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Thank you for attending the public information open house for Projects IM-NH0-0285-01(354) & CSSTP-0007-00(015) P.I. Nos. 713290 & 0007015, the proposed reconstruction of the I-285/Flat Shoals Road Interchange and the Panthersville Road Bridge over I-285 & the Clifton Springs Road/Panthersville Road Intersection improvements. In this handout package you will find project descriptions, a location map, and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed projects. Department of Transportation (DOT) representatives, who can be identified by the nametags they are wearing, are available to discuss the projects and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the projects 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 projects. You may also complete a comment card and deposit it into the box provided here or send in written comments about the projects until May 8, 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.state.ga.us. 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 proposals.

The displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after the public information open house at the Georgia Department of Transportation District 7 Office located at 5025 New Peachtree Road, Chamblee, GA 30341 and at the Decatur Area Office located at 805 George Luther Drive, Decatur, GA 30032. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at these same 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. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager Nicoe Alexander at (404) 463-6135 or Melanie Nable at (404) 699-4436 of the Office of Environment/Location.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael H...", is written over the printed name.

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Attachments

Project Description

Project IM-NH0-0285-01(354)

The proposed project consists of improving the I-285/Flat Shoals Road interchange in DeKalb County by reconstructing it into an improved compressed diamond configuration with additional turn lanes and through lanes on Flat Shoals Road. The proposed roadway would have 3 lanes in each direction separated by a raised concrete median that varies in width from 8 to 42 feet. Flat Shoals Road would have 4-foot bike lanes on both sides of the roadway and a 16-foot shoulder containing curb and gutter with 5-foot sidewalks. The proposed ROW width is approximately 100 to 200 feet and the project length is approximately 1.15 miles.

The proposed typical section for Panthersville Road is a five-lane urban section with two 12-foot lanes in each direction, a 14-foot flush median, 7-foot bike lanes, and 12-foot shoulders containing curb and gutter with 5-foot wide sidewalks. The proposed ROW width would vary from approximately 85 to 135 feet, and the approximate project length along Panthersville Road is 0.97 mile.

The proposed typical section for I-285 would remain the same as the existing typical section. Improvements to I-285 include the addition of parallel deceleration lanes for both of the two-lane exit ramps onto Flat Shoals Road. Additionally, the I-285 Bridge over Shoal Creek would also be widened by 15 feet to the north and 35 feet to the south.

The proposed typical section for the ramps are variable width (16 – 48 feet) with 12-foot wide (12-foot paved) outside shoulders and 8-foot wide (6-foot paved) inside shoulders. The off ramps would be configured to provide dual left-turn lanes and dual right-turn lanes at the ramp termini, with the inside right-turn lane also serving as a through lane for return access to I-285. The on-ramps would be widened to two lanes at Flat Shoals Road, then tapering back to one lane, before finally tapering onto I-285. Parallel deceleration lanes would also be provided along I-285 to allow for the two lane exits.

The proposed bridge on Flat Shoals Road over I-285 would be approximately 8 feet longer and 82.5 feet wider than the existing bridge. The total length of the bridge following construction would be approximately 311 feet and the width approximately 155 feet. Horizontal clearances would be provided so as to not preclude future improvements to I-285.

The replacement bridge on Panthersville Road over I-285 would be 360 feet in length and 95 feet in width and would be offset 15 feet to the east of the existing bridge centerline for staged construction purposes. Sufficient horizontal clearance would be provided so as not to preclude future improvements to I-285.

The I-285 Bridge over Shoal Creek would be widened by 15 feet to the north and 35 feet to the south to allow for the additional length/width of the proposed new on and off ramps to I-285. The new dimensions of the proposed bridge would be approximately 202 feet in length and 185 feet in width.

Project CSSTP-0007-00(015)

This project includes improvements to the CR 5168/Panthersville Road Intersection at CR 442/Clifton Springs Road in DeKalb County. The construction of this project is proposed to be combined with the construction of the proposed Flat Shoals Road Interchange project. Improvements to this intersection are warranted due to the stage construction requirements needed to replace the Panthersville Road Bridge over I-285.

Noise Barriers

Noise abatement measures such as barriers, acquisition of rights-of-way, traffic management, and alterations to the horizontal and vertical alignments were considered for the impacted dwellings under the build condition. It was determined that the construction of four (4) noise barriers would be a feasible

abatement measure for the proposed project. The recommended locations for the proposed barriers would be:

1. Just west of the proposed I-285 entrance ramp and Doless Creek on the north side of I-285.
2. Along the west side of Panthersville Road just north of the bridge over I-285.
3. Along the proposed I-285 eastbound exit ramp on the south side of I-285 between Panthersville Road and Flat Shoals Road.
4. Along the proposed I-285 eastbound entrance ramp on the south side of I-285 from Flat Shoals Road to just west of Shoal Creek.

Final locations, dimensions, and cost associations for the proposed noise barriers will be concluded when final plans are available.

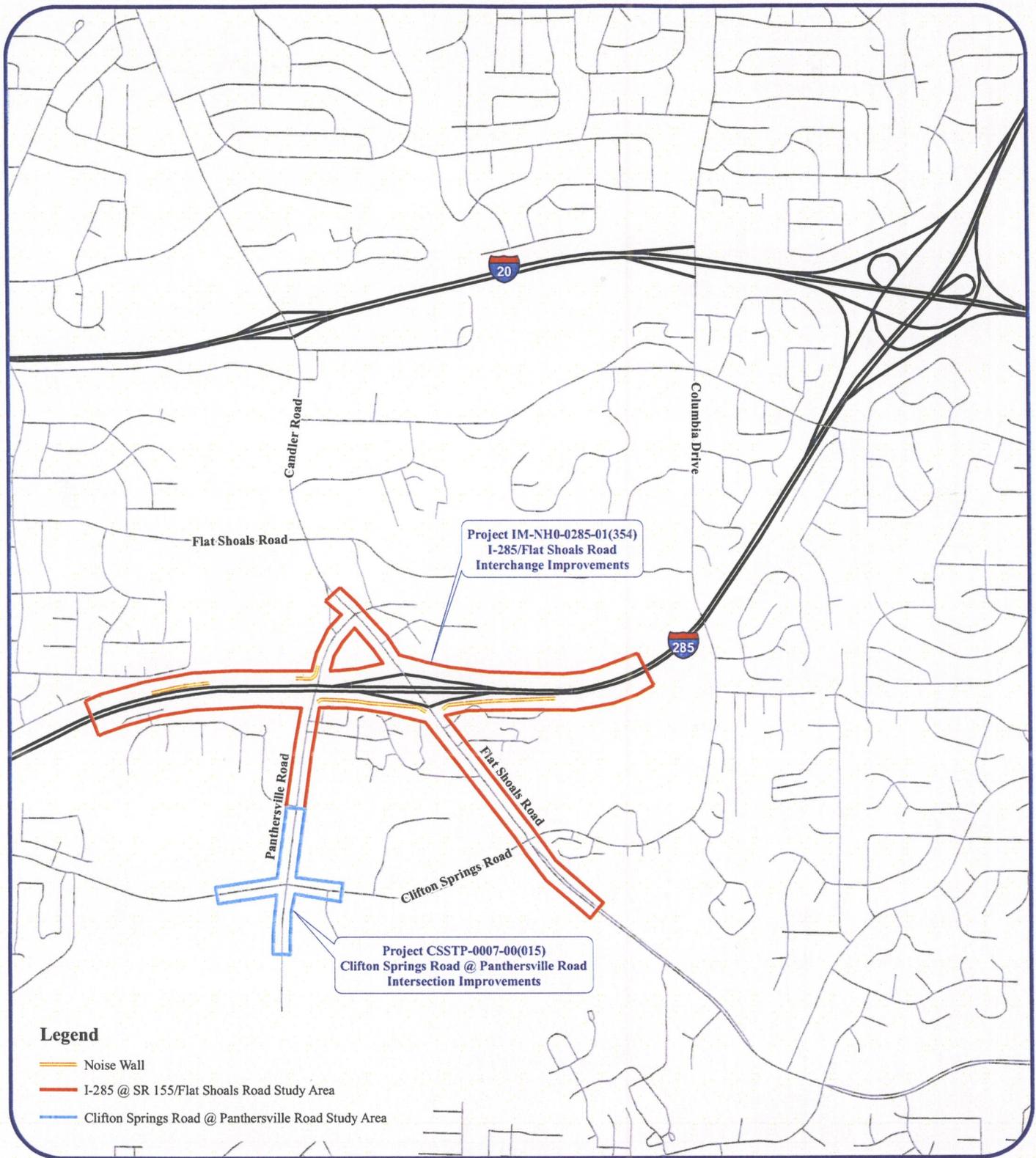
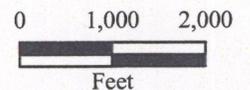


Figure 1. Project Location Map

GDOT Projects IM-NH0-0285-01(354) & CSSTP-0007-00(015), DeKalb County

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I-285 @ SR 155/Flat Shoals Road and
Clifton Springs Road @ Panthersville Road



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Public Information Open House Comment Card

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Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? For Against Conditional Uncommitted

Comments _____

Do you support the installation of noise barriers on the project?

For Against Conditional Uncommitted

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.

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