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**FILE** P. I. No. 0008232, Troup County **OFFICE** Preconstruction  
CSNHS-0008-00(232)  
I-85 @ CR 98 Gabbetteville Road **DATE** March 8, 2007

**FROM**  Genetha Rice-Singleton, Assistant Director of Preconstruction

**TO** 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** CSNHS-0008-00(232), Troup County **OFFICE** Urban Design  
P.I. No. 0008232  
I-85 @ CR98/Gabbetteville Rd **DATE** March 8, 2007

**FROM**   
James B. Buchan, P.E., State Urban Design Engineer

**TO** Genetha Rice-Singleton, Assistant Director of Preconstruction

**SUBJECT** Request for Location and Design Approval

### Description and Project Proposal:

The project is located in Troup County, near M.P. 6. The proposed project consists of constructing a diamond interchange with relocated Gabbettville Road. Gabbettville Road will be relocated and upgraded to a 4 lane divided roadway and cross I-85 providing an approximate 86 degree intersection with I-85. A two-lane exit ramp will be constructed for the northbound and southbound direction and a two-lane entrance ramp will be constructed in the northbound direction. A two-lane entrance ramp will be constructed southbound, which will taper down to one lane before reaching the entrance taper at the nose. Relocated Gabbettville Road will start at the intersection of Sandtown Road and existing Gabbettville Road and widen to a 4 lane facility with a 32' raised median. This section will be carried over I-85 with a 4-lane bridge with a closed 32' wide median on the bridge. The 4-lane section will T-intersect and end at CR 94/Warner Road. Warner Road will be upgraded at this intersection to provide turn lanes and intersection sight distance. Associated with this project will be a four-lane divided frontage road along the west side of I-85 connecting SR 18 and Relocated Gabbettville Road.

### Concept Approval Date:

February 21, 2007

### Environmental Assessment and Reassessment Approval Date:

EA/FONSI approved on March 7, 2007

### Public Involvement:

- Hearing Results:
  - The public hearing open house was held on December 14, 2006, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Gray Hill Community Center, 3600 Bartley Road, West Point, Georgia. Comments offered included concerns about the impacts to wetlands and streams; not enough time was allowed to study issues; concern about increased traffic; and concern about maintenance of driveway access during construction.

- From those attending, nine (9) comment forms and eight (8) oral statements were received. An additional comment, a petition signed by 39 signatories, was received during the ten day comment period following the hearing. There were a total of eighteen (18) individual comments summarized as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Uncommitted</u>	<u>Conditional</u>
5 (29%)	2 (12%)	6 (35%)	4 (24%)

Major Concerns noted were as follows:

- Seven (7) comments expressed concern about impacts to personal property and the environment
- Two (2) comments suggested a different alternative for the interchange
- Four (4) comments sought additional information about road specifics and had concerns about safety and increased traffic on existing roads
- Thirty-nine (39) comments (petition signatories) requested noise barriers along I-85
- One (1) comment had concerns about the timing of construction
- One (1) comment stated that the project will increase jobs in the area and make Georgia better

- A total of 225 people attended the public hearing open house, which included the following public officials:

Rep. Vance Smith, District 129  
 Ken Smith, Troup County Board of Commissioners  
 James Emery, Troup County Engineer  
 Mike Dobbs, Troup County Manager  
 Tim Duffey, Troup County Board of Commissioners  
 Ricky Wolfe, Chairman Elect, Troup County Commission  
 M. Darren Kelley, West Point City Council

- Public Information Open House

- A public information open house was held on July 25, 2006, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the West Point Gym, 1101 Highway 29, West Point, Georgia. From those attending the open house comments offered included concerns about the capacity of the existing bridge on Gabbettville Road between the proposed improvements and US 29
- From those attending, forty four (44) comment forms and six (6) oral statements were received. An additional twelve (12) comments were received during the ten day comment period following the hearing. Four (4) people submitted an oral statement, email, or voice mail, as well as a comment card, so there were a total of fifty eight (58) individual comments summarized as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Uncommitted</u>	<u>Conditional</u>
40 (69%)	3 (5%)	5 (9%)	10 (17%)

Major Concerns noted were as follows:

- Six (6) comments expressed concern about impacts to personal property and the environment
  - Twenty-seven (27) comments noted a preference for specific alternatives
  - Three (3) comments sought additional information about road specifics such as location, width, etc.
  - Two (2) comments stated the Long Cane Creek Bridge floods and requested alternate exits from Gabbettville Road and Sandtown Roads.
  - Three (3) comments expressed concern about the traffic and speed of cars coming off the interstate
  - Two (2) comments requested a noise study and noise barriers
  - Three (3) comments suggested relocating Warner Road
- A total of 412 people attended the public hearing open house, which included the following public officials:
- Joe Dowd, West Point City Council
  - Ken Smith, Troup County Commissioner
  - Jeff Brown, Representative District 69
  - Billy Head, Mayor West Point
  - James Emery, Troup County Engineer
  - Mike Dobbs, Troup County Manager
  - Robert Young, West Point City Council
- As a result of the public involvement on this project the following changes were considered and evaluated:
- Four different interchange configurations as well as different locations for the interchange were studied.
  - GDOT has committed to an evaluation of the area roadway network to determine other transportation improvement projects that may be required as a result of the West Point Economic Development Site construction/operation.
  - Modify the bridge design over Long Cain Creek to minimize impacts to the flood plain.

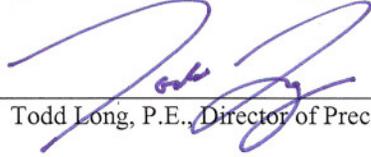
**Consistency with Approved Planning:**

The design description as presented herein and submitted for approval is consistent with the approved Concept Report.

**Recommendations:**

The location and design for the project be approved and that the attached Notice be approved for advertising.

RECOMMEND:



Todd Long, P.E., Director of Preconstruction

APPROVE:



David Studstill, P.E., Chief Engineer

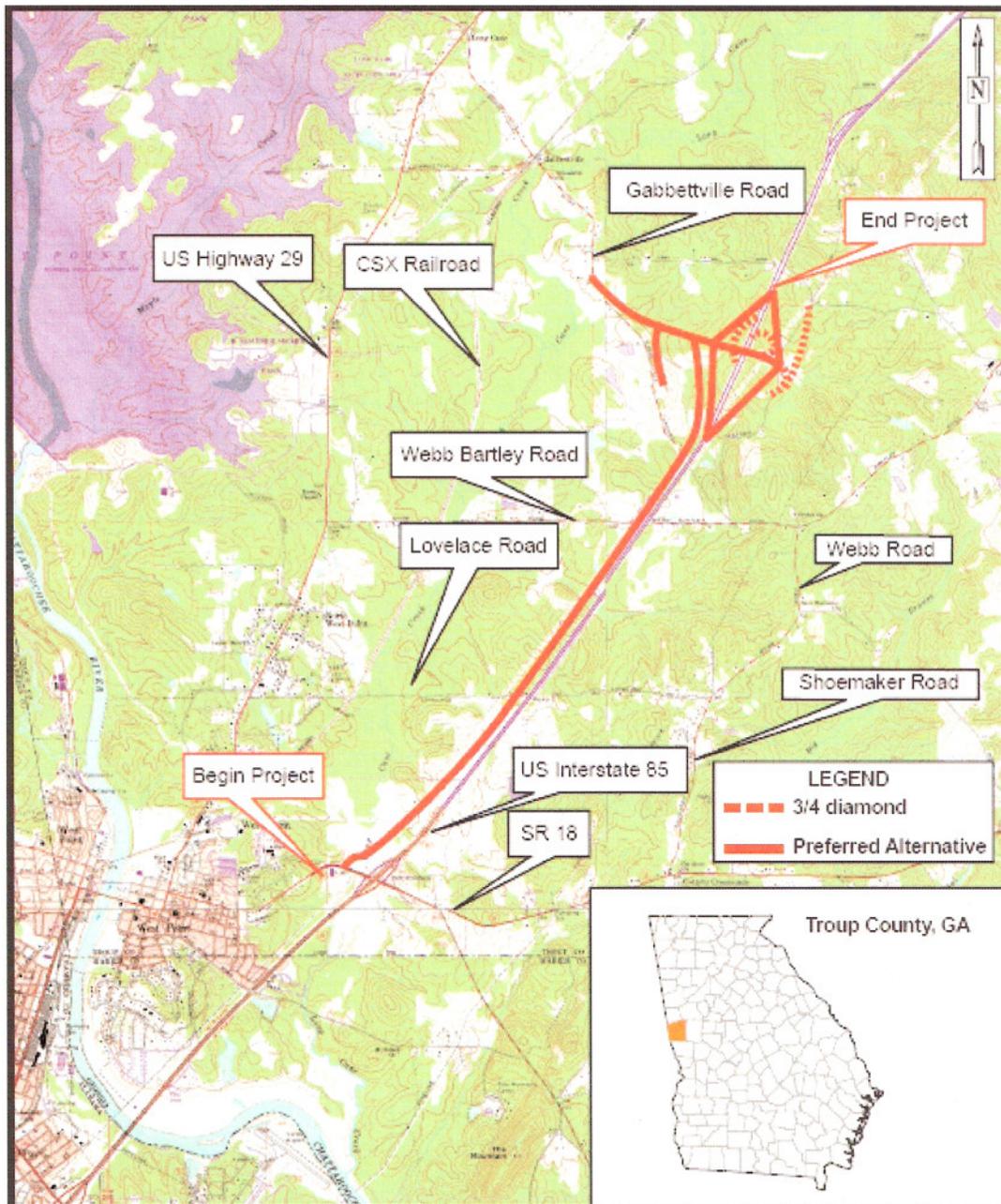
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Date of Approval

Attachments:

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

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Proposed New I-85 Interchange  
and Service/Frontage Road  
GDOT Project CSNHS-0008-00(232), P.I. No. 0008232

Date: September 2008  
Scale: 1" = 2,000'  
Job No.: 2077904

Project Location Map

Figure 1

**Estimate Report for file "0008232"**

<b>Section Roadway</b>					
<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
150-9011	2500	HR	50.00	TRAFFIC CONTROL - WORKZONE LAW ENFORCEMENT (CONTRACTOR BIDS)	125000.00
999-2010	1	LUMP	2162094.00	DESIGN COMPLETE	2162094.00
999-2015	1	LUMP	72069790.00	CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE	72069790.00
<b>Section Sub Total:</b>					<b>\$74,356,884.00</b>

**Total Estimated Cost: \$74,356,884.00**

<b>Subtotal Construction Cost</b>	<b>\$74,356,884.00</b>
E&C Rate 10.0 %	\$7,435,688.40
Inflation Rate 0.0 % @ 0.0 Years	\$0.00
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<b>Total Construction Cost</b>	<b>\$81,792,572.40</b>
Right Of Way	\$0.00
ReImb. Utilities	\$0.00
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<b>Grand Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$81,792,572.40</b>

# NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL

**CSNHS-0008-00(232); TROUP COUNTY  
0008232**

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 *MARCH 8, 2007*

The project is for the construction of a new Interchange and associated Frontage Road on I-85 at M.P. 6.0. This project will be constructed using a design build method. This project is located in Troup County, Congressional District No.3, G.M.D 701 and 804, and Land District 5.

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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:

Havard Seldon  
Havard.Seldon@dot.state.ga.us  
1107 Hogansville Road  
LaGrange, GA 30241  
706-845-4115

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:

James B. Buchan, P.E.  
Urban Design  
ben.buchan@dot.state.ga.us  
No. 2 Capitol Square

Room 356  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-656-5436

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.