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Cobb County
GDOT District 7 - Metro Atlanta
Skip Spann Connector from Busbee Pkwy
to Frey Rd

DATE May 17, 2013

FROM  for Brent Story, State Design Policy Engineer

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SUBJECT APPROVED DETOUR REPORT

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

Attachment

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FILE P.I. 0010157 OFFICE Program Delivery
Cobb County
SKIP SPANN CONNECTOR DATE May 9, 2013
(FKA BUSBEE-FREY CONNECTOR)

FROM Genetha Rice-Singleton, State Program Delivery Engineer

TO Brent Story, P.E., State Design Policy Engineer

SUBJECT **Request for Detour Approval**

Description and Project Proposal:

The proposed project consists of a new alignment in Northern Cobb County with a grade separation over I-75 that connects Frey Road to Townpark Lane. The project also includes slip ramps connecting the I-75 southbound exit ramp to Frey Road and Busbee Drive to the I-75 northbound entrance ramp. A traffic signal on Frey Road will be relocated to better accommodate the proposed new alignment. A roundabout is included at the Skip Spann/Busbee Drive intersection. Resurfacing and restriping will be necessary along Frey Road and Busbee Drive.

Concept Approval Date: Original Concept Approval: **February 13, 2013**

Reason a detour is required: The Skip Spann Connector includes the construction of a roundabout where the new alignment intersects existing Busbee Drive. The proposed construction can be completed under traffic with numerous traffic shifts or a minor offsite detour may be used. Constructing the roundabout under traffic will require lane reductions and potential minor delays, but will not require a rerouting of traffic. Providing a detour will allow the construction of the roundabout to proceed more efficiently. There is not a significant cost difference between the two alternates.

Environmental Assessment of the proposed detour route: The roundabout proposed at the intersection of the proposed Skip Spann Connector and Busbee Drive may require Busbee Drive, between TownPark Lane and George Busbee Parkway, to be temporarily closed for approximately 90 days or less, and traffic would be detoured away from this location towards an alternate route. Traffic traveling north would be redirected to TownPark Lane and then to George Busbee Parkway, and traffic traveling south would be redirected to George Busbee Parkway and then to TownPark Lane to access Busbee Drive. The proposed detour will be evaluated through a Categorical Exclusion Reevaluation for construction prior to the scheduled November 2013 let.

Public Information/Detour Meeting Open House Results:

- The meeting was held April 16, 2013 at Kaiser Permanente, 750 TownPark Lane NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144.
- 45 people attended the PIOH and 14 written comments were received. Of the 14 comments received, 12 were for the project, two were conditional, none were uncommitted, and none were against.
- The public officials in attendance included, Helen Goreham, Cobb Board of Commissioners (BOC), District 1; Joann Birrell, Cobb BOC, District 3; Mark Matthews, City of Kennesaw; Jeff Duckett, City of Kennesaw; Steve Kennedy, City of Kennesaw.

Recommendations: The project manager, Chandria L. Brown, recommends that this detour be approved for use on this project for the duration needed to construct the new Busbee Drive/Skip Spann Connector intersection.

RECOMMEND: *K. J. Carpenter* 5-9-13
Director of Engineering

APPROVE: *Bill R. M. M. J. S* 5.13.13
Chief Engineer Date

Attachments:

- Proposed Notice
- Location Sketch of detour route

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SKIP SPANN CONNECTOR, Cobb County
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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 the detour approval is: May 17, 2013

Project Description: The proposed project consists of a new alignment in northern Cobb County with a grade separation over I-75 that connects Frey Road to Townpark Lane. The project also includes slip ramps connecting the I-75 southbound exit ramp to Frey Road and Busbee Drive to the I-75 northbound entrance ramp. A traffic signal on Frey Road will be relocated to better accommodate the proposed new alignment. A roundabout is included at the Skip Spann/Busbee Drive intersection. Resurfacing and restriping will be necessary along Frey Road and Busbee Drive.

Detour Route: The location of the proposed roadway closure is to the north of the existing intersection of Busbee Drive and Townpark Lane. The detour follows the following route:

From Busbee Drive south of the closure location, motorists wanting to head north can take Townpark Lane to George Busbee Parkway and turn left on George Busbee Parkway.

From points north, motorists can travel south on George Busbee Parkway, then turn right on Townpark Lane to access Busbee Drive.

Drawings of the proposed project and approved detour plans are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation and Cobb County DOT.

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POTENTIAL DETOUR PLAN



DETOUR



ROAD CLOSED

DETOUR

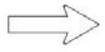


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DETOUR DIRECTION



POTENTIAL ROAD CLOSURE

SCALE IN FEET

