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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
STATE OF GEORGIA

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**FILE** P. I. No. 0007680 & 0007288, DeKalb County **OFFICE** Preconstruction  
CSSTP-0007-00(680) & CSMSL-0007-00(288)  
SR 12/Covington Highway Sidewalks, Phase 2 **DATE** January 25, 2006

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

**TO** *to-* SEE DISTRIBUTION

**SUBJECT** APPROVED PROJECT CONCEPT REPORT

Attached for your files is the approval for subject project.

MBP/cj

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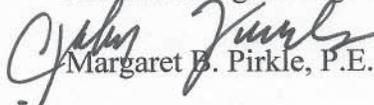
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 SR 12/Covington Highway Sidewalks, Phase 2 **DATE** January 17, 2006

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

**TO**  David E. Studstill, Jr., P.E., Chief Engineer

**SUBJECT** PROJECT CONCEPT REPORT

These combined projects consist of the construction of sidewalks on both sides of Covington Highway/US 278/SR 12 from Margarett Drive to Panola Road for a total of 4.41 miles. The proposed project will provide clean, functional aesthetic sidewalks meeting ADA requirements that will encourage pedestrians to travel safely by foot to residences, schools, churches, and places of employment.

The construction proposes 5' wide ADA compliant sidewalks with a 2' stamped concrete offset along both sides of Covington Highway. Curb and gutter and drainage improvements will also be constructed as necessary. Traffic will be maintained during construction.

Environmental concerns include requiring a Categorical Exclusion be prepared; a public hearing is not required; time saving procedures are appropriate.

The estimated costs for this project are:

**CSSTP-0007-00(680)**

	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>	<u>PROG DATE</u>
Construction (includes E&C and inflation)	\$2,551,000	\$1,825,000	L240	2009
Right-of-Way & Utilities*	Local	Local		

**CSMSL-0007-00(288)**

	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>	<u>PROG DATE</u>
Construction (includes E&C and inflation)	\$496,000	\$496,000	H660	2009(proposed)
Right-of-Way & Utilities*	Local	Local		

\*DeKalb County signed PMS for PE and utilities; right-of-way and construction to be done by future agreements.

David Studstill

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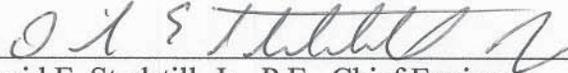
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I recommend these project concepts be approved.

MBP:JDQ/cj

Attachment

CONCUR   
Buddy Gratton, P.E., Director of Preconstruction

APPROVE   
David E. Studstill, Jr., P.E., Chief Engineer

## NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL

Project No. CSSTP-0007-00(680), CSMSL-0007-00(288)  
DeKalb County  
P. I. No. 0007680, 0007288

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 the above project.

Date of Location Approval: JANUARY 25, 2006

This project is located on Covington Highway from Margarette Drive to Panola Road - Phase 2, located in DeKalb County, Land District 15, Land Lots 161, 162, 163, 190, 195, and 196, Land District 16, Land Lots 6, 7, 26, and 39.

This project consists of adding sidewalks to both sides of the road to establish a continuous ADA path as well as curb and gutter and drainage improvements as necessary.

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

Thomas C. Parker  
District 7 - Area 1 Engineer  
[thom.parker@dot.state.ga.us](mailto:thom.parker@dot.state.ga.us)  
805 George Luther Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30032  
(404) 299-4386

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:

Mike Lobdell, PE  
District 7 Preconstruction Engineer  
[mike.lobdell@dot.state.ga.us](mailto:mike.lobdell@dot.state.ga.us)  
330 Capitol Ave SE  
Atlanta, GA 30334-9002  
(404) 463-4947

Any written request or communication in reference to this Notice SHOULD include the PROJECT and P.I. NUMBERS as noted at the top of this notice.

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PROJECT CONCEPT REPORT

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Phase 2

Project Number: CSSTP-0007-00(680), CSMSL-0007-00(288)

County: DeKalb

P. I. Number: 0007680, 0007288

Federal Route Number: 278

State Route Number: 12

PROJECT LOCATION MAP: See Page 2

Recommendation for approval:

DATE 12/5/05

[Signature]  
Project Manager

DATE 12/5/05

[Signature]  
District Engineer

The concept as presented herein and submitted for approval is consistent with that which is included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and/or the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Transportation Planning Administrator

DATE 12-14-05

[Signature]  
State Transportation Financial Management Administrator

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Environmental/Location Engineer

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Traffic Safety and Design Engineer

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Project Review Engineer

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W. L. ...  
Project Manager

DATE 12/5/05

Ray ...  
District Engineer

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DATE 12/11/05

Joseph P. ...  
State Transportation Planning Administrator

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Transportation Financial Management Administrator

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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State Environmental/Location Engineer

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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State Traffic Safety and Design Engineer

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Project Review Engineer

Comments: 1) no accident data provided to validate desire by locals to seat relocate utility poles to address offset of poles not in conflict w/ sidewalk  
2) What is status of exploring 5 lane addition; will an exception be reqd? Coord w/ project and program.

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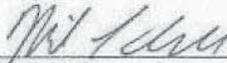
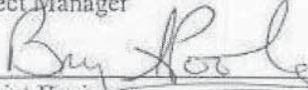
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Project Review Engineer

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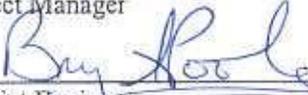
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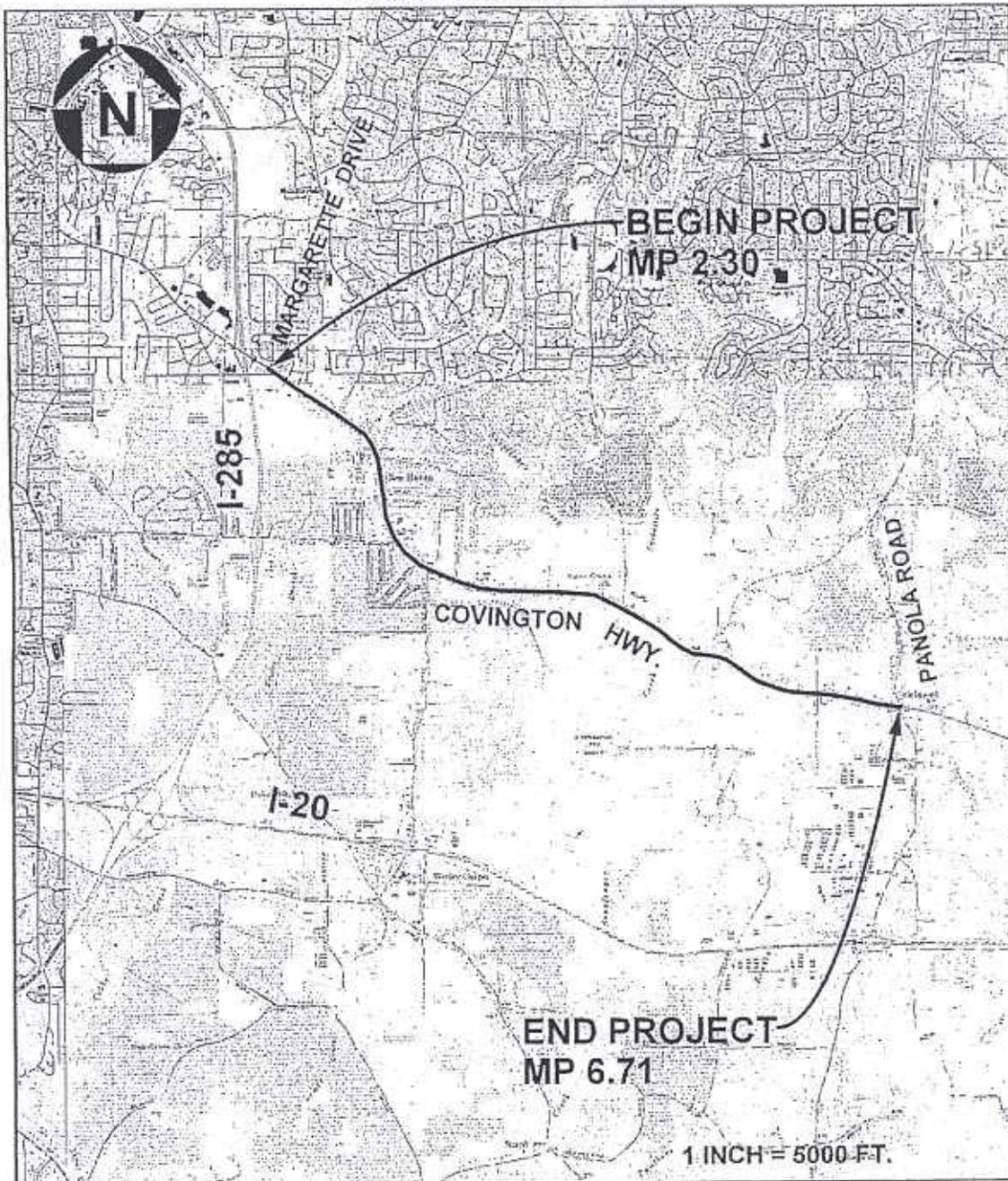
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### PROJECT LOCATION MAP



**Covington Highway/US 278/SR 12 Sidewalks  
from Margarett Drive to Panola Road - Phase 2  
Project No.: CSSTP-0007-00-(680), DeKalb County  
P.I. No.: 0007680**

## NEED AND PURPOSE

The primary need for this project is to provide a continuous and safe ADA pedestrian path along Covington Highway from Margarett Drive, milepost 2.30, to Panola Road, milepost 6.71. The land use along this road is primarily commercial development with a mixture of residential development, schools and churches as well as being a MARTA route, which generates pedestrian traffic. Currently, this corridor is lacking sidewalk connectivity, uniformity, and ADA access as well as adequate crosswalks. Foot traffic paths have been created in the existing shoulder; therefore the need for this project is to provide safer pedestrian mobility and to provide a continuous ADA path for all pedestrians. Pedestrian traffic will increase due to the proposed sidewalk enhancements. The sidewalks will create connectivity to the mixed-use development and the proposed improvements do meet the TIP/RTP.

### Description of the proposed project:

This project is the construction of five-foot wide ADA compliant sidewalks along Covington Highway from Margarett Drive (MP 2.30) to Panola Road (MP 6.71) in DeKalb County. Utility relocation, other than when a direct conflict exists, is not within the scope of work of this project

The proposed sidewalks will be constructed to provide an ADA accessible path along both sides of the roadway. Curb and gutter and drainage improvements will also be constructed as necessary along with a two foot stamped concrete strip and a five foot wide sidewalk. The length of the proposed project along Covington Highway is approximately 4.41 miles.

Is the project located in a Non-attainment area?  Yes  No

The proposed project includes the addition of sidewalk only and not any additional pavement or travel lanes. The existing curb and gutter and drainage system will be maintained and upgraded only as necessary.

PDP Classification:  Major  Minor

Federal Oversight: Full Oversight ( ), Exempt(X), State Funded( ), or Other ( )

Functional Classification: Major Arterial Road

U. S. Route Number(s): 278

State Route Number(s): 12

Existing design features:

- Typical Section:

The existing roadway has four 12-foot travel lanes with a flush center turn lane and

eight-foot wide urban shoulders including curb and gutter from Margarett Drive to Wesley Chapel Road. The existing roadway has four 12-foot travel lanes with left turn lanes at the intersections and eight-foot wide urban shoulders including curb and gutter from Wesley Chapel Road to Panola Road.

- **Posted speed:** 45 mph
- **Minimum radius for curve:** 1000 feet
- **Maximum superelevation rate for curve:** 3.8%
- **Maximum grade:** 5.5%
- **Width of right of way:** 68 ft – 145 ft
- **Major structures:**
  - Bridge over Snapfinger Creek (existing sidewalks on bridge to be maintained)
  - Approximate length of bridge is 160 feet
- **Major interchanges or intersections along the project:**
  - Covington Highway at Glenwood Road
  - Covington Highway at Wesley Chapel Road
  - Covington Highway at South Hairston Road
  - Covington Highway and Panola Road

#### **Proposed Design Features:**

- **Proposed typical section(s):**
  - The eight-foot shoulder will be upgraded to a twelve-foot wide shoulder including a two-foot stamped concrete strip and five-foot wide sidewalk on the both sides. The newly constructed sidewalks will provide the continuous ADA path and the existing curb and gutter will be maintained.
- **Proposed Design Speed Mainline:** 45 mph
- **Proposed Maximum grade Mainline:** 5.5%    **Maximum grade allowable:** 7%
- **Proposed Maximum grade Side Street:** 9%    **Maximum grade allowable:** 9%
- **Proposed Maximum grade driveway:** 11% commercial and 27% residential
- **Proposed Maximum super-elevation rate for curve:** 3.8%



- **Design Variances:** None Anticipated
- **Environmental concerns:** Do not anticipate any UST, hazardous waste, etc. impacts.
- **Level of environmental analysis:** CE - Anticipated
  - Are Time Saving Procedures appropriate? Yes (X), No ( ),
  - Categorical exclusion (X),
  - Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) ( ), or
  - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) ( ).
- **Utility involvement:**

Overhead power and telephone utilities and underground water and telephone utilities are located on both sides of the road and the proposed sidewalks improvements may conflict with some power poles if alternates are not available.

  - Bell South
  - Georgia Power
  - Atlanta Gas Light
  - AGL Networks
  - Comcast
  - MCI
  - DeKalb County Water and Sewer
  - DeKalb County Traffic
  - Georgia Transmission
  - Georgia Power Transmission
  - MEAG

**Project responsibilities:**

- Design – DeKalb County
- Right of Way Acquisition – DeKalb County
- Relocation of Utilities – DeKalb County
- Letting to contract – GDOT
- Supervision of construction – GDOT
- Providing material pits – Contractor

**Coordination**

- Concept meeting date and brief summary – November 30, 2005 (See attached Concept Team Meeting Minutes)
- P. A. R. meetings, dates and results – Not Applicable
- FEMA – Not anticipated

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- USCG, and/or TVA – Not anticipated
- Public involvement – Not anticipated
- Local government comments – See attached Concept Team Meeting Minutes
- Other projects in the area –
  - P.I. No. 0000715 – I-20 to I-285 East to Evans Mill Road, Add 2 HOV lanes
  - P.I. No. 0002415 – SR 260 Sidewalks from Candler Drive to Covington Highway
  - P.I. No. 0002669 – Upgrade Traffic Signals at various Locations in DeKalb County
  - P.I. No. 0005905 – Panola Road from Thompson Mill Road to Snapfinger Road
  - P.I. No. 0006812 – Kensington Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility from Redan Road to Memorial Drive
  - P.I. No. M002823 – I-285 Interchange @ Covington Highway
- Railroads – Not Applicable
- Other Coordination – None anticipated

#### Scheduling – Responsible Parties' Estimate

- Time to complete the environmental process : 6-9 Months
- Time to complete preliminary construction plans: 3 Months
- Time to complete right of way plans: 3 Months
- Time to complete final construction plans: 3 Months
- Time to complete to purchase right of way: 24 Months
- List other major items that will affect the project schedule: N/A

#### Alternates Considered:

Alternate (1) A five-foot wide sidewalk will be added on both the north and south sides for approximately 4.41 miles and the existing curb and gutter and drainage will be maintained. Alternate (2) A five-foot wide sidewalk will be added on the north side only for approximately 4.41 miles and the existing curb and gutter and drainage will be maintained. Alternate (3) A five-foot wide sidewalk will be added on the south side only for approximately 4.41 miles and the existing curb and gutter and drainage will be maintained.

#### Comments:

- Alternate (1) was chosen as the preferred Alternate because both sides of the road will have sidewalk and a continuous ADA path would be established on the both the north and south side. (See attached Alternate 1 Cost Estimate). Alternate (2) was not chosen because it would only provide a continuous ADA path on the north side, but the MARTA bus routes include stops on both sides of the road and the existing pedestrian traffic has

worn paths on both sides of the road. Alternate (3) was not chosen because it would only provide a continuous ADA path on the south side, but the MARTA bus routes include stops on both sides of the road and the existing pedestrian traffic has worn paths on both sides of the road.

- The following intersections are currently signalized:
  - Covington Highway and Margarett Drive
  - Covington Highway and South Indian Creek Drive (Possible project exception due to P. I. No. 0002669 – Upgrade Traffic Signals)
  - Covington Highway and Mercer Road
  - Covington Highway and Glenwood Road (Possible project exception due to P.I. No. 0002669 – Upgrade Traffic Signals)
  - Covington Highway and Wesley Chapel Road (Possible project exception due to P.I. No. 0002669 – Upgrade Traffic Signals)
  - Covington Highway and Mary McLeod Bethune Middle School Driveway
  - Covington Highway and South Hairston Road
  - Covington Highway and Young Road/Hidden Creek Drive (Possible project exception due to P.I. No. 0002669 – Upgrade Traffic Signals)
  - Covington Highway and Panola Road

**Attachments:**

1. Cost Estimate
2. Typical Section
3. Concept Team Meeting Minutes
4. Location and Design Notice

## Estimate Report for file "CSSTP-0007-00(680)"

Section GRADING AND DRAINAGE					
Item Number	Quantity	Units	Unit Price	Item Description	Cost
205-0001	39000	CY	5.00	UNCLASS EXCAV	195000.00
441-6022	4000	LF	15.00	CONC CURB & GUTTER, 6 IN X 30 IN, TP 2	60000.00
550-1180	5000	LF	29.00	STORM DRAIN PIPE, 18 IN, H 1-10	145000.00
611-8000	65	EA	1537.59	ADJUST CATCH BASIN TO GRADE	99943.35
611-8040	15	EA	683.45	ADJUST DROP INLET TO GRADE	10251.75
611-8050	30	EA	578.60	ADJUST MANHOLE TO GRADE	17358.00
668-1100	15	EA	2000.00	CATCH BASIN, GP 1	30000.00
<b>Section Sub Total:</b>					<b>\$557,553.10</b>

Section LUMP ITEMS					
Item Number	Quantity	Units	Unit Price	Item Description	Cost
150-1000	1	LS	50000.00	TRAFFIC CONTROL -	50000.00
163-0232	3	AC	500.00	TEMPORARY GRASSING	1500.00
163-0240	90	TN	250.00	MULCH	22500.00
165-0010	7500	LF	1.00	MAINTENANCE OF TEMPORARY SILT FENCE, TP A	7500.00
167-1000	2	EA	2500.00	WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND SAMPLING	5000.00
167-1500	12	MO	1000.00	WATER QUALITY INSPECTIONS	12000.00
171-0010	15000	LF	2.00	TEMPORARY SILT FENCE, TYPE A	30000.00
201-1500	1	LS	70000.00	CLEARING & GRUBBING -	70000.00
700-6910	3	AC	1000.00	PERMANENT GRASSING	3000.00
700-7000	3	TN	100.00	AGRICULTURAL LIME	300.00
700-7010	6	GL	25.00	LIQUID LIME	150.00
700-8000	3	TN	250.00	FERTILIZER MIXED GRADE	750.00
700-8100	150	LB	2.00	FERTILIZER NITROGEN CONTENT	300.00
716-2000	1500	SY	2.00	EROSION CONTROL MATS, SLOPES	3000.00
<b>Section Sub Total:</b>					<b>\$206,000.00</b>

Section MAJOR STRUCTURES					
Item Number	Quantity	Units	Unit Price	Item Description	Cost
500-3107	100	CY	500.00	CLASS A CONCRETE, RETAINING WALL	50000.00
515-2020	100	LF	39.97	GALV STEEL PIPE HANDRAIL, 2 IN, ROUND	3997.00
<b>Section Sub Total:</b>					<b>\$53,997.00</b>

Section BASE AND PAVING					
Item Number	Quantity	Units	Unit Price	Item Description	Cost
310-1101	3000	TN	20.00	GR AGGR BASE CRS, INCL MATL	60000.00
402-3110	450	TN	39.06	RECYCLED ASPH CONC 9 5 MM SUPERPAVE, GP 1 OR 2, INCL BITUM MATL & H LIME	17577.00
402-3112	600	TN	44.35	RECYCLED ASPH CONC 19 MM SUPERPAVE, GP 1 OR 2, INCL BITUM MATL & H LIME	26610.00
441-0016	900	SY	28.57	DRIVEWAY CONCRETE, 6 IN TK	25713.00
441-0018	4200	SY	33.31	DRIVEWAY CONCRETE, 8 IN TK	139902.00
441-4020	500	SY	28.43	CONC VALLEY GUTTER, 6 IN	14215.00
441-4030	2200	SY	39.99	CONC VALLEY GUTTER, 8 IN	87978.00
<b>Section Sub Total:</b>					<b>\$371,995.00</b>

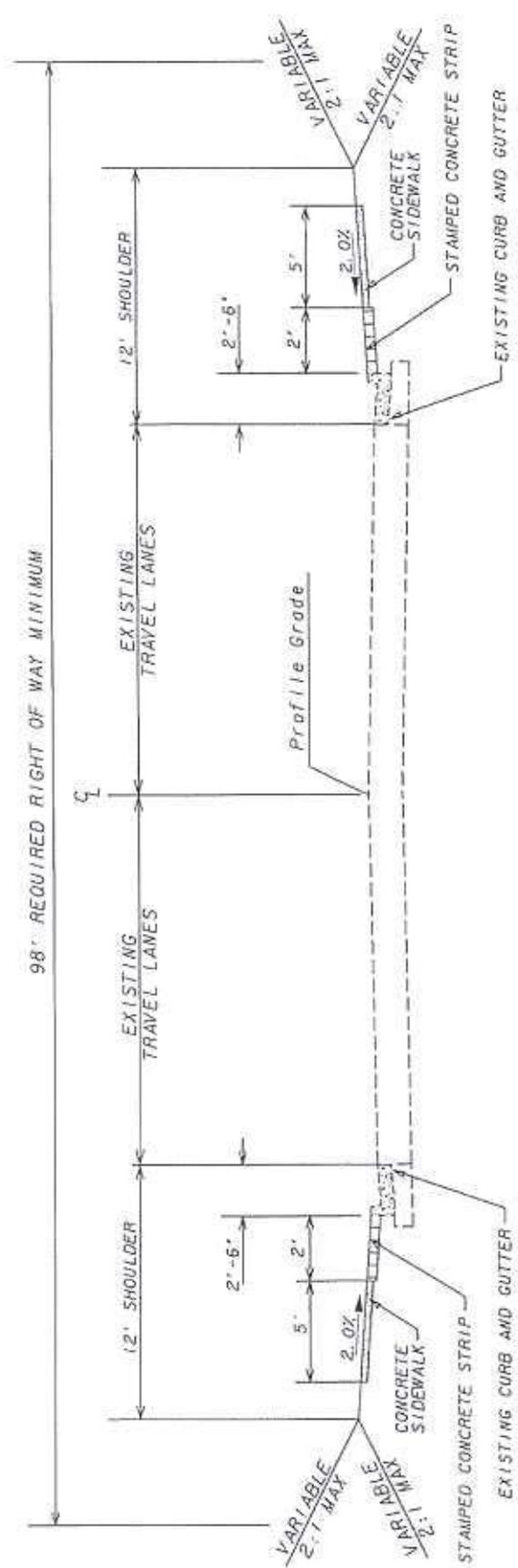
Section MISCELLANEOUS					
Item Number	Quantity	Units	Unit Price	Item Description	Cost
163-0550	75	EA	228.00	CONSTRUCT AND REMOVE INLET SEDIMENT TRAP	17100.00
165-0105	40	EA	80.62	MAINTENANCE OF INLET SEDIMENT TRAP	3224.80
441-0104	23000	SY	35.00	CONC SIDEWALK, 4 IN	805000.00
641-1200	700	LF	15.00	GUARDRAIL, TP W	10500.00
641-5001	7	EA	500.00	GUARDRAIL ANCHORAGE, TP 1	3500.00
641-5012	7	EA	1500.00	GUARDRAIL ANCHORAGE, TP 12	10500.00
647-1000	1	LS	30000.00	PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS	30000.00
653-1704	1000	LF	4.00	THERMOPLASTIC SOLID TRAF STRIPE, 24 IN, WHITE	4000.00

653-1804	2500	LF	2.00	THERMOPLASTIC SOLID TRAF STRIPE, 8 IN, WHITE	5000.00
653-2501	4	LM	2500.00	THERMOPLASTIC SOLID TRAF STRIPE, 5 IN, WHITE	10000.00
682-6233	1500	LF	10.00	TRAFFIC SIGNAL LOOPS REPLACEMENT	15000.00
<b>Section Sub Total:</b>					<b>\$913,824.80</b>

**Total Estimated Cost: \$2,103,369.90**

<b>Subtotal Construction Cost</b>	<b>\$2,103,369.90</b>
E&C Rate 10.0 %	\$210,336.99
Inflation Rate 5.0 % @ 2.0 Years	\$237,154.96
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<b>Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>\$2,550,861.85</b>
Right Of Way	\$1,800,000.00
ReImb. Utilities	\$100,000.00
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<b>Grand Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$4,450,861.85</b>

STATE	COUNTY	PROJECT NUMBER	SHEET TOTAL
GA.	DEKALB	C557P-0007-001680 C548L-0007-001288J	NO. SHEETS



SIDEWALK TYPICAL SECTION

SLOPE SELECTION	
SLOPE CUT	FILL
4:1	0'-6" OVER 6'
2:1	OVER 6'

\* SEE 'B' STANDARD FOR FILL

THE LPA GROUP INCORPORATED  
 TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANTS  
 1595 ENGINEERING DRIVE  
 NORCROSS, GEORGIA 30092  
 117.01.283-9113

STATE OF GEORGIA  
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SIDEWALK TYPICAL SECTION  
 COVINGTON HIGHWAY SIDEWALKS-PHASE 2  
 DEKALB COUNTY  
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## Concept Team Meeting Minutes

Covington Highway Sidewalks from Margarett Drive to Panola Road – Phase 2  
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November 30, 2005

Meeting notes from the November 30, 2005 concept meeting at the District Seven Preconstruction Room, Archives Building for the Covington Highway Sidewalks from Margarett Drive to Panola Road – Phase 2 and Covington Highway Sidewalks from Panola Road to Evans Mill Road – Phase 3.

### Attendees:

Mike Lobdell	GDOT – District 7	(404) 463-4947
Scott Lee	GDOT – District 7	(404) 463-4947
Chris Woods	GDOT – District 7	(404) 463-4947
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David Pelton	Dekalb County Transportation	(770) 492-5223
Nikki Reutlinger	PBS&J	(770) 933-0280
Danny Godwin	The LPA Group Incorporated	(770) 263-9118
Beth Ann Marks	The LPA Group Incorporated	(770) 263-9118

### Meeting Notes:

- Scott Lee opened the meeting and LPA gave an overview of the project layout.
- Beth Ann Marks discussed the project termini is Margarett Drive instead of I-285 due to GDOT's I-285 Interchange @ Covington Highway project (P.I. No. M002823).
- Beth Ann Marks discussed maintaining the existing sidewalk in intermittent locations throughout the project corridor if the existing sidewalk meets current ADA requirements. The sidewalk, cross walks, and signals will be maintained along the Bethune McLeod Middle School on Phase 2. The existing curb and gutter and drainage system will be also be maintained throughout the corridor.
- Beth Ann Marks mentioned that several existing utility poles are located within the roadway "clear zone" but minimal poles will be in conflict with the proposed sidewalk. Relocating utility poles outside of the roadway clear zone is not included in the scope of this project and only poles in conflict with the proposed sidewalk will be relocated as necessary. The concept report includes the following statement in the Description of Proposed Project to clarify this issue. "Utility relocation, other than when a direct conflict exists, is not within the scope of work of this project."

- Scott Lee mentioned GDOT's concern with the existing 4 lane typical section without a flush median along Covington Highway from approximately Wesley Chapel Road to Evans Mill Road. DeKalb County will review GDOT's accident data and DeKalb County is expecting to revise the roadway section with a future project. DeKalb County will give further direction to LPA concerning this issue.
- Nikki Reutlinger stated the 157 County Signal Upgrade project includes several existing signals along the Covington Highway corridor therefore the Phase 2 and Phase 3 sidewalk project will include many exceptions to account for the signal upgrade project.
- Beth Ann Marks asked for clarification on the type of concept cost estimates to be submitted and GDOT advised Beth Ann Marks to utilize the GDOT's Detailed Estimate Program to generate concept cost estimate to be included in the concept reports.
- Utility relocation and costs as shown in the report were discussed and LPA was advised to reduce the utility costs to account for direct utility pole conflict relocation rather than removal of all poles within the roadway clear zone.
- Scott Lee mentioned this corridor contained a minimal existing right of way width in various areas therefore required right of way will be necessary. LPA will verify existing right of way with the surveyors.
- Nikki Reutlinger stated the TIP has been requested to be amended to move up the construction let dates for both Phase 2 and 3.
- **REPORT COMMENTS:**
  - The Functional Classification will be revised from minor arterial road to major arterial road.
  - The existing design features will be revised on Phase 3 for the listing of the major structures. The existing two culverts will be added.
  - AGL Networks will be added from the list of utility owners.
  - Coordination with FEMA should be revised from not anticipated to anticipated on Phase 3 due to the possibility of widening two culverts.
  - Public Involvement will be revised from PIOH by DeKalb County to None Anticipated.
  - The time estimate for the right of way process will be revised to 24 months for Phase 2 and 18 months for Phase 3.
  - The cost estimate will be revised to include the utility costs associated with removal of poles directly in conflict with the proposed sidewalk instead of removal of all poles within the roadway clear zone.
- **CONCEPT LAYOUT COMMENTS:**
  - The labeling of Covington Highway will be revised to be Covington Highway/US278/SR12.
- Chris Woods closed the meeting.