



November 18, 2014

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed SR 400 Collector/Distributor Lanes, PI Number 721850-. 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 (GDOT) 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 GDOT 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 Thursday, December 4, 2014** by using either of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov.
 1. Click *Projects* on the upper right side of the page;
 2. Click *Public Outreach* under *Programs* heading on the left side of the page;
 3. From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located, *Fulton*, and click *Go*;
 4. Then select *SR 400 Collector/Distributor Lanes*;
 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, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

The project displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after this open house at www.dot.ga.gov, at the same location as described above. Hardcopies will also be available at the GDOT District 7 Office (Contact: Kevin Cowan, Jr.) located at 5025 New Peachtree Road, Chamblee, Georgia 30341, and at the Office of Environmental Services, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. 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, Ms. Marlo Clowers, at 404-631-1713 or the environmental analyst, Ms. Carla Benton-Hooks, of the Office of Environmental Services, at 404-631-1415.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hiral Patel".

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

SR 400 Collector/Distributor Lanes Project
Project Number NH000-0056-01(052), PI No. 721850-
Fulton County

Project Description

What are the goals of the project?

The proposed project aims to:

- Improve travel times, safety, and access along SR 400 just north of the I-285/SR 400 interchange.
- Improve traffic flow along the SR 400 corridor by separating through traffic from local traffic.
- Reduce the issues currently experienced between high-speed freeway traffic and lower-speed local traffic.
- Improve the operational functions of the Abernathy Road interchange.

What is the proposed project?

The proposed project would construct new northbound and southbound barrier separated CD lanes along SR 400 beginning at Hammond Drive, where it would tie into the proposed I-285 at SR 400 Interchange Reconstruction Project (PI 0000784), and ending at Spalding Drive for an approximate project length of 4 miles.

The proposed improvements would also include replacing the existing bridge over SR 400 at Mount Vernon Road, new northbound and southbound bridges to carry the CD lanes over Abernathy Road, and improvements to the existing SR 400/Abernathy Road interchange.

Project History

The project was originally proposed in the 1990's and an Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed and approved in 1998. The EA was reevaluated in 2008 to advance the construction of the Hammond Drive half-diamond interchange as a separate project to address the critical access and mobility needs in the Perimeter area, and to ultimately support the future implementation of the CD lanes and reconstruction of the I-285 at SR 400 interchange. Currently, GDOT is in the process of reevaluating the EA again to complete the proposed project, including updated environmental studies and design to reflect current conditions, anticipated future conditions, and public input.

***What is a Collector/Distributor
(CD) Lane?***

A CD lane is a parallel, controlled-access roadway that separates through traffic from local traffic that is entering and exiting the freeway or interstate system. CD lanes are typically used to reduce vehicle conflict associated with weaving.

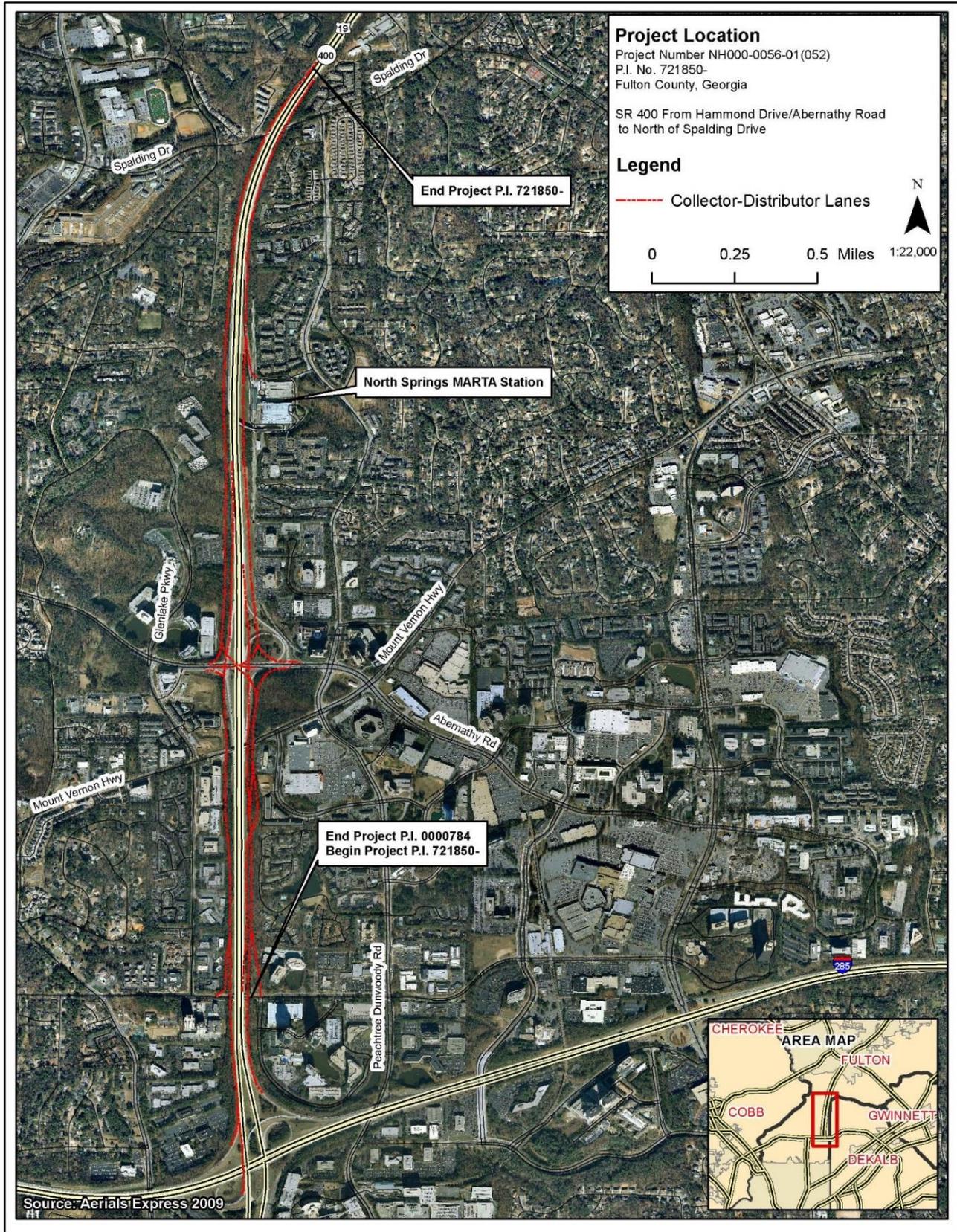
Will the facility be tolled? How will the project be funded?

No, tolling is not proposed as part of this project. The proposed project would be funded using a combination of federal, state, local, and private funds. GDOT anticipates using a Design Build Finance (DBF), Public Private Partnership (P3) to construct this project along with the adjacent proposed I-285 at SR 400 Interchange Reconstruction Project (PI 0000784). Under a DBF arrangement, GDOT would award a contract to a private firm (or consortium of firms) for the design, construction, and partial (or full) financing of the project and make payments to the selected private entity over a period of years after construction is complete. The design-build cost is estimated at \$329.8 million which includes the cost of preliminary design, environmental approval, right of way acquisition, final design, construction, utility relocations, construction engineering and inspection (CEI), and insurance.

When will construction start, and how long will it last?

Construction is anticipated to start in 2016 with completion in late 2019.

Project Location Map:



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Do you support the project? (check your response)

- For**
- Against**
- Conditional**
- Uncommitted**

General Comments _____

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.

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 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:

Send by **December 4, 2014** to:
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