



November 18, 2014

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed widening and reconstruction of SR 53 Business through Pickens County, PI Number 621490. 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 Wednesday, December 03, 2014** by using either of the following methods:

- Online at [www.dot.ga.gov](http://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 *Widening of S.R. 53*;
  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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dot.ga.gov), described above. Hardcopies will also be available at the Georgia DOT District 6 Office located at 500 Joe Frank Harris Parkway, S.E. Cartersville Georgia 30120. 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, Jeff Simmons, at 404-631-1525 or the environmental analyst, Aaron Burgess, at 404-631-1159 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

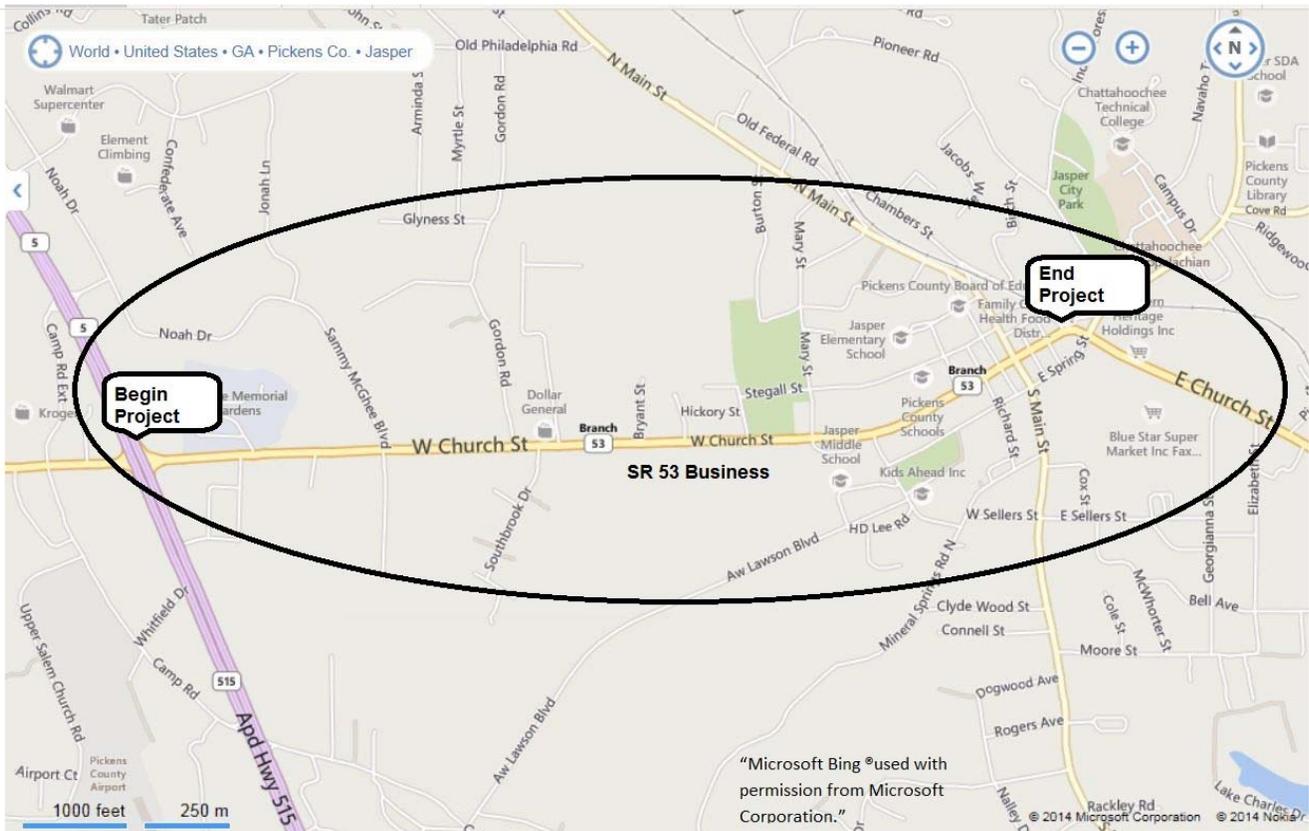
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hiral Patel, P.E." with a date "11/18/14" written below it.

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

**Why We Are Here:** The primary need for the proposed project is to improve east-west connectivity through the City of Jasper and Pickens County. The current two-lane configuration is inadequate to handle the project traffic volumes. Motorists waiting to turn onto or off of SR 53 BU are delayed by oncoming traffic. In addition, intersections within the project limits yield high crash rates. Implementation of the proposed project would result in operational improvement and pedestrian and motorist safety.

**Project Description:** This project proposes to widen and reconstruct SR 53 Business in Pickens County. The proposed project would begin at the intersection of SR 515 and SR 53 Business and continues to the intersection of CR 243/Industrial Boulevard and Burnt Mountain Road. The proposed work consists of widening SR 53 Business from the existing two lane facility to four 12-foot lanes with a raised median. The proposed project also includes a split into one-way pairs on the eastern end with one portion following the existing alignment and the other section on new location from Summit Street to the intersection of CR 243/Industrial Boulevard and Burnt Mountain Road.

**Project Location Map:**



### Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you support the project? (check your response)

- For
- Against
- Conditional
- Uncommitted

General Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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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.

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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:

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