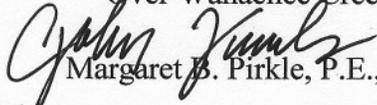


**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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FILE P. I. No. 0000680, Elbert County **OFFICE** Preconstruction
BR-0000-00(680)
Bridge Replacement-CR 37/Eliam Road
Over Wahachee Creek **DATE** January 12, 2006

FROM  Margaret B. Pirkle, P.E., Assistant Director of Preconstruction

TO  See Distribution

SUBJECT APPROVED DETOUR REPORT

Attached for your files is the approval for subject project.

MBP/cj

Attachment

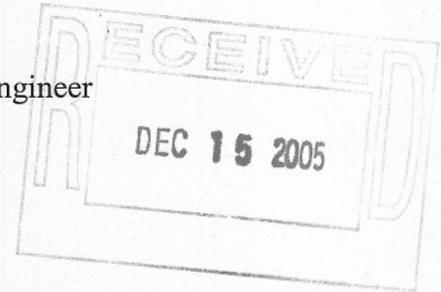
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FILE	BR-0000-00(680), Elbert County PI 0000680 Bridge Replacement-CR 37/Eliam Road Over Wahachee Creek	OFFICE	Gainesville
		DATE	December 12, 2005
FROM	Neil A. Kantner, P.E., District Planning/Programming Engineer		
TO	Meg Pirkle, P.E., Assistant Director of Preconstruction		
SUBJECT	Detour Approval		



Description of Project Proposal:

The proposed project will replace the existing bridge on CR 37/Eliam Road with a 55 foot long double-triple 9 foot by 8 foot concrete box bridge culvert. The existing bridge has a sufficiency rating of 11.5. The roadway will consist of two paved 12 foot travel lanes with 6 foot grass shoulders. The improvements will be reconstructed along the existing alignment. The vertical alignment will be raised at the culvert approximately 5 feet. The proposed right-of-way width is between 100 feet and 130 feet. The project is approximately 0.27 miles in length. The project is located in rural southeast part of the county approximately 4 miles south of Middleton. The proposed detour route will consist of CR 39/Baker's Ferry, CR 32/George Ward Road, and CR 36/ James Bailey Road.

Concept Approval Date:

The concept for this project was approved on April 2, 2001.

Reason a Detour is Required:

CR 37 is a very low volume unimproved county facility that connects two other county routes. This roadway should be closed during construction to minimize the time of construction and provide the least cost alternative. The offsite detour impacts will be minimal.

During the concept development stage several alternatives were considered. The No-Build, a new bridge on existing alignment with detour bridge, and a new bridge on existing alignment with offsite detour were the primary alternatives considered. The No-Build was not selected because it did not provide for the long term maintenance needs at this location. There is no initial construction cost associated with this alternative. The alternative that included the detour bridge was not selected because of the additional impacts that would be created on the stream and the additional construction cost to build the detour. With the added cost of the easements for the detour and the detour bridge and temporary pavement cost these features would add in excess of \$100,000 to the project cost.

Environmental Assessment of the Detour Route:

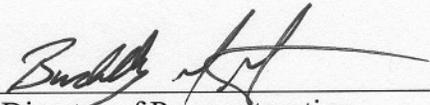
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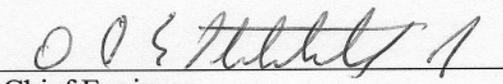
Public Information Meeting Results:

See attached synopsis

Recommendations:

District One recommends approval of the project offsite detour based on the limited impact it will have on the identified detour route and the construction cost savings that will result from reduced construction time and potential onsite detour bridge costs.

RECOMMEND: 
Director of Preconstruction

APPROVE: 
Chief Engineer

1/9/06
Date of Approval

Attachments

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

Memo

To: Neil Kantner, Planning & Programming Engineer

From: Kim R. Coley, ^{KC} District Environmentalist

Date: December 8, 2005

Re: Detours on BR-0000-00(680) and BR-0000-00(682), Elbert County
Environmental Review

Project BR-0000-00(680), Elbert County, is the replacement of the CR 37/Eliam Road Bridge over Wahachee Creek. A detour is being proposed during the course of project construction. The proposed detour route will consist of CR 47/Baker's Ferry Road for residents on the east side, and CR 36/James Lee Bailey Road for residents on the west side. CR 37 is a very low volume (less than 50AADT) unimproved county facility that connects two other county routes. This roadway will be closed during construction to minimize the time of construction and provide the least cost alternative. The offsite detour impacts will be minimal and no modifications to the detour routes will be needed.

Project BR-0000-00(682), Elbert County, is the replacement of the CR 195/Peachtree Road Bridge over Little Coldwater Creek. A detour is being proposed during the course of project construction. The proposed detour route will consist of CR 199/Press Man Road for residents on the east side, and CR 200/Coldwater Road for the residents on the west side. CR 195 is a low volume (less than 50AADT) county facility. This roadway will be closed during construction to minimize the time of construction and provide the least cost alternative. The offsite detour impacts will be minimal and no modifications to the detour routes will be needed.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OF GEORGIA

INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

FILE: P. I. Nos. 0000680 & 0000682 OFFICE: Environmental/Location
DATE: March 31, 2005

FROM ^{HDK/mm} Harvey D. Keeper, State Environmental/Location Engineer

TO Distribution Below

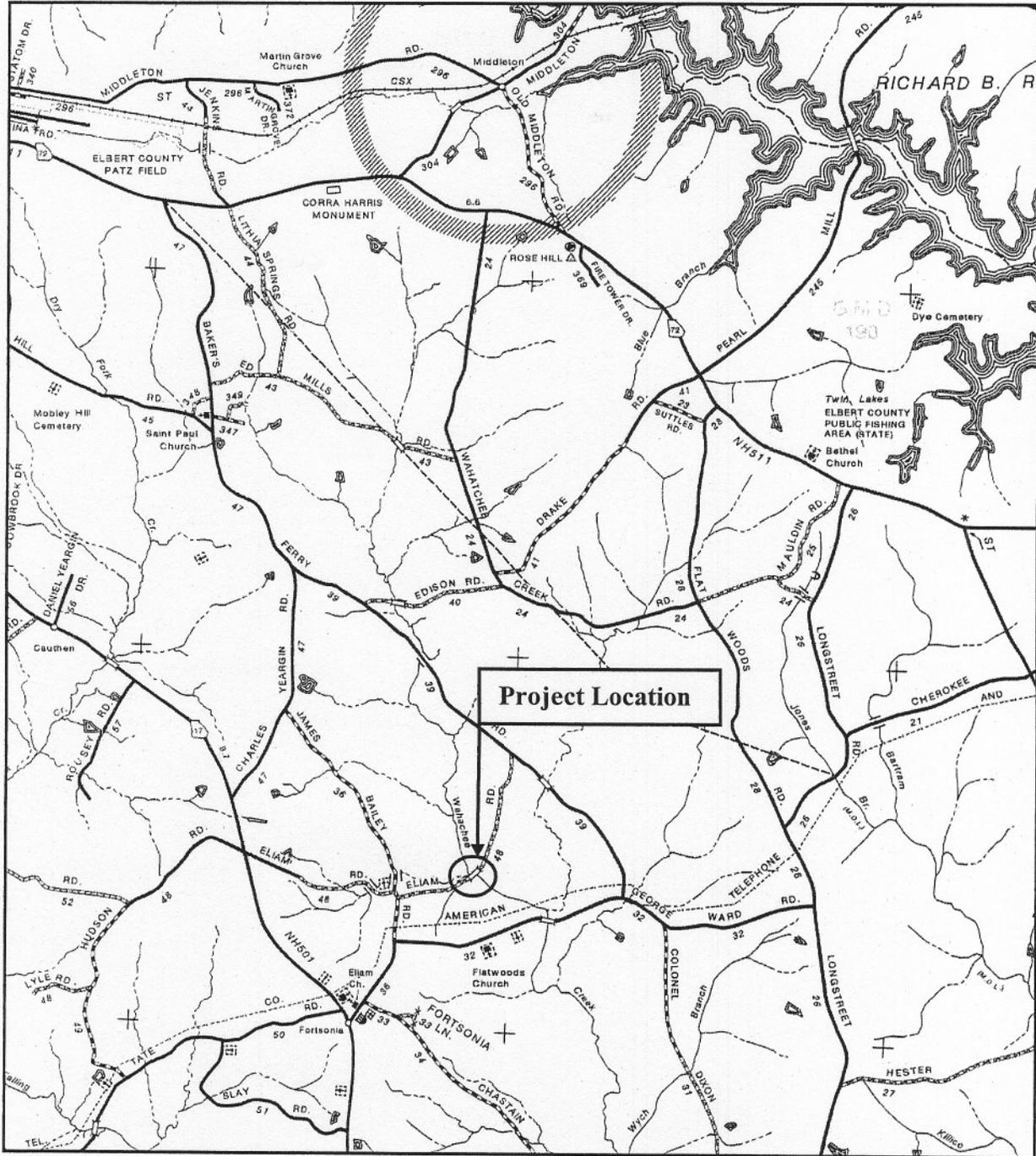
SUBJECT PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE & DETOUR MEETING SYNOPSIS

PROJECT Nos. & COUNTY: BR-0000-00(680) & BR-0000-00(682), Elbert

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Project BR-0000-00(680) will replace the bridge on CR 37/Eliam Road. The roadway will consist of two 12-foot travel lanes with 6-foot grass shoulders. The proposed project is located approximately 4 miles south of Middleton Georgia. The proposed project length is approximately 0.27 mile.

Project BR-0000-00(682) will replace the bridge on CR 195/Peachtree Road over Little Coldwater Creek. The roadway will consist of two 12-foot lanes with 6-foot rural

Proposed Detour Route
CR 37/Eliam Rd over Wahachee Creek
Project No.: BR-0000-00(680), Elbert County
P.I. No.: 0000680



Proposed Detour Routes
Residents on the east side will use Bakers Ferry Road (CR 47).
Residents on the west side will use James Lee Bailey Road (CR 36).

NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL

PROJECT BR-0000-00(680)

ELBERT COUNTY

P. I. NUMBER 0000680

Notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the use of and the routing of a detour for this above project.

The date of detour approval is JANUARY 12, 2006

The proposed project will replace the existing bridge on CR 37/Eliam Road with a 55 foot long double-triple 9 foot by 8 foot concrete box bridge culvert. The roadway will consist of two paved 12 foot travel lanes with 6 foot grass shoulders. The improvements will be reconstructed along the existing alignment. The vertical alignment will be raised at the culvert approximately 5 feet. The proposed right-of-way width is between 100 feet and 130 feet. The project is approximately 0.27 miles in length. The project is located in rural southeast part of Elbert County approximately 4 miles south of Middleton.

The proposed detour route will consist of CR 39/Baker's Ferry, CR 32/George Ward Road, and CR 36/ James Bailey Road. No improvements are proposed for the detour route.

Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:

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Georgia Department of Transportation
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Carnesville, Georgia 30521
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Any interested party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to:

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