

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

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

**FILE** P.I. # 0011677  
Jackson County  
GDOT District 1 - Gainesville  
SR 11 @ Mulberry River Tributary  
Bridge Replacement

**OFFICE** Design Policy & Support

**DATE** October 13, 2016

**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:**

Hiral Patel, Director of Engineering  
Joe Carpenter, Director of P3/Program Delivery  
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Bobby Hilliard, Program Control Administrator  
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Lisa Myers, State Project Review Engineer  
Paul Tanner, State Transportation Data Administrator  
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Andy Casey, State Roadway Design Engineer  
Justin Lott, District Design Engineer  
Brent Cook, District Engineer  
Brandon Kirby, District Preconstruction Engineer  
Kim Coley, District Planning & Programming Engineer  
Shannon Giles, Area Engineer - D1, A2  
Maria Gabriella Yanez-Uribe, Project Manager  
BOARD MEMBER - 9th Congressional District



A Detour Meeting Open House was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cornerstone Church located at 6933 Highway 11 in Jefferson. A total of 18 people attended the open house. Two of which were public officials: Terry Turner, Jackson County EMS, and Lt. Chris Poe, Jackson County Sheriff's Office. There were only two respondents who formally commented, both were in support of the project. There were no other respondents, no comments expressing opposition, or who expressed conditional support. The comments received are summarized below:

- The Emergency Management System (EMS) expressed that there were no major concerns with an off-site detour, as long as, proper notification is given regarding the off-site detour in a timely manner.
- The EMS and other attendees expressed support for the project.

No significant project changes were made as a result of the comments received from the Detour Meeting.

**Recommendations:** Recommend that the detour route for the project be approved and that the attached Notice be approved for advertising.

Concur: *Phil Patel*  
GDOT Director of Engineering

Approve: *Margaret B. Pirelo*      *10/11/16*  
GDOT Chief Engineer      Date

Attachments:

- Sketch Map of Detour Route
- Phone Conversation Minutes with Jackson County (2/11/2014)
- Phone Conversation Minutes with Jackson County (4/25/2014)
- PIOH Detour Meeting Summary of Comments
- Notice of Detour Approval

Detour Route - SR 11  
 SR 11 @ Mulberry Tributary  
 P.I. No. 0011677  
 Jackson County, Georgia



	<u>Distance</u>
Normal Route on SR 11	8.1 miles
Total Detour Length	14.7 miles
SR 211 Segment	6.0 miles
SR 82 Segment	6.0 miles
US 129 Segment	2.7 miles

**Project:** PI 0011677, Jackson County  
SR 11 @ Mulberry River Tributary  
6.3 Miles southwest of Jefferson

**Date:** April 25, 2014 at 11:20 AM

**Subject:** Phone Conversation with Jackson County and GDOT  
Discussion of Off-Site Detour

**Attendees:** Kevin Poe- Jackson County- County Manager  
Justin Lott- GDOT- District Design Engineer

- Justin Lott told Kevin Poe that the initial concept report was rejected because the project cost was too high.
- Justin asked Kevin if the County would reconsider their stance on the off-site detour. Additional signage could probably be added that says something similar to "thru trucks must use detour route."
- Kevin indicated that the County would be acceptable to the off-site detour if it would reduce the construction cost and keep the project moving.
- Kevin asked that GDOT minimize the duration of the detour as much as possible.

**Project:** PI 0011677, Jackson County  
SR 11 @ Mulberry River Tributary  
6.3 Miles southwest of Jefferson

**Date:** February 11, 2014 at 10:05 AM

**Subject:** Phone Conversation with Jackson County and GDOT  
Discussion of Off-Site Detour

**Attendees:** Kevin Poe- Jackson County- County Manager  
Justin Lott- GDOT- District Design Engineer

- Justin Lott stated that GDOT's preferred alternate would be to construct the project using an off-site detour. The Jackson County Roads Superintendent attended the Concept Team Meeting and did not seem to have a problem using an off-site detour.
- Kevin Poe asked what the off-site detour route would be. Justin said it would consist of using SR 211, SR 82, and SR 11 Connector.
- Justin indicated that the detour route would be limited to only state routes, however, local residents may choose to utilize county roads they are familiar with.
- Kevin said that he was not sure that the county commissioners would be in favor of the off-site detour and he would check with them.
- Kevin asked Justin what the approximate detour time would be and Justin said it would likely be between 2-6 months. The exact timeframe would be worked out during the preliminary design process.
- Kevin said his main concern would be trucks using the county roads rather than the official detour route.
- Justin indicated the other project alternate that was being considered was an on-site detour that would keep one lane of traffic open using a temporary traffic signal. The temporary traffic signal would allow each direction of travel to utilize the one lane open during construction of the project.
- Kevin checked with the Commissioners whose area is affected by the project and they were not in favor of the off-site detour.
- Kevin did say the Commissioners would support using the on-site detour keeping one lane of traffic open with a temporary traffic signal.
- Justin told Kevin the concept report would be revised so the on-site detour would be the selected alternate.

**GDOT Office of Environmental Services | PIOH Summary of Comments**

PI#(s): 0011676, County: Jackson

**GDOT NEPA Planner:** Shana Miles

**Date Submitted:** 5/6/2015

**Consultant Preparer (if applicable):**

**GDOT Project Manager:** Charles Robinson

**By copy of this summary, please review the comments and provide responses within the draft response letter by 5/6/2015.**

*Instructions: Once the comment period has ended and the NEPA analyst has scheduled and held the OH Debrief (with the Project Manager [PM], designer, NEPA, consultants and representatives from other offices as needed), the NEPA Analyst should have enough information to prepare this Summary of Comments and draft a response letter. Upon completion, the GDOT NEPA Analyst should route this as a pdf to the GDOT PM (and others as listed below) along with a pdf of the comments and a Word document of the draft response letter. Once the draft response letter is vetted through the offices copied below, the GDOT NEPA Analyst should email it to the NEPA team leader and the OES Office Head for final review. GDOT aims to respond to all comments within 60 days of the open house.*

<b>Basic Meeting and Response Letter Info</b>	
Meeting Date: 3/31/2015	Number of Attendees: 18
End of Comment Period: 4/10/2015	

<b>Forms at the Meeting</b>	<b>Forms or Letters Mailed to OES</b>	<b>Court Reporter Statements</b>	<b>Comments from OES's Website</b>
1	0	1	0

*Click to access the website comments (GDOT only). Remember to close the comments at the end of the comment period.*

<b>No. Opposed</b>	<b>No. In Support</b>	<b>No. Uncommitted</b>	<b>Conditional</b>
0	2	0	0

*If additional info is relevant, such as No. Preferred Alternative 1, etc..., just add the needed rows or columns.*

**Major Concerns:**

None

**Public Officials:**

Terry Turner, Jackson County EMS; Lt. Chris Poe, Jackson County Sheriff's Office

**Media:**

GDOT Press Release, Local Ad in circular, Road Signage

**Disposition of Comments:**

*Suggested strategy: (1) Sort your comments alphabetically by the commenter's last name. Give each commenter a number. Be aware that some commenters provide their comments in multiple ways (i.e. providing a comment form and a court reporter interview). Should this occur, the commenter should still only have one comment number and these different sources for comments should be grouped together. (2) If the commenter touches on multiple subjects, split the commenter's remarks into multiple parts designated with letters and combined with the number (e.g. 1a, 1b, 1c...). (3) Summarize these comments in the Nature of Comment Column. List in the Comment # Column all comments (from multiple commenters) that fit the Nature of Comment description.*

*Please Note: If a comment is specific to a commenter's property or individual situation, it may not be appropriate for a combined response letter. In these instances, prepare a response letter that addresses the commenter's individual concerns but also includes the comments/responses provided in the combined response letter. If ROW specific, use the ROW response to comment language. Do not deviate from this language.*

**Office of Program Delivery/Office of Innovative Delivery**

<b>Nature of Comment</b>	<b>Comment #</b>

**GDOT Office of Environmental Services | PIOH Summary of Comments**

PI#(s): 0011676, County: Jackson

*Office of Roadway Design/Office of Bridge Design and Maintenance, or Responsible Design Office*

Nature of Comment	Comment #

*Office of Right of Way*

Nature of Comment	Comment #

*Office of Traffic Operations*

Nature of Comment	Comment #
No major concerns for EMS. EMS staff are familiar with the area as to navigate effectively during the detour possibly using alternative routes.	1
Nature of Comment	Comment #
This form had the attendee's name and address and the box checked <b>For</b> , and answers checked for the remaining questions.	2

*Office of Planning*

Nature of Comment	Comment #

*Office of Environmental Services*

Nature of Comment	Comment #

**Please find attached a PDF of all comments and the public official sign in sheet (or a link to the PDF) and a Word document of the draft response letter.**

Cc (by email): Charles Robinson, Project Manager,  
Justin Lott, Project Designer District 1  
Wesley Brock, Assistant ROW Administrator  
Paul DeNard, Traffic Operations Manager  
Matthew Fowler, Assistant Office Head of Planning

PDF to Project Documents; Hardcopy to General Files

1 Terry Turner  
2 2498 Jackson Trail Road  
3 Jefferson, Georgia

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6 concerns as far as EMS is concerned because most of the  
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10 we're going to have to go around to get there as long  
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### Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name Lt. Chris Poe

Address 555 STAN EVANS DR JEFFERSON GA 30549

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

- For     Against     Conditional     Uncommitted

General Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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How did you hear about this Open House? (check)     Radio     Newspaper     Signs     Word of Mouth

Other Email

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:

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Mail to:  
Ms. Hiral Patel, P.E., State Environmental Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
600 West Peachtree Street, NW - 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE  
PUBLIC/CITY OFFICIALS SIGN-IN SHEET

PROJECT:                   , PI. NO.  
  COUNTY

Please print

Name	Affiliation	Address	Phone No.
Herbert Skelton		6465 Winder Hwy	706-367-5964
<del>Mr. Mrs. J. Marzco</del>			
KEVIN POE	JACKSON CO.		706-614-1567
Terry Turner	JACKSON Co. EMS	2498 Jackson Tract Rd	706-590-3597
Lt. Chris Poe	JACKSON CO SO	555 STAN EVANS Dr.	706 387-6081

Russell R. McMurry, P.E., Commissioner



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

One Georgia Center, 600 West Peachtree Street, NW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308  
Telephone: (404) 631-1000

May 26, 2015

Terry Turner  
2498 Jackson Trail Road  
Jefferson, GA 30549

Re: Responses to Open House Comments for PI#(s): 0011677, Jackson County, State Route 11 at Mulberry Tributary in Jackson County.

Dear Mr. Turner,

Thank you for your comments concerning the proposed project referenced above. We appreciate your participation and the input that was received as a result of the *March 31, 2015 Detour Open House*. Every written comment received and verbal comment given to the court reporter will be made part of the project's official record.

A total of 18 people attended the open house. Of the two respondents who formally commented, both were in support of the project. There were no other respondents, no comments expressing opposition, or who expressed conditional support.

The attendees of the open house and those persons sending in comments within the comment period raised the following questions and concerns. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has prepared this one response letter that addresses all comments received so that everyone can be aware of the concerns raised and the responses given. Please find the comments summarized below (in *italics*) followed by our response.

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- There were no comments provided by the other attendee. It was reflected on the comment card the he is in support of the project.

Thank you for attending the Detour Open House and your support of this project.

Again, thank you for your comments. Should you have further questions, comments or concerns, please call the project manager, Charles Robinson, at 404-613-1439 or the environmental analyst, Shana Miles, at 404-631-1155.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hiral Patel".

Hiral Patel, P.E.  
State Environmental Administrator

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Open House Response Letter  
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cc: Charles Robinson, GDOT Project Manager (via email)  
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Russell R. McMurry, P.E., Commissioner



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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May 27, 2015

Lt. Chris Poe  
555 Stan Evans Drive  
Jefferson, GA 30549

Re: Responses to Open House Comments for PI#(s): 0011677, Jackson County, State Route 11 at Mulberry Tributary in Jackson County.

Dear Lieutenant Poe,

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# NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL

## **Jackson County P. I. 0011677**

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: October 13, 2016.

This project is for the replacement of a triple 10'x10' box culvert located at a tributary for the Mulberry River on SR 11 in Jackson County. The project length is approximately 0.2 miles, starting approximately 700 ft. South of the current culvert and continuing approximately 500 ft. North of the current culvert. The culvert is located approximately 6.3 miles South-West of Jefferson. The proposed culvert will be a double 10'x12' box culvert. The typical section for the roadway will be two 12' travel lanes, 4' paved shoulders with rumble strips and an additional 4' grassed shoulder, for a total shoulder width of 8'.

The off-site detour will be used to allow the culvert to be replaced with an open cut. The total length of the off-site detour will be 14.7 miles. Traffic detoured along SR 11 will be dispersed to off-site corridors along SR 211 for 6.0 miles, along SR 82 for 6.0 miles and along US 129 for 2.7 miles. See the attached off-site detour map for traffic routing locations. It is estimated the detour would be in place for approximately 90 days.

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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