federal Highway Administration guidelines, any bridge with rating less than 50 is classified as structurally deficient and should be replaced. Therefore, in order to upgrade this bridge both structurally and functionally, this bridge requires replacement.

In order to replace the bridge while still allowing traffic to travel SR 36 during construction, the new bridge will be built parallel and to the north of the existing bridge. This design will allow traffic to continue using the existing bridge during construction.

The roadway portion of this project consists of two 12ft wide lanes, 10ft wide shoulders (6 ½ ft paved), and a 4ft wide ditch where applicable. Guardrail will be utilized on shoulders where the side slopes are 2:1 or steeper. A 14ft wide driveway will connect the new roadway to existing driveways. These drives will either extend to the existing/proposed right of way line or to a geometrically acceptable tie in point, whichever is greatest.

The bridge portion of this project consists of a 448ft long concrete bridge. The new bridge will be built 50ft north of the existing bridge and will be 44ft wide.