

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**OFFICE OF DESIGN POLICY & SUPPORT
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

FILE P.I. # 0007158
CSBRG-0007-00(158)
Banks County
GDOT District 1 - Gainesville
SR 63 Bridge Replacement @ Middle Fork
Broad River

OFFICE Design Policy & Support

DATE May 12, 2014

FROM  *for* Brent Story, State Design Policy Engineer

TO SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT APPROVED DETOUR REPORT

Attached is the approved Detour Report with Notice of Detour Approval for the above subject project.

Attachment

DISTRIBUTION:

Glenn Bowman, Director of Engineering
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Attn: Joshua Taylor, Design Group Manager
Bayne Smith, District Engineer
Brent Cook, District Preconstruction Engineer
Kim Coley, District Planning & Programming Engineer
Tony Voyles, Area Engineer - D1, A3
Davida White, Project Manager
BOARD MEMBER - 9th Congressional District

Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Detour Route: *Statement from the Office of Environmental Services verifying that the proposed detour route has been evaluated and cleared and/or appropriate approvals have been obtained. (See attached statement)*

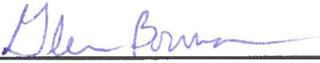
Temporary State Route Needed: No Yes Undetermined

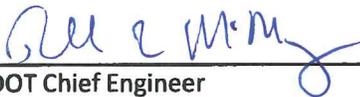
Public Detour Meeting Results: A Detour Public Meeting was held on March 13, 2014 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Banks County Courthouse Annex located at 150 Hudson Street in Homer. There were three people who attended the Detour Public Meeting and one comment was received. There were no public officials in attendance.

The attendee who left a comment was for the detour. She would like to see the bottom of bridge be constructed at a level low enough to not continue to create swamplands like the original 1960's paving of Highway 63.

No changes were made as a result of the Detour Meeting.

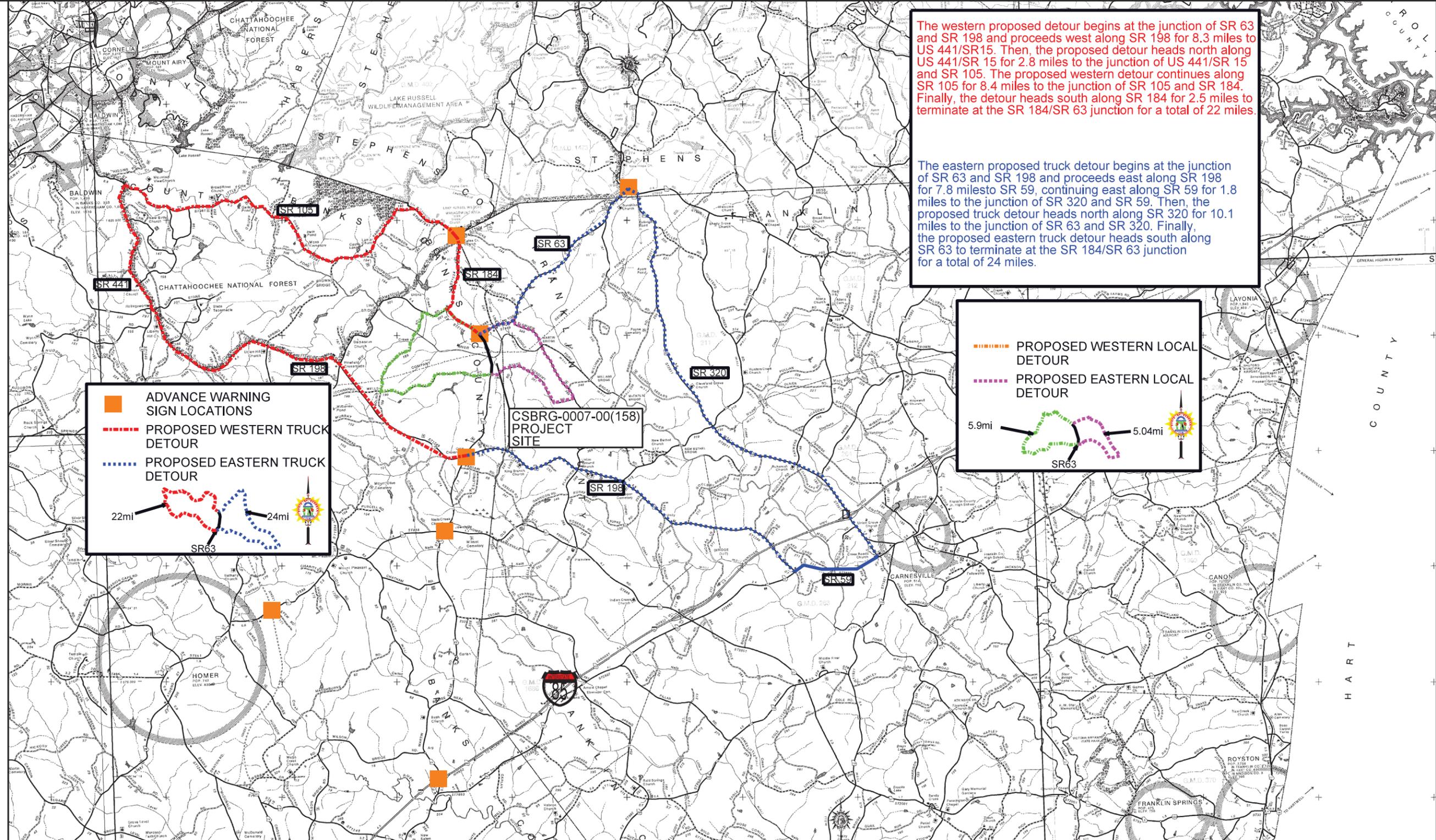
Recommendations: Recommend that the location and design for the project be approved and that the attached Notice be approved for advertising.

CONCUR: 
GDOT Director of Engineering

APPROVE:  5-7-14
GDOT Chief Engineer Date

Attachments:

- Sketch Map of each Detour Route Studied including length of detour(s)
- Detour Meeting Comment Cards and Transcript
- Statement from Environmental Office
- Notice of Detour Approval



The western proposed detour begins at the junction of SR 63 and SR 198 and proceeds west along SR 198 for 8.3 miles to US 441/SR15. Then, the proposed detour heads north along US 441/SR 15 for 2.8 miles to the junction of US 441/SR 15 and SR 105. The proposed western detour continues along SR 105 for 8.4 miles to the junction of SR 105 and SR 184. Finally, the detour heads south along SR 184 for 2.5 miles to terminate at the SR 184/SR 63 junction for a total of 22 miles.

The eastern proposed truck detour begins at the junction of SR 63 and SR 198 and proceeds east along SR 198 for 7.8 miles to SR 59, continuing east along SR 59 for 1.8 miles to the junction of SR 320 and SR 59. Then, the proposed truck detour heads north along SR 320 for 10.1 miles to the junction of SR 63 and SR 320. Finally, the proposed eastern truck detour heads south along SR 63 to terminate at the SR 184/SR 63 junction for a total of 24 miles.

ADVANCE WARNING SIGN LOCATIONS

PROPOSED WESTERN TRUCK DETOUR

PROPOSED EASTERN TRUCK DETOUR

22mi

24mi

SR63

PROPOSED WESTERN LOCAL DETOUR

PROPOSED EASTERN LOCAL DETOUR

5.9mi

5.04mi

SR63

CSBRG-0007-00(158)
PROJECT SITE

REVISION DATES	

STATE OF GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE: **STAGING DETAILS**

DRAWING No. **20-**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

FILE: CSBRG-0007-00(158) **OFFICE:** Environmental Services
DATE: March 17, 2014
HP/nn
FROM: Hiral Patel, P.E., State Environmental Administrator
TO: Distribution Below
SUBJECT: DETOUR OPEN HOUSE SYNOPSIS

P. I No. & COUNTY: 0007158, Banks

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Project CSBRG-0007-00(158), P.I. No. 0007158, is located in Banks County approximately 9 miles north of Homer, south of Toccoa, and southeast of Cornelia. The project would consist of the replacement of the bridge on State Route (SR) 63 at the Middle Fork Broad River. The bridge deck needs to be elevated about five feet to help maintain the bridge deck above the water of potential floods. Adjustment of vertical curves along the bridge approaches will be needed to match the roadway to the raised bridge deck. As such, construction will extend the project limits from the bridge in both directions. The approach work limits begin 458 feet south of the existing bridge and 1,152 feet north of the existing bridge. The total approach work length is 1,914 feet. The proposed improvements include two 12-foot wide lanes (one lane in each direction) with 8-foot wide rural shoulders (2-foot paved). Due to the site constraints of the long roadbed across the Middle Fork Broad River floodplain and the proximity of adjacent water resources and a high tension power transmission structure, replacement on alignment is the only practicable alternative. Therefore, an off-site detour will be necessary during construction.

DATE: March 13, 2014

NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE: 3

FOR: 1

CONDITIONAL: 0

UNCOMMITTED: 0

AGAINST: 0

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: 0

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Ms. Doris Cash suggested that the bridge deck be built at a level low enough not to continue to create swampland as happened with the original paving of SR 63 in the 1960s. Ms. Cash stated that before the roadbed an elevated bridge was constructed that the wetlands along the terrace toe on the north side of the floodplain were not wetland as they are currently.

PREPARED BY: Mark Ray, Mulkey Engineers

TELEPHONE No.: (678) 795-3614

cc:

**Justin Lott
Joshua Taylor
Davida White
Amos A. Jenkins, Jr.
Cindy Treadway**

Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name DORIS CASH
Address 4175 HWY 198
HOMER GA 30547

Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

- For, Against, Conditional, Uncommitted

General Comments SO MUCH TO DO - SO LITTLE TIME
I'D LIKE THE DOT TO CONSTRUCT BRIDGE BOTTOM AT A LEVEL
LOW ENOUGH NOT TO CONTINUE TO CREATE MORE SWAMPLAND,
AS HAPPENED WITH ORIGINAL PAVING OF HWY 63 IN THE 60'S.

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:

Three horizontal lines for suggestions.

Mail to: Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental Administrator, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, NW - 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308

White, Davida

From: Treadway, Cindy
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 9:19 AM
To: White, Davida
Subject: RE: 0007158-SR 63 at Middle Fork Broad River, Banks County

Davida,

If no right-of-way, easement, or construction activities are being proposed on the detour route, OES verifies that use of the detour route has no potential to adversely affect environmental resources.

Thanks,

Cindy Treadway
NEPA Analyst-GDOT
Office of Environmental Services
OGC- 600 West Peachtree St, NW -16th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30308
404.631.1979

From: White, Davida
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2014 7:33 AM
To: Treadway, Cindy
Cc: Murdoch, Michael
Subject: 0007158-SR 63 at Middle Fork Broad River, Banks County

Hi Cindy,

Could you please provide a statement verifying that the proposed detour route has been evaluated and cleared and/or appropriate approvals have been obtained for this project? This statement is required for approval of the detour.

Thanks,

Davida K. White, E.I.T.
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NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL
CSBRG-0007-00(158), BANKS COUNTY
P. I. 0007158

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

The date of detour approval is: May 12, 2014

The proposed Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Project CSBRG-0007-00(158), P.I. No. 0007158, is located in Banks County. The proposed project corridor is approximately 9 miles north of Homer, south of Toccoa, and southeast of Cornelia. The project would consist of the replacement of the bridge on State Route (SR) 63 at the Middle Fork Broad River. The bridge deck needs to be elevated about five feet to help maintain the bridge deck above the water of potential floods. Adjustment of vertical curves along the bridge approaches will be needed to match the roadway to the raised bridge deck. As such, construction will extend the project limits from the bridge in both directions. The approach work limits begin 458 feet south of the existing bridge and 1,152 feet north of the existing bridge. The total approach work length is 1,914 feet. The proposed improvements include two 12-foot wide lanes (one lane in each direction) with 8-foot wide rural shoulders (2-foot paved).

PROPOSED EASTERN AND WESTERN DETOURS:

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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:

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