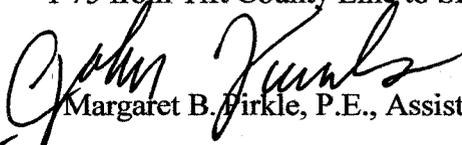


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**FILE** P. I. No. 0000804 Turner County **OFFICE** Preconstruction  
NHS-0000-00(804)  
I-75 from Tift County Line to SR-159-Phase II. **DATE** June 16, 2006

**FROM**  Margaret B. Finkle, P.E., Assistant Director of Preconstruction

**TO** *for* SEE DISTRIBUTION

**SUBJECT APPROVED NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN**

Attached for your further handling is the approved Location and Design Report for the above subject project

Also attached is the Notice of Location and Design Approval. This is the authorization for the District to proceed with advertisement

Attachment

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FILE: NHS-0000-00(804) Turner County OFFICE Consultant Design  
I-75 from Tift County Line to SR 159-Phase 2  
P.I. # 0000804 DATE: June 8, 2006  
FROM: Mohammed (Babs) Abubakari, P.E., State Program Delivery and Consultant Design Engineer.  
TO: Margaret Pirkle, P.E., Assistant Director of Preconstruction

**SUBJECT Request for Location and Design Approval**

**Description and Project Proposal:** Project NHS-0000-00(804) in Turner County consists of reconstructing five interchanges along I-75. These interchanges include Inaha Road/CR 252, Jefferson Davis Highway/SR 32, Bussey Road/CR 33, and East Washington Avenue/SR 112 and North Street/SR 159. All of these interchanges are currently diamond interchanges and will be reconstructed as diamond interchanges except for the interchange at North Street/SR 159, which is currently a full diamond and will be reconstructed as a partial cloverleaf with a loop in the northeast quadrant. Inaha Road, SR 32, and SR 159 are overpasses whose bridges will be replaced. Inaha Road and SR 159 will be realigned and widened to include left turn lanes. Inaha Road and SR 159 are existing two lane roads and will remain two lanes in the area of the proposed project. SR 32 will be reconstructed from a 2-lane roadway to a 4-lane roadway with a 20-foot raised median. Bussey Road and SR 112 are underpass interchanges that are existing 2-lane roadways and will remain 2-lanes in the area of the proposed project but will have added right turn bays at the interchange to allow better access to I-75. All of the ramps at these interchanges will be relocated further from the interchange to allow for better sight distance and improved acceleration and deceleration. This project is partially within the city limits of Ashburn and in the vicinity of the town of Sycamore. The project limits will begin at milepost 72.59 and will end at milepost 84.55 on I-75.

**Concept Approval Date:** The original project concept report for this project was approved as a phase two of NH-75-1(215) dated February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

**Concept Update:** A revised concept report may be required.

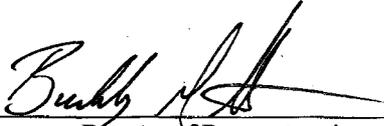
**Environmental Assessment and Reassessment Approval Date:** A Categorical Exclusion (CE) document was prepared for this project and was approved by FHWA on May 23, 2006.

**Public Involvement:** An informal Public Information Open House was held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2006 at the Moultrie Technical College, 222 Rock House Road, Ashburn, GA 31714. The open house was specifically targeted at property owners who would be directly affected by the project; however, members of the general public were not discouraged from attending. Property owners were notified by certified mail. A total of 28 property owners and members of the general public attended the meeting. Twenty-six attendees signed the attendance sheet. Of the 28 attendees, six chose to fill out comment cards at the meeting. One attendee was for the project, one attendee was conditionally for the project, one attendee was uncommitted, and three attendees were against the project. The major topics of the comments received included impacts to businesses and access to property.

**Consistency with Approved Planning:** The design description as presented herein and submitted for approval is consistent with the approved Concept Report.

**Recommendations:** It is recommended that the location and design for the project be approved and that the attached Notice be approved for advertising.

RECOMMEND:

  
Director of Preconstruction

APPROVE:

  
Chief Engineer

6/15/06  
Date of Approval

Attachments:

- Sketch Map
- Cost Estimate
- Notice of Location and Design Approval

# NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL

**NHS-0000-00(804),  
TURNER COUNTY  
P.I. 0000804**

Notice is hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.

The date of location approval is JUNE 16, 2006

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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:

Scott Chambers, Area 8 Engineer  
[Scott.Chambers@dot.state.ga.us](mailto:Scott.Chambers@dot.state.ga.us)  
97 Brighton Road  
Tifton, GA 31794  
(229)556-9433

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:

Stanley Hill, Project Manager  
Office of Consultant Design  
[Stanley.Hill@dot.state.ga.us](mailto:Stanley.Hill@dot.state.ga.us)  
No. 2 Capitol Square  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
(404) 463-2988

Any written request or communication in reference to this project or notice **SHOULD** include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.