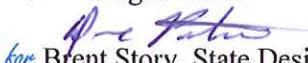


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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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**OFFICE OF DESIGN POLICY & SUPPORT
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FILE P.I. #s 0009156 & 0009157 **OFFICE** Design Policy & Support
CSNHS-0009-00(156)
CSNHS-0009-00(157)
GDOT District 3 - Thomaston
Clayton and Henry Counties **DATE** August 9, 2013
I-75 Managed Lanes

FROM *for*  Brent Story, State Design Policy Engineer

TO SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT APPROVED LOCATION & DESIGN REPORT

Attached is the approved Location and Design Report with Notice of Location & Design Approval for the above subject project.

Attachment

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INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

FILE: CSNHS-0009-00(156) & (157)
Clayton and Henry Counties
SR 138 to SR 155
PI No. 0009156&0009157

OFFICE: Innovative Program Delivery
DATE: July 30, 2013

FROM:  Darryl Van Meter, P.E., State Innovative Program Delivery Engineer

TO: Brent Story, P.E., State Design Policy Engineer
Attn: State Conceptual Design Group Manager

SUBJECT: Request for Location and Design Approval

Description of Project Proposal: Projects CSNHS-0009-00(156) & (157) are to construct a reversible, barrier-separated, managed lane system and Intelligent Transportation System infrastructure along I-75 in Henry and Clayton Counties. The projects begins 2.1 miles south of SR 155 on I-75 and ends 2.1 miles north of SR 138 (Stockbridge Highway) on I-75 and 2.1 miles north of the I-75 interchange along I-675 in Clayton County, with a total length of 17.94 miles. The managed lanes begin approximately 600 feet south of the I-75 southbound on ramp from SR 138 (Stockbridge Hwy) and at SR 138 on I-675, and end at the I-75 Bridge over SR 155, for a total length of 12.24 miles. From SR 155 to approximately 1 mile south of Mt. Carmel Road, the managed lane system would consist of one reversible lane transitioning to two reversible lanes.

Additional proposed improvements include: the replacement of the existing Mt. Carmel Road bridge with a new bridge; a new managed lane only connection 2,000 feet south of Jonesboro Road; addition of a signal and turn lanes to the intersection of Mt. Carmel Road and Jonesboro Road; widening of the existing I-75 overpass bridge at Flippen Road; and the addition of new single span I-675 bridge over I-75 northbound, to connect the managed lanes to I-675.

Project CSNHS-0009-00(156) ends at the Hudson Bridge Road Bridge over I-75 and Project CSNHS-0009-00(157) continues north to the northern project termini on I-75 and I-675. These projects were let together to Design-Build on June 21, 2013 and awarded to the C.W. Matthews Design-Build team. The Design-Build team will be responsible for all Right-of-Way acquisition services associated with these projects.

Concept Approval Date: October 22, 2012.

Concept Update: None at this time.

Environmental Assessment and Reassessment Approval Date: The Environmental Document for this project was an Environmental Assessment. The Environmental Assessment covered both PI No. 0009156 and 0009157. A Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) was approved on June 28, 2013.

Public Involvement: Public Information Open House (PIOH) meetings were held April and November 2011. The PIOHs were attended by a total of 284 individuals. Eighty-one (81) written or verbal comments were received and acknowledged with a formal letter.

Major concerns were:

- Limited access for Henry County residents
- Questions about operations during non commuting hours
- Questions relating to tolling
- General opposition to the managed lane concept
- General support for any improvement along this corridor

Public Hearing Open House (PHOH) meetings were held on April 23, 2013 and April 25, 2013. A total of 294 people attended the PHOHs and 124 comments were received. All written and verbal comments will be made part of the official record of the project. Several community and commission meetings were held involving GDOT and SRTA.

Of the respondents who formally commented, 20% (25) were in support of the project, 20% (25) offered conditional support, 13% (16) were uncommitted, and 47% (58) were in opposition to the project.

Major concerns were:

- Managed lanes access locations
- Financing the project
- Additional transit options
- General opposition to the managed lane concept

The concerns above have been addressed through the public response letters. SRTA and GDOT have agreed through the use of Toll Revenue (TR) bonds in conjunction with State and Federal Motor Fuel funds to fund the project.

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: *Hope Carpenter* 8/5/13
Director of Engineering

APPROVE: *Bill R. Miller* *8/6/13*
Chief Engineer Date

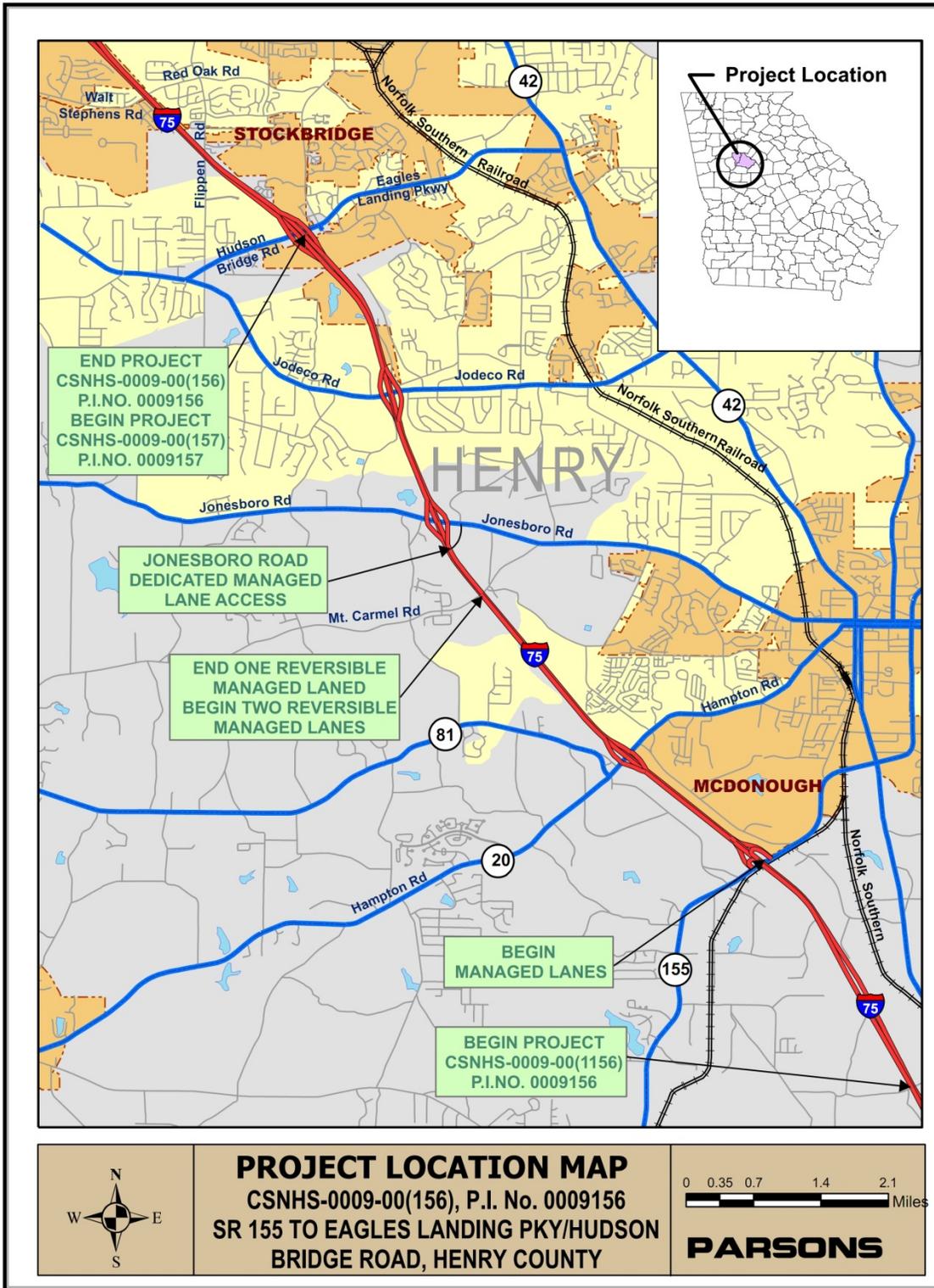
DATE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL: *Aug 9, 2013*
(To be entered by the State Conceptual Design Group Manager)

Attachments:

- Sketch Map
- Notice of Location and Design Approval

Project Location Map (not to scale)

Project: CSNHS-0009-00(156), PI No.: 0009156
I-75 South Managed Lanes, Henry County, Georgia



PROJECT LOCATION MAP
CSNHS-0009-00(156), P.I. No. 0009156
SR 155 TO EAGLES LANDING PKY/HUDSON
BRIDGE ROAD, HENRY COUNTY

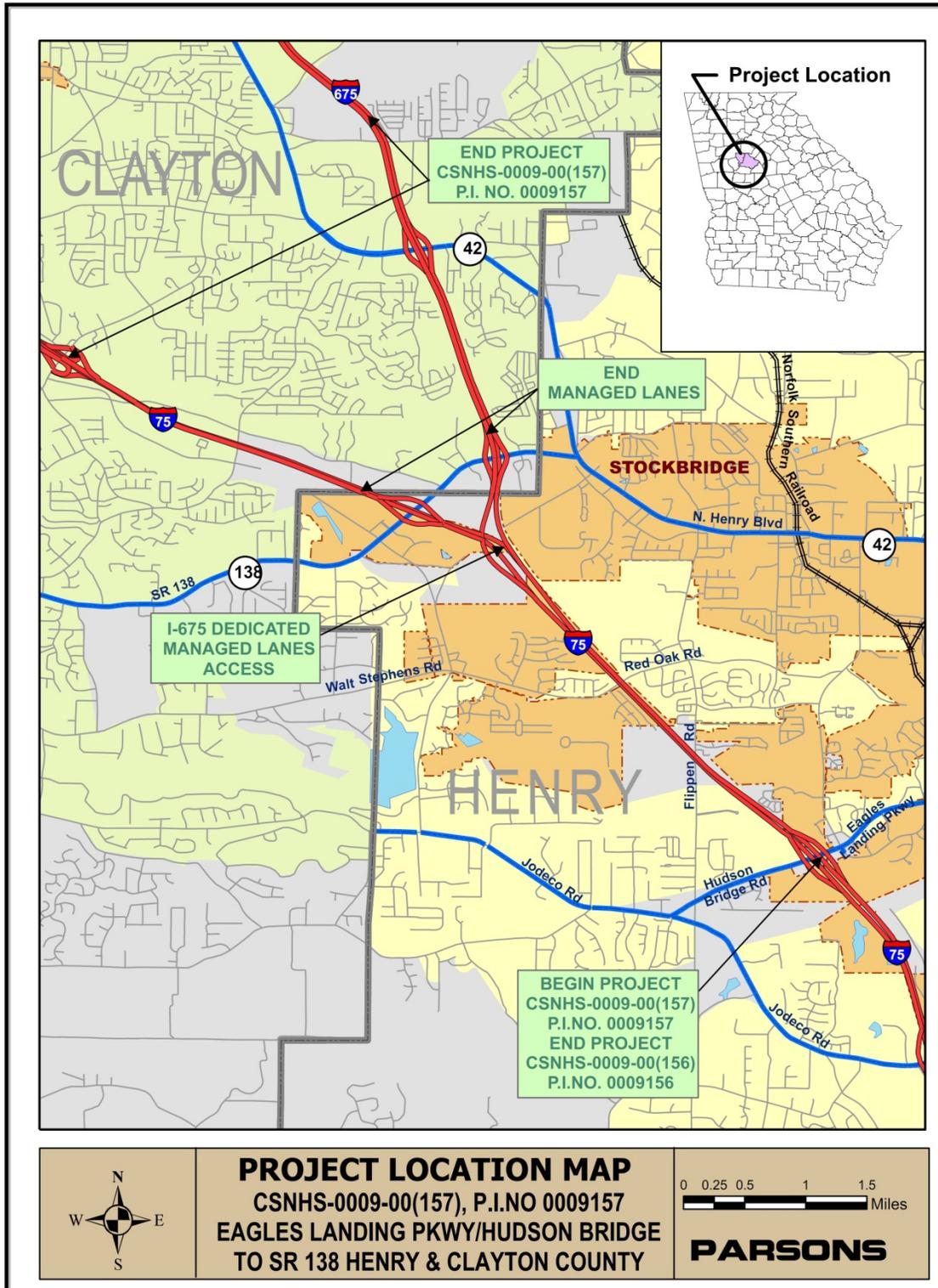
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Project Location Map (not to scale)

Project: CSNHS-0009-00(157), PI No.: 0009157

I-75 South Managed Lanes, Henry and Clayton Counties, Georgia



NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL

CSNHS-0009-00(156) & (157), CLAYTON AND HENRY COUNTY P. I. NUMBER 0009156&0009157

Notice is hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.

Date of Location and Design Approval: August 9, 2013.

These projects are located within Clayton and Henry County; Congressional District 3 and Congressional District 13

Henry County: Land Lot District 2; Land Lot 246

Land Lot District 6; Land Lots 12, 13, 19, 20, 45, 46, 51, 78, 79, 82, 83, 111, 112, 113, 114, & 144.

Land Lot District 7; Land Lots 97, 128, 129, 160, 161, 162, 190, 191, 195, 196, 220, 221, 229, 230, & 251.

Land Lot District 12; Land Lots 5, 6, 7, 26, 27, 39, 40, 55, 56, & 57.

Clayton County: Land Lot District 12; Land Lots 72, 74, 75, 88, 89, 105, 120, & 137.

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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:

Michael Williams, Area Engineer
E-mail: miwilliams@dot.ga.gov
Georgia Department Of Transportation
District 3 – Area 5 Engineer
1001 South Hill Street
Griffin, GA 30224-4858
(770) 228-7205

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:

Darryl D. VanMeter
Office of Innovative Program Delivery
E-mail: dvanmeter@dot.ga.gov
Georgia Department of Transportation
One Georgia Center
600 West Peachtree Street, 19th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
(404) 631-1703

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.