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Henry County  
GDOT District 3 - Thomaston  
Bridge Replacement: CR 661/Blackhall  
Road @ Rum Creek

**DATE** 8/5/2016

**FROM**  for Brent Story, State Design Policy Engineer

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**SUBJECT** APPROVED CONCEPT REPORT

Attached is the approved Concept Report for the above subject project.

Attachment

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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LIMITED SCOPE PROJECT CONCEPT REPORT**

Project Type: Bridge Replacement P.I. Number: 0011691  
 GDOT District: 3 County: Henry  
 Federal Route Number: N/A State Route Number: N/A  
 Project Number: N/A

**Bridge Replacement on CR 661/Blackhall Road at Rum Creek**

This project is the replacement of the existing structurally deficient bridge carrying CR 661/Blackhall Road over Rum Creek approximately 3 miles southwest of the City of Stockbridge in Henry County. The bridge will be replaced with a reinforced concrete bridge that meets current GDOT bridge design requirements. No additional lanes are proposed.

Submitted for approval:

[Signature] 11/20/15  
 CHA Consulting Date  
Albert Shelby 8NA 12-07-15  
 State Program Delivery Engineer Date  
Kevin B. Van Houten KE80 12-16-2015  
 GDOT Project Manager Date

Recommendation for approval:

HIRAL PATEL\*/EKP 1/15/2016  
 State Environmental Administrator Date  
KEN WERTHO\*/EKP 1/6/2016  
 FOR State Traffic Engineer Date  
BILL DUVALLE\*/EKP 1/22/2016  
 State Bridge Engineer Date

- MPO Area: This project is consistent with the MPO adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).
- Rural Area: This project is consistent with the goals outlined in the Statewide Transportation Plan (SWTP) and/or is included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

CINDY VAN DYKE 1/11/2016  
 State Transportation Planning Administrator Date

Approval:

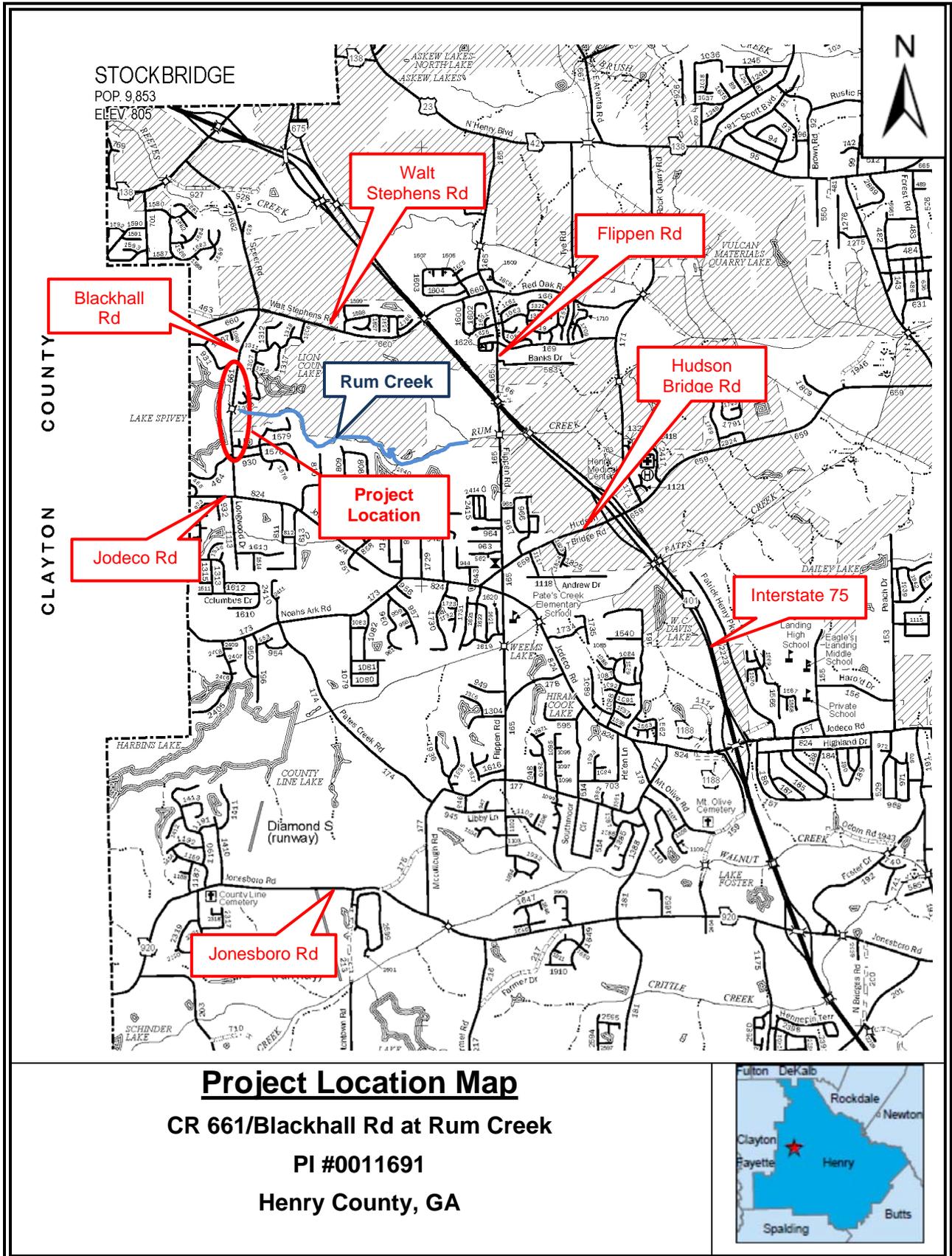
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Approve: [Signature] 8.5.16  
 GDOT Chief Engineer Date

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# PROJECT LOCATION



County: Henry

## PLANNING & BACKGROUND DATA

**Project Justification Statement (Clayton Bennett, Office of Bridges and Structures):** This bridge (structure ID 151-0070-0; CR 661 over Rum Creek) was built in 1961. The bridge consists of three spans of reinforced concrete deck girders on steel piles and concrete caps. The design vehicle used for this bridge is below the current standard. This bridge is currently load posted. The overall condition of this bridge would be classified as satisfactory to good. The deck and superstructure are in good condition with some minor problems. The substructure is in satisfactory condition due to minor deterioration on the steel piles. Due to the structural integrity of the bridge and the bridge being posted, replacement is recommended.

### Existing Conditions:

The project is located on a section of CR 661/Blackhall Road that is a south-north route providing connectivity between Jodeco Road to the south and Walt Stephens Road to the north. The road is located in northwestern Henry County approximately 50 to 200 feet downstream of, and generally parallel to, the dam impounding Lake Spivey. The environs within the immediate project limits are of a rural character with land uses generally being a combination of single-family/medium density residential or undeveloped, wooded properties. There are no commercial land uses within the proposed project corridor.

The CR 661 functional classification is Rural Minor Arterial with a posted speed limit of 45 mph. The existing road is a rural two-lane asphalt section with grass shoulders of varying width. CR 661 is currently utilized as a school bus route with 29 buses crossing the bridge on typical school days.

The location of the toe on the backside of the earthen dam which impounds Lake Spivey varies from 50 to 200 feet west of the Blackhall Road centerline. The dam spillway and emergency overflow are located near the northern shore of Lake Spivey and the outfall for the dam's drawdown pipe is located towards the center of the dam's length. The dam spillway and emergency overflow discharge to a concrete energy dissipater located near the toe of the dam. Flow is then conveyed in a riprap-lined channel from the base of the dam at a steep 3% gradient in a southeasterly direction to a plunge pool located immediately upstream of the CR 661 bridge opening. The pool is also the confluence of the spillway channel and drawdown pipe channels. Rum Creek flows to the east, crossing beneath CR 661 at the project site.

The existing 2-lane bridge over Rum Creek was constructed in 1961 and is approximately 108 feet in length consisting of three equal 36 foot concrete tee-beam spans. According to Department Bridge Maintenance records, the bridge has a sufficiency rating of 49.20 based on the last inspection performed in December 2014. The live load for which the bridge was originally designated is the H-15 truck. The bridge is currently posted for the H-modified (15 tons), Type 3 (15 tons), and Timber (18 tons) trucks. The existing bridge is located within a substandard (K=60.97) 500-foot sag vertical curve.

There are existing overhead utilities running parallel to the west side of the existing CR 661 bridge and buried water line paralleling CR 661 located to the east of the existing bridge.

### Other Projects in the Area:

**PI 0012642** – Intersection Improvements to Jodeco Rd at Blackhall Road, approximately 2000 feet south of the project limits. Scheduled for 2017 letting.

**PI 730790** – Bridge widening Jodeco Road over Lake Jodeco

**MPO:** Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)

**TIP #:** HE-197

**Congressional District(s):** 13

**Federal Oversight:**  Exempt  State Funded  Other

**Projected Traffic:** AADT

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Current Year (2015): 5,860

Open Year (2019): 6550

Design Year (2039): 8300

Traffic Projections Performed by: GDOT

**Functional Classification (Mainline):** Rural Minor Arterial

**Complete Streets – Bicycle, Pedestrian, and/or Transit Standards Warrants:** N/A

Warrants met: None Bicycle Pedestrian Transit

**Pavement Evaluation and Recommendations**

Preliminary Pavement Evaluation Summary Report Required? No Yes  
 Preliminary Pavement Type Selection Report Required? No Yes  
 Feasible Pavement Alternatives: HMA PCC HMA & PCC

**DESIGN AND STRUCTURAL**

**Description of Proposed Project:**

PI 001169 proposes to remove and replace the existing structurally deficient bridge on CR 661/Blackhall Road over Rum Creek in northwest Henry County. An approximately 5.8 mile-long offsite detour is anticipated during removal and replacement of the bridge. The posted speed limit along CR 661 is 45 mph. The project would include reconstructing portions of Blackhall Road to correct a substandard sag vertical curve in which the existing bridge is located. The typical section of Blackhall Road would include two 11-foot wide lanes with 8-foot wide shoulders (4-foot paved). The project would begin approximately 500 feet south of the existing bridge and extend northward to approximately 900 feet north of the existing bridge, for an estimated project length of 1400 feet (0.3 miles).

**Major Structures:**

Structure ID	Existing	Proposed
151-0070-0	108'X32.3' (Sufficiency Rating = 49.20)	170' X 41.25' (11 ft lanes/8 ft shldr)

**Mainline Design Features: CR 661/Blackhall Road**

Feature	Existing	Standard*	Proposed
<b>Typical Section</b>			
- Number of Lanes	2	2	2
- Lane Width(s)	11'	12'	11'
- Outside Shoulder or Border Area Width	0' -10'	8', (4 ft. paved)	8' (4' paved)
- Outside Shoulder Slope	6%	6%	6%
Posted Speed	45 MPH		45 MPH
Design Speed	45 MPH	45 MPH	45 MPH
Min Horizontal Curve Radius	2600'	643'	2600'
Maximum Superelevation Rate	4.5%	6%	3.2%
Maximum Grade	5.2%	6%	5.2%
Access Control	None	None	Permitted
Design Vehicle	n/a	WB-50	WB-50
Pavement Type	Asphalt	Asphalt	Asphalt
Clear Zone		24'	24'

\*According to current GDOT design policy if applicable

**Major Interchanges/Intersections:** N/A

Lighting required:  No  Yes

**Transportation Management Plan [TMP] Required:**  No  Yes  
If Yes: Project classified as:  Non-Significant  Significant  
TMP Components Anticipated:  TTC  TO  PI

**Will Context Sensitive Solutions procedures be utilized?**  No  Yes

**Design Exceptions to FHWA/AASHTO controlling criteria anticipated:** None. Per Exhibit 7-3 of the AASHTO Green book the use of 11 ft. lanes is allowable where alignment and safety records are satisfactory. The proposed horizontal alignment is well within the allowable tolerances, and the vertical alignments are being updated to remove any substandard sight distance requirements. Additionally, a review of accident data does not indicate a crash has occurred in the project area over the last six (6) years. Based on this meeting these requirements a Design Exception is not required.

**Design Variances to GDOT Standard Criteria anticipated:** None. The GDOT Design Policy Manual (Table 6.6) allows for the use of 11 ft. lanes for an arterial provided that they meet requirements as noted in Chapter 7 of the AASHTO Green book. Based upon meeting the requirements of the AASHTO Greenbook for Arterials, the use of 11 ft. lanes for the proposed action does not require a Design Variance.

## UTILITY AND PROPERTY

**Railroad Involvement:** No

**Utility Involvements:** Pending

**SUE Required:**  No  Yes

**Public Interest Determination Policy and Procedure recommended?**  No  Yes

**Right-of-Way:** Existing width: 100 ft. Proposed width: 150 ft.  
Required Right-of-Way anticipated:  No  Yes  Undetermined  
Easements anticipated:  None  Temporary  Permanent  Utility  Other

Anticipated total number of impacted parcels: 7  
Displacements anticipated: Businesses: 0  
Residences: 0  
Other: 0  
Total Displacements: 0

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND PERMITS

**Anticipated Environmental Document:**

GEPA:  NEPA:  CE  PCE

**MS4 Compliance – Is the project located in an MS4 area?**  No  Yes

*ANY MS4 REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT WILL FALL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE HENRY COUNTY MS4 PERMIT. END*

**Environmental Permits, Variances, Commitments, and Coordination anticipated:**

United States Army Corp of Engineers Nationwide 404 Permit  
Georgia EPD Stream Buffer Variance

**Air Quality:**

Is the project located in a PM 2.5 Non-attainment area?  No  Yes

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Is the project located in an Ozone Non-attainment area?  No  Yes  
Carbon Monoxide hotspot analysis:  Required  Not Required  TBD

**NEPA/GEPA Comments & Information:**

Based upon the preliminary ecology survey, including an aquatics survey, there were no protected species identified within the project corridor. A total of nine water resources are located within the project area. As proposed, the concept identified as the Preferred Alternative will avoid or have only minimal impacts to these waters.

One historic resource is located within the project area and it is anticipated that the project would have no adverse effect to this resource. Based upon early coordination with some local residents it has been noted that there may be a cemetery in the vicinity of the project; however, the cemetery presence and location within the project area has not yet been confirmed.

No adverse effects to either air quality or noise quality are anticipated as a result of project implementation. A detour PIOH is planned for this project. The NEPA document for this project will be a CE. Substantial issues with the CE are not anticipated unless the cemetery is verified and located in the immediate project footprint. Early coordination efforts with Henry County officials have identified concerns from the surrounding public that an offsite detour would cause severe traffic congestion problems. Potential public controversy will need to be considered.

**COORDINATION, ACTIVITIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND COSTS****Project Meetings:**

A Project Kickoff Meeting was held on February 6, 2015 at the District 3 Office in Thomaston. The purpose of the meeting was to validate the Project Justification Statement, discuss the baseline schedule and project scope, and discuss potential concept Alternatives including the use of both onsite and offsite detours. Meeting minutes attached.

A Concept Team Meeting was held on July 22, 2015 at the District 3 Office in Thomaston. A total of five Alternatives, including the No-Build Alternative, were presented at the meeting and the advantages/disadvantages of each discussed. It was determined that a Stakeholder meeting would be held in late August 2015. Meeting minutes attached.

A Stakeholder Meeting was held on September 1, 2015 at Red Oak Elementary School in Stockbridge, approximately 1 mile from the project site. A total of 40 invitations were mailed to potential stakeholders prior to the meeting and 11 individuals attended the meeting in person. Four Alternatives (1A, 1B, 1C, and 1D) were presented and discussed in detail with the attendees. A total of 16 comment cards were received at the meeting and via mail following the meeting. The comments are summarized as follows:

- Seven comments noted a preference for Alternative 1A because it would have the least disturbance, has the lowest construction cost, has minimal impacts to Lake Spivey Civic Association property located along the west side of Blackhall Road, and has the shortest construction time frame.
- Six comments noted a preference for Alternative 1B as it would also have minimal impacts to Lake Spivey Civic Association property and would not require closure of Blackhall Road for construction.
- Zero comments noted a preference for Alternative 1C.
- Three comments noted a preference for Alternative 1D because it is the least expensive alternative that does not require an offsite detour.

See the attached Meeting Minutes/Summary for additional details.

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On January 14, 2016 a Detour Open House (DOH) was held at Red Oak Elementary in Stockbridge approximately 1 mile from the project site. This meeting was advertised to the public following GDOT guidelines. The meeting provided concept level information on the preferred alternate (1A) of the project and the proposed detour route. A total of 56 people attended the open house. A total of 42 respondents submitted comments. The comments are summarized as follows:

- Six comments were in support of the project as presented
- Thirteen comments were in opposition to the project
- Two were uncommitted
- Twenty-one expressed conditional support

See the attached meeting handouts, comments, and draft responses.

On March 2, 2016 a project meeting was held with participants from Federal Highway, GDOT and the Consultant to discuss/confirm the proposed project preferred alternate (1A) with offsite detour. From this meeting and subsequent e-mails, it was established that a special provision will be added to the project that only allows for Blackhall Road to be closed to through traffic for a nine month duration.

See the attached meeting minutes.

**Other Coordination to Date:**

CHA has had multiple discussions via phone and e-mail with Mr. Brent Benedetti who serves as the Dam Manager for the Lake Spivey Civic Association. On March 24, 2015, CHA had a meeting at the project site with Mr. Benedetti and Mr. Claud Munson, the former superintendent for Lake Spivey Civic Association, both of whom are knowledgeable of the history and operation of the dam. The Lake Spivey Civic Association provided CHA with hydraulic data for the dam spillways. See attached Conversation Log.

CHA contacted Ms. Connie Hardin with Henry County Schools Transportation Services on May 19, 2015 regarding school bus routes on CR 661. Ms. Hardin indicated 20+ buses use CR 661 between Jodeco Road and Walt Stephens Road on a typical school day. She expressed concern that an offsite detour would require buses to detour to Flippin Road, which in her opinion has heavy traffic volume and would adversely affect the travel time for the affected bus routes. See attached Conversation Log.

CHA contacted Mr. Tom Woosley, Program Manager of the Georgia Safe Dams Program via e-mail on March 18, 2015 regarding the proposed project and requested information regarding the operation of the dam and design flows appropriate for the bridge hydraulic/hydrological analysis. CHA visited the Department of Natural Resources, Safe Dams Office on April 2, 2015 to review the project files for Lake Spivey Dam. The dam was most recently upgraded in 1996-1997 with the addition of a labyrinth spillway. Copies of the dam record plans and Final Design Report for the 1996 upgrade (prepared by Jordan Jones & Goulding) were obtained from the Lake Spivey Civic Association and Georgia Safe Dams Program.

Detour Impact Forms were mailed to the following agencies in Henry and Clayton Counties on August 18, 2015: Henry County Department of Transportation, Henry County Fire Department, Henry County E-911, Henry County Schools-Transportation, Henry County Police Department, Clayton County Fire Department, Clayton County Police Department, and Clayton County Public Schools-Transportation Department. A total of five impact responses were received:

- Mr. Terry McMickle, Director of Henry County Department of Transportation indicated “Major Concerns” with the closure of Blackhall Road for construction due to high traffic volumes on the proposed detour route. Mr. McMickle indicates a preference for permanent realignment of Blackhall Road to the west.
- Mr. Bill Lacy, Fire Chief for Henry County Fire Department indicated a low impact to Emergency Response services due to closure of the bridge.
- Mr. Jim Jones, Database Administrator for Henry County Schools Transportation indicated that twelve school buses make 29 trips across the bridge each school day. Mr. Jones indicates “Major

Concerns” with potential impacts to school bus service if the bridge were closed for up to a year.

- Mr. David King, Fire Chief for Clayton County Fire Department indicated a low impact to Emergency Response services due to closure of the bridge. Note that the project site is approximately 0.3 miles from the Clayton County line.
- Mr. Harold Walker, Director of Transportation for Clayton County Schools indicated “No Concerns” as Clayton County school buses do not utilize Blackhall Road.

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Party Responsible for Performing Tasks</b>
Concept Development	GDOT
Design	GDOT
Right-of-Way Acquisition	Henry County
Utility Coordination (Preconstruction)	GDOT
Utility Relocation (Construction)	Utility Owners
Letting to Contract	GDOT
Construction Supervision	GDOT
Providing Material Pits	Contractor
Providing Detours	Contractor
Environmental Studies, Documents, & Permits	CHA
Environmental Mitigation	GDOT
Construction Inspection & Materials Testing	GDOT

**Project Cost Estimate and Funding Responsibilities:**

	<b>Breakdown of PE</b>	<b>ROW</b>	<b>Reimbursable Utility</b>	<b>CST*</b>	<b>Environmental Mitigation</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Funded By	GDOT	Local	GDOT	GDOT	GDOT	
\$ Amount	\$755,000	\$513,000	\$200,000	\$1,937,000	0	\$3,405,000
Date of Estimate	2014	7/14/2015	8/10/2015	3/23/2016	6/8/2015	

\*CST Cost includes: Construction, Engineering and Inspection (5%), Contingencies (10%) and Liquid AC Cost Adjustment.

## ALTERNATIVES DISCUSSION

**Preferred Alternative 1A. (Bridge Reconstruction on Existing Alignment with Offsite Detour):** This Alternative proposes remove and to reconstruct the bridge over Rum Creek and portions of Blackhall Road along the existing horizontal alignment by closing the road and detouring traffic to a 5.8 mile offsite detour for the duration of the project (see detour route discussion below). The roadway vertical alignment would be improved by reconstructing the existing substandard sag vertical curve in which the existing bridge is located to provide minimum stopping sight distance. This Alternative, with an estimated project length of 1400 feet, requires approximately 1.3 acres of additional Right-of-Way.

Use of an offsite detour while reconstructing the bridge and roadway along the existing horizontal alignment offers substantial benefits to the project by way of: shorter project limits, lower construction costs, less right of way/easement acquisition, reduced environmental impacts, reduced utility relocations, and an overall shorter time to construct. The offsite detour affords the contractor the flexibility to execute the work within the project limits unimpeded by the staging and traffic control required for the onsite detour alternatives. The contractor will not face time restrictions due to heavy flows of traffic during peak hour times. It is estimated that the contractor could complete the project and open the road to traffic up to six (6) months earlier than if removal and replacement is done with onsite detour alternatives.

A 12 month contract period is estimated for the project; however, as a result of the large number of Detour Open House comments expressing concern with the offsite detour and subsequent discussions with FHWA, a special provision will be included that limits the closure of Blackhall Road to 7 months. The bridge would be constructed within the 7 month closure through the use of Accelerated Bridge Construction elements such as the Northeast Extreme Tee (NEXT) Beam, which eliminates a substantial portion of the formwork typically required for a cast-in-place concrete bridge deck.

The project length for Alternative 1A is approximately 1100 feet less than the realigned roadway and temporary onsite detour Alternatives (Alternatives 1B, 1C, and 1D). Alternative 1A has the least environmental impacts of the alternatives evaluated with no adverse effects to wetlands, jurisdictional waterways, and historic resources anticipated.

### Proposed Detour Route:

The proposed detour route is the shortest route (5.8 miles) identified and the only route entirely within Henry County. The detour of traffic from CR 661/Blackhall Road will route traffic east on Jodeco Road (2-lane), traveling 1.9 miles east to Hudson Bridge Road (4-lane) and then a short 1000 foot jog along Hudson Bridge Road before turning left on to Flippen Road (2-lane). Detour traffic will travel 2.0 miles north on Flippen Road to Walt Stephens Road (2-lane). On Walt Stephens Road vehicles will travel 1.7 miles west back to Blackhall Road for a total detour length of 5.8 miles

Currently, there are traffic volumes on two of the proposed detour legs which are of concern: Walt Stephens Road (AADT 11,900), Flippen Road (AADT 12,300). A noticeable decrease in the Level-of-Service may occur on both of these two-lane roadways with the addition of the Blackhall Road detour traffic. Based upon observations of traffic flow, it is anticipated that some local traffic which currently utilizes Blackhall Road as a cut-through will elect to use routes other than the signed detour, possibly choosing to use I-75 for north-south travel or travel west on Jodeco Road into Clayton County and take Camp Avenue to detour around the closure on Blackhall Road. Additionally, the I-75 managed lane project will be completed prior to commencement of the Blackhall Road bridge replacement project.

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<b>Preferred Alternative 1A (Cont.)</b>			
<b>Estimated Property Impacts:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Estimated Total Cost:</b>	<b>\$3,405,000</b>
<b>Estimated ROW Cost:</b>	<b>\$513,000</b>	<b>Estimated CST Time:</b>	<b>12 months</b>
<p><b>Rationale:</b> <i>The proposed Alternative meets the project purpose of replacing the structurally deficient bridge and correcting the sub-standard vertical curve. When compared to the other bridge reconstruction Alternatives considered, Alternative 1A has the lowest costs for construction and utility relocations, and has the least environmental impacts and shortest construction time. Alternative 1A is selected as the Preferred Alternative.</i></p>			

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**Alternative 1B. (Bridge Reconstruction on Existing Alignment with Onsite Detour to the West):** This Alternative proposes removal and replacement of the bridge over Rum Creek and portions of Blackhall Road along the existing horizontal alignment with traffic maintained onsite via a temporary detour and an approximately 100 foot temporary bridge constructed parallel and west of the existing road. Extensive temporary shoring would be required to retain the temporary detour fill limits from the Rum Creek channel upstream of the bridge. As with Alternative 1A, the roadway vertical alignment would be improved by reconstructing the existing substandard sag vertical curve at the existing bridge. This Alternative, with an estimated project length of 2500 feet, requires approximately 1.7 acres of additional Right-of-Way. Approximately 750 square feet of wetland and 25 linear feet of stream would be impacted by this Alternative.

Offsite detours are typically not preferred by the traveling public because they extend trip times. Some local stakeholders including Lake Spivey Civic Association, Henry County, and Henry County Schools have previously indicated their preference that traffic be maintained on Blackhall Road throughout construction. Henry County Schools has stated that there are over twenty trips made by buses on Blackhall Road every school day. Many of those bus routes are to/from Red Oak Elementary School which is located on Walt Stephens Road, approximately one mile northeast of the project.

With the offsite detour for Alternative 1A, the almost 6000 current AADT would be temporarily rerouted onto a 5.8 mile detour. It is anticipated that a significant number of vehicles use Blackhall Road as a route to access I-75 via the SR 138 interchange and that with the proposed detour those vehicles would be able to access I-75 via the Hudson Bridge Road interchange.

<b>Estimated Property Impacts:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Estimated Total Cost:</b>	<b>\$4,756,000</b>
<b>Estimated ROW Cost:</b>	<b>\$609,000</b>	<b>Estimated CST Time:</b>	<b>18 months</b>

**Rationale:** *This proposed Alternative was not selected due to the higher construction and right of way costs, the longer duration of construction, and the environmental impacts.*

**Alternative 1C. (Bridge Reconstruction on Existing Alignment with Onsite Detour to the East):** This Alternative proposes removal and replacement of the bridge over Rum Creek and portions of Blackhall Road along the existing horizontal alignment with traffic maintained onsite via a temporary detour and an approximately 160 foot temporary bridge constructed parallel and east of the existing road. The roadway vertical alignment would be improved by reconstructing the existing substandard sag vertical curve at the existing bridge. This Alternative, with an estimated project length of 2500 feet, requires approximately 1.9 acres of additional Right-of-Way and 0.7 acres of temporary easement. The construction limits for this Alternative would impact the backyards of two residential properties. Approximately 250 square feet of wetland and 55 linear feet of stream would be impacted by this Alternative.

Onsite detour alignments to either the west or east of existing Blackhall Road are similar in length; however, a longer temporary bridge is required for the easterly detour due to a sharp southwesterly bend in the meandering Rum Creek channel immediately downstream of the existing Blackhall Road bridge. Estimated construction costs for Alternative 1C are the highest of all the Alternatives evaluated, due in part to the longer temporary bridge that is required.

<b>Estimated Property Impacts:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Estimated Total Cost:</b>	<b>\$5,116,000</b>
<b>Estimated ROW Cost:</b>	<b>\$854,000</b>	<b>Estimated CST Time:</b>	<b>18 months</b>

**Rationale:** *This proposed Alternative was not selected due to the impacts to residential property, higher construction and right of way costs, the longer duration of construction, and the environmental impacts.*

**Alternative 1D. (Bridge Reconstruction – Realignment to the West):** This Alternative proposes removal and replacement of the bridge over Rum Creek and portions of Blackhall Road along a parallel realignment to the west with traffic maintained on existing alignment while the new bridge and approach roadways are constructed. The westerly offset of the realigned roadway would be the minimum required for construction of the new bridge. This Alternative is being considered based upon benefits which include: reduced construction time, construction costs which are less than those of the two temporary onsite detour Alternatives (Alts. 1B and 1C), and the avoidance of an offsite detour (Alt 1A). This Alternative, with an estimated project length of 2500 feet, requires approximately 2.6 acres of additional Right-of-Way from one parcel. Approximately 1200 square feet of wetland and 25 linear feet of stream would be impacted by this Alternative.

A realignment of the road to the west, towards the Lake Spivey Dam, allows for construction of the project while traffic is maintained on Blackhall Road with only minor interruptions associated with construction of the tie-ins. The contractor will not be allowed to interrupt traffic flow during peak hour flows, but can continue to work outside of the existing traffic flow at all times. The overall construction time is reduced by not having to construct, maintain, and remove a temporary detour.

The extent of impacts of for this Alternative would mirror those described in Alt 1B, however the environmental impacts would be considered to be permanent and required right of way would be needed instead of temporary easements, resulting in increased costs when compared to the preferred Alternative.

<b>Estimated Property Impacts:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Estimated Total Cost:</b>	<b>\$3,869,000</b>
<b>Estimated ROW Cost:</b>	<b>\$392,000</b>	<b>Estimated CST Time:</b>	<b>12 months</b>

**Rationale:** *This proposed Alternative was not selected due to the higher construction costs and environmental impacts. If it is determined that an offsite detour is not feasible, than Alternative 1D, with the lowest estimated construction costs of any of the onsite detour Alternatives, would be the Preferred Alternative.*

**Alternative 2. (Bridge Rehabilitation):** This Alternative proposes rehabilitation of the existing bridge consisting of retention of the existing substructures and total replacement of the existing bridge superstructure. According to the Bridge Inventory Data Listing (attached), the existing Blackhall Road over Rum Creek bridge has a sufficiency rating of 49.20 and was designed for an H-15, which is below current bridge design standards. Replacement of the bridge superstructure is the most feasible solution short of full bridge replacement that would eliminate the weight limits.

Replacement of the superstructure would be achieved by closing Blackhall Road and detouring traffic to the 5.8 mile offsite detour discussed under Alternative 1A for the duration of the bridge rehabilitation work. With this Alternative, the existing substructures would be retained and likely strengthened with additional pile foundations. The out-to-out width of the replacement superstructure would be approximately equal to the existing bridge out-to-out width of 32.3 feet, resulting in an inside bridge width of just under 30 feet, which is less than the 40 foot inside bridge width required for bridges off the State and Federal System with ADT greater than 2000.

Shoulder work would be minimal, but would include installation of W-beam and T-beam guardrail and anchorages on the roadway approaches. The substandard sag vertical curve would not be corrected with this Alternative.

<b>Estimated Property Impacts:</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>Estimated Total Cost:</b>	<b>\$1,519,000</b>
<b>Estimated ROW Cost:</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>Estimated CST Time:</b>	<b>9 months</b>

**Rationale:** *This Alternative was not selected because it does not eliminate the substandard sag vertical in which the bridge is located. Additionally, a design exception would be required for the inside width of the rehabilitated bridge, which does not meet current bridge width requirements.*

**No-Build Alternative:** In this Alternative the bridge will not be reconstructed or rehabilitated nor will the substandard sag vertical curve be corrected.

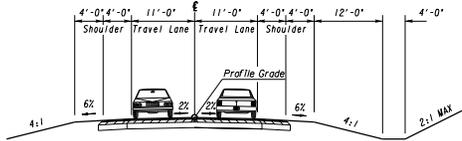
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**Rationale:** *This Alternative was eliminated since it does not address the Project Justification Statement by eliminating the posted weight limits associated with the structurally deficient bridge. Unless corrected, the posted limits will remain and the bridge condition will continue to deteriorate, requiring additional limits in the future.*

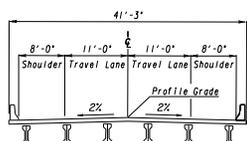
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1. Concept Layouts
2. Detour Plan
3. Typical Sections
4. Construction Cost Estimates with Liquid AC Adjustments
5. Right of Way Cost Estimates
6. Mitigation Cost Estimate
7. Utility Cost Estimates
8. Accident Report
9. Bridge Inventory Data Listing
10. Design Traffic
11. FEMA Flood Insurance Map
12. Project Kickoff Meeting Minutes
13. Concept Team Meeting Minutes
14. Stakeholder Meeting: Minutes/Summary, Stakeholder List, Meeting Handout, Stakeholder Comments
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16. Conversation Logs
17. Follow-up Project Team Meeting Minutes
18. Detour Open House Handouts, Comments, and Draft Responses
19. GDOT - FHWA Meeting Minutes and Comments

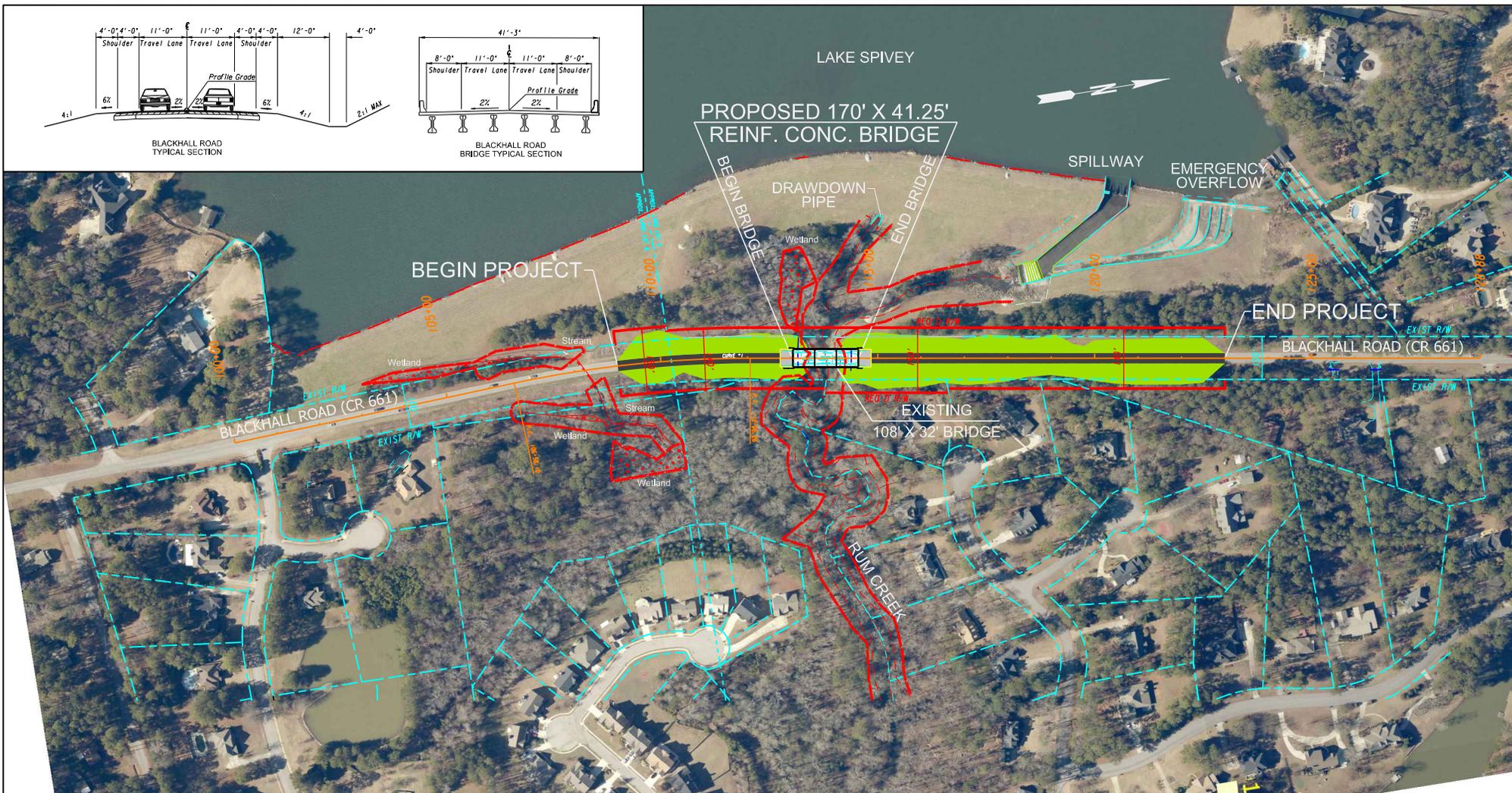
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BLACKHALL ROAD BRIDGE TYPICAL SECTION



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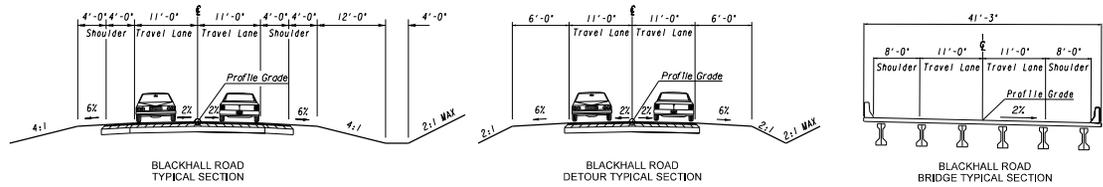
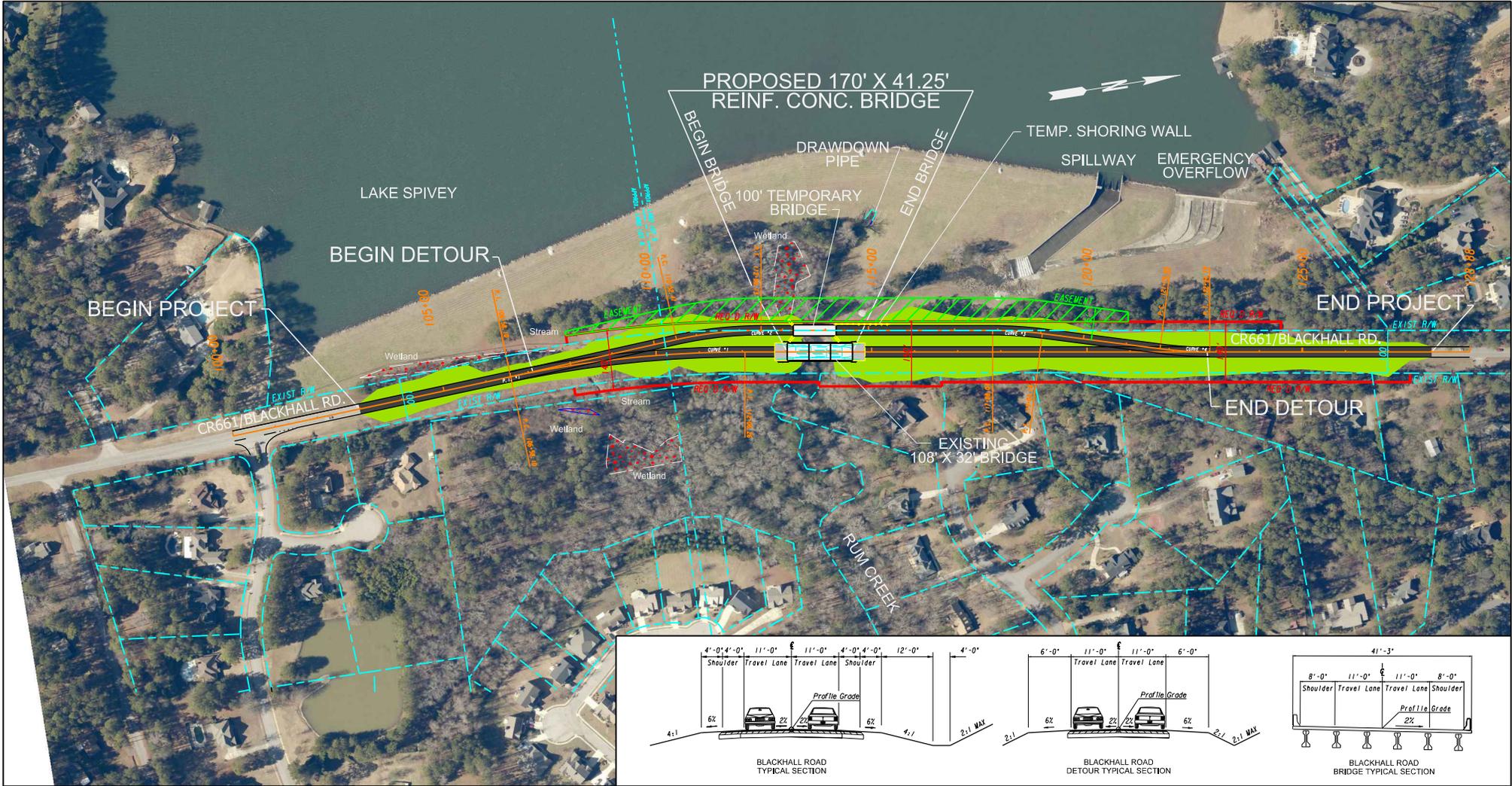


**LEGEND**

CONSTRUCTION LIMITS	
WETLAND	
REQ'D RIGHT-OF-WAY	
EXISTING PROPERTY/ROW	
ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) BOUNDARY	



**PROPOSED  
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON  
BLACKHALL ROAD (CR 661)  
OVER RUM CREEK  
HENRY COUNTY  
P.I. 0011691**



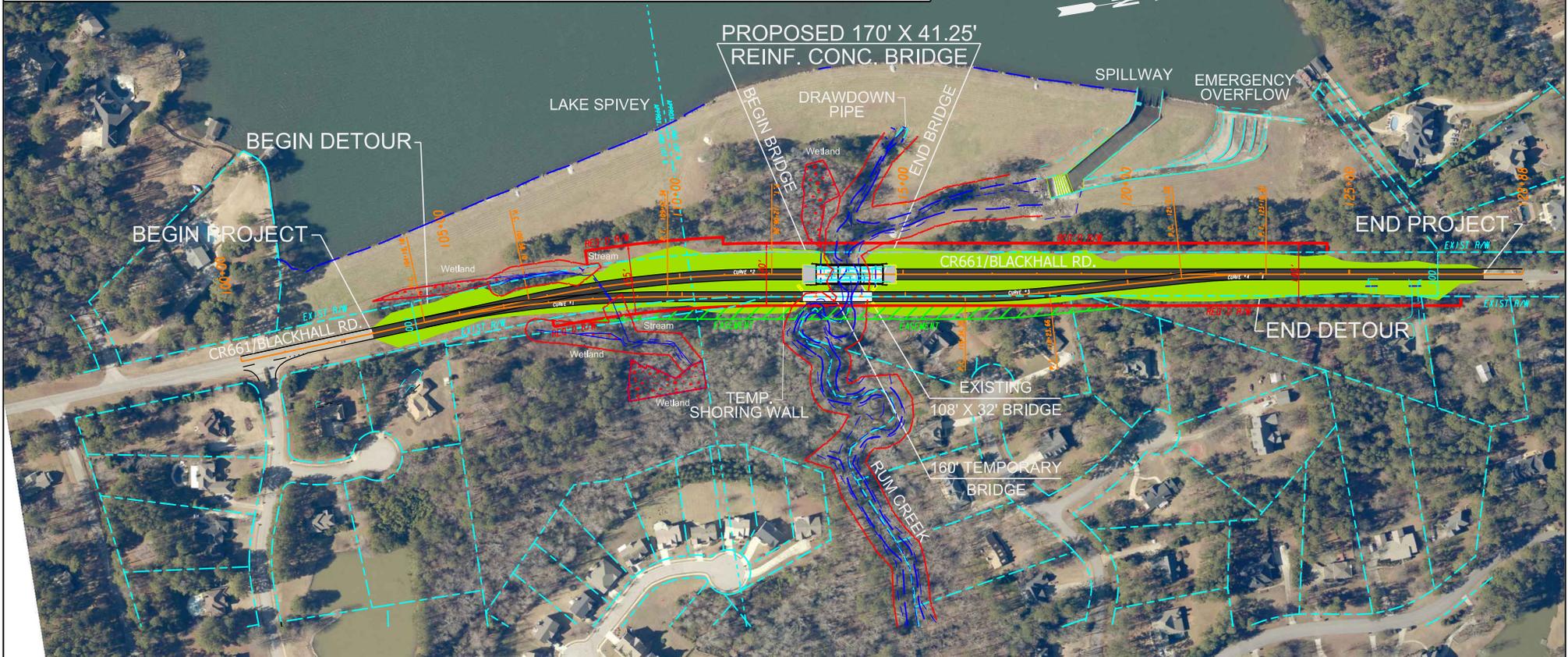
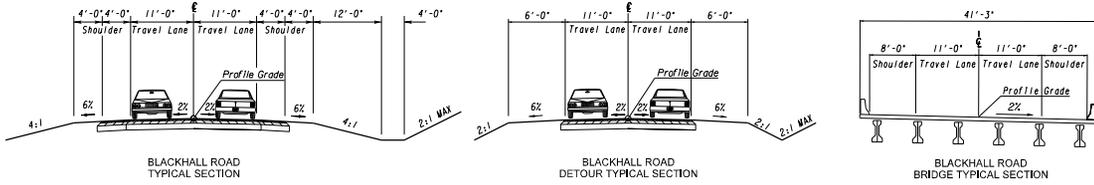
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**UPSTREAM DETOUR**

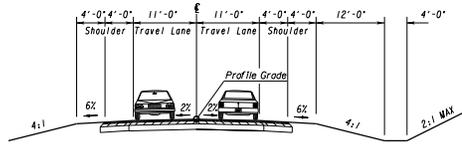


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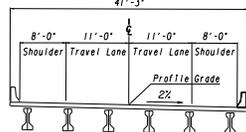
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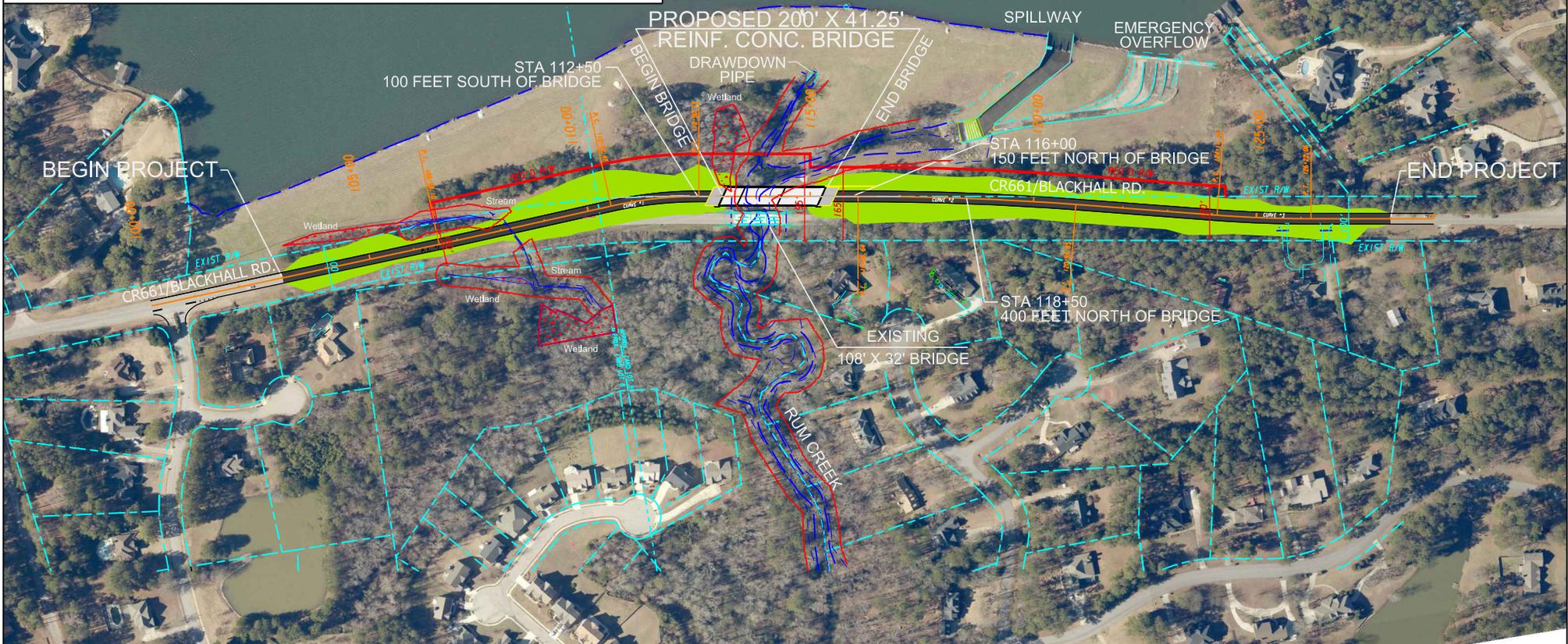
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**DOWNSTREAM DETOUR**



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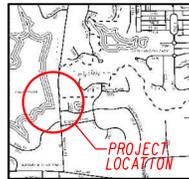
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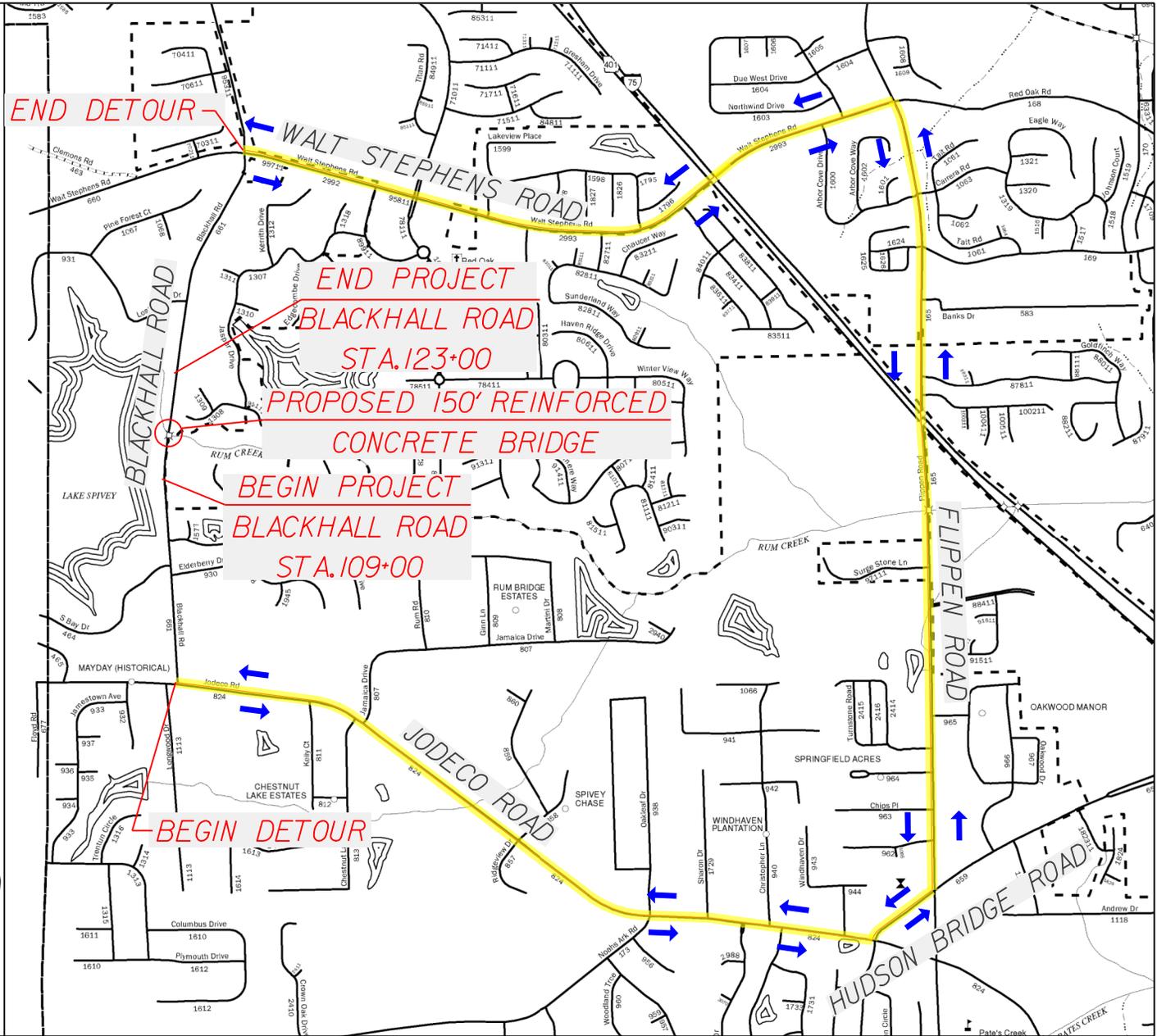


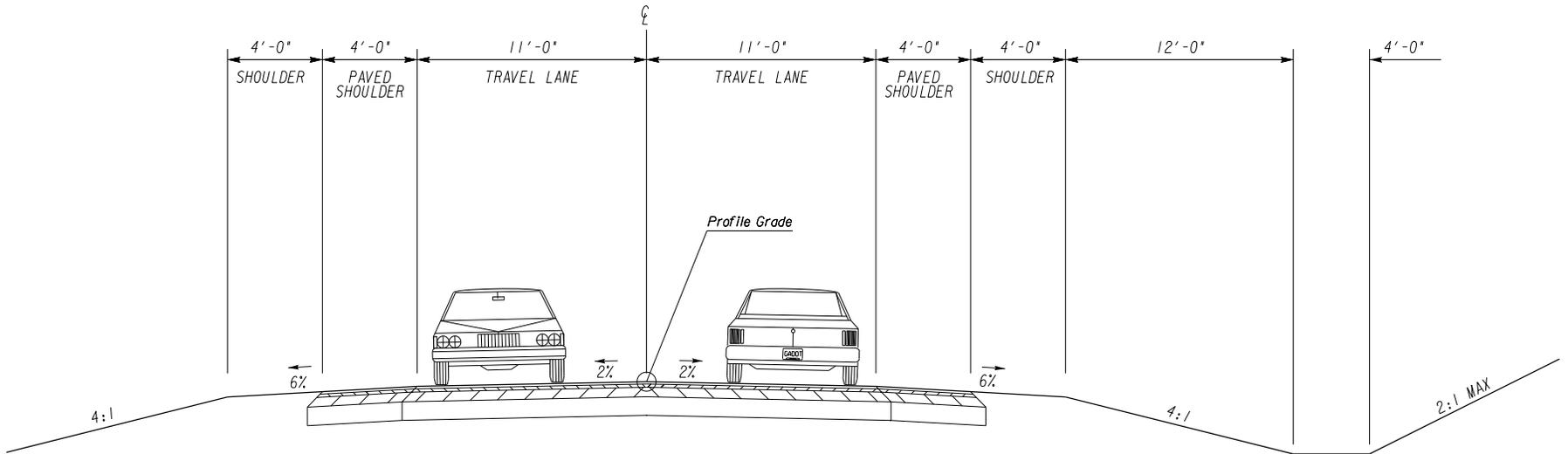
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 TOTAL DETOUR LENGTH 5.8 MILES

# DETOUR PLAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON BLACKHALL ROAD (CR661)





**BLACKHALL ROAD  
TYPICAL SECTION**

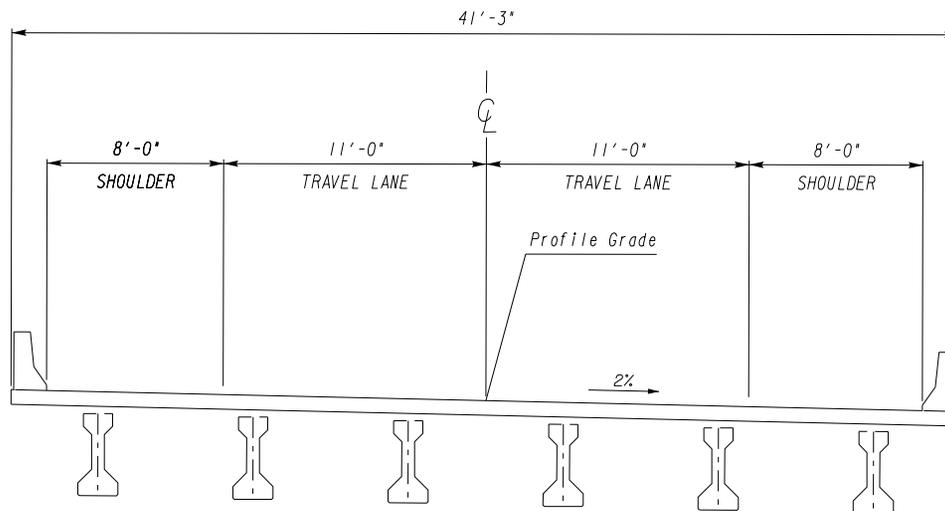
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**BLACKHALL ROAD  
BRIDGE TYPICAL SECTION**

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BRIDGE TYPICAL SECTION**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

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INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

FILE P.I. No. 11691

OFFICE Program Delivery

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

CR 661/BLACKHALL ROAD @ RUM CREEK 3 MI SW OF STOCKBRIDGE - ALTERNATIVE 1A (OFFSITE DETOUR)

DATE March 23, 2016

From:  

To: Lisa L. Myers, State Project Review Engineer

Subject: **REVISIONS TO PROGRAMMED COSTS**

PROJECT MANAGER Kevin VanHouten

MGMT LET DATE 8/15/2018

MGMT ROW DATE 5/2/2017

**PROGRAMMED COSTS (TPro W/OUT INFLATION)**

**LAST ESTIMATE UPDATE**

CONSTRUCTION \$ 1,500,000.00

DATE  

RIGHT OF WAY \$ 300,000.00

DATE  

UTILITIES \$ 50,000.00

DATE  

**REVISED COST ESTIMATES**

CONSTRUCTION\* \$ 1,936,872.35

RIGHT OF WAY \$ 513,000.00

UTILITIES \$ 200,000.00

\*Cost Contains 10 % Contingency

**REASONS FOR COST INCREASE AND CONTINGENCY JUSTIFICATION:**

CONCEPT COST ESTIMATE

# CONTINGENCY SUMMARY

<b>A. CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE:</b>	\$	1,659,241.77	Base Estimate From CES	
<b>B. ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION (E &amp; I):</b>	\$	82,962.09	Base Estimate (A) x	5 %
<b>C. CONTINGENCY:</b>	\$	174,220.39	Base Estimate (A) + E & I (B) x	10 %
			<a href="#">See % Table in "Risk Based Cost Estimation" Memo</a>	
<b>D. TOTAL LIQUID AC ADJUSTMENT:</b>	\$	20,448.11	Total From Liquid AC Spreadsheet	
<b>E. CONSTRUCTION TOTAL:</b>	\$	1,936,872.35	(A + B + C + D = E)	

## REIMBURSABLE UTILITY COSTS

UTILITY OWNER	REIMBURSABLE COST
Georgia Power	\$ 200,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 200,000.00</b>

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Detailed Cost Estimate Printout From TRAQS  
Liquid AC Adjustment Spreadsheet

ALTERNATE 1A

PROJ. NO. CR 661/Blackhall Road at Rum Creek - Henry  
 P.I. NO. 0011691  
 DATE 3/23/2016

CALL NO. 9/29/2009

INDEX (TYPE)	DATE	INDEX
REG. UNLEADED	Mar-16	\$ 1.671
DIESEL		
LIQUID AC		\$ 355.00

Link to Fuel and AC Index:  
<http://www.dot.ga.gov/doingbusiness/Materials/Pages/asphaltcementindex.aspx>

**LIQUID AC ADJUSTMENTS**

PA=[((APM-APL)/APL)]xTMTxAPL

**Asphalt**

Price Adjustment (PA)				<b>19702.5</b>	\$	<b>19,702.50</b>
Monthly Asphalt Cement Price month placed (APM)	Max. Cap	60%	\$	568.00		
Monthly Asphalt Cement Price month project let (APL)			\$	355.00		
Total Monthly Tonnage of asphalt cement (TMT)				92.5		

ASPHALT	Tons	%AC	AC ton
Leveling	100	5.0%	5
12.5 OGFC		5.0%	0
12.5 mm	420	5.0%	21
9.5 mm SP		5.0%	0
25 mm SP	785	5.0%	39.25
19 mm SP	545	5.0%	27.25
	<b>1850</b>		<b>92.5</b>

**BITUMINOUS TACK COAT**

Price Adjustment (PA)				\$	<b>745.61</b>	\$	<b>745.61</b>
Monthly Asphalt Cement Price month placed (APM)	Max. Cap	60%	\$	568.00			
Monthly Asphalt Cement Price month project let (APL)			\$	355.00			
Total Monthly Tonnage of asphalt cement (TMT)				3.500507251			

Bitum Tack

Gals	gals/ton	tons
815	232.8234	3.50050725

**BITUMINOUS TACK COAT (surface treatment)**

Price Adjustment (PA)					\$	<b>0</b>	\$	<b>-</b>
Monthly Asphalt Cement Price month placed (APM)	Max. Cap	60%	\$	568.00				
Monthly Asphalt Cement Price month project let (APL)			\$	355.00				
Total Monthly Tonnage of asphalt cement (TMT)				0				

Bitum Tack	SY	Gals/SY	Gals	gals/ton	tons
Single Surf. Trmt.		0.20	0	232.8234	0
Double Surf.Trmt.		0.44	0	232.8234	0
Triple Surf. Trmt		0.71	0	232.8234	0

**TOTAL LIQUID AC ADJUSTMENT** \$ **20,448.11**

STATE HIGHWAY AGENCY

DATE : 03/23/2016

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JOB ESTIMATE REPORT

JOB NUMBER : 0011691-OFFDET      SPEC YEAR: 13  
 DESCRIPTION: CR661 BLACKHALL RD. @ RUM CREEK  
 CONCEPT ALT. 1A OFFSITE DETOUR

ITEMS FOR JOB 0011691

LINE	ITEM	ALT	UNITS	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT
	5 310-1101		TN	GR AGGR BASE CRS, INCL MATL	2650	25.68	68,063.55
	10 402-1812		TN	RECYL AC LEVELING, INC BM&HL	100	94.48	9,448.45
	15 402-3121		TN	RECYL AC 25MM SP, GP1/2, BM&HL	785	78.72	61,796.30
	20 402-3190		TN	RECYL AC 19 MM SP, GP 1 OR 2 , INC BM&HL	545	86.57	47,178.31
	25 402-4510		TN	RECYL AC 12.5 MM SP, GP2ONLY, INC P-MBM&HL	420	112.16	47,108.71
	30 413-1000		GL	BITUM TACK COAT	815	4.32	3,521.35
	35 432-5010		SY	MILL ASPH CONC PVMT, VARB DEPTH	1400	6.55	9,169.36
	40 446-1100		LF	PVMT REF FAB STRIPS, TP2, 18 INCH WIDTH	100	10.56	1,056.20
	45 500-9999		CY	CL B CONC, BASE OR PVMT WIDEN	100	165.00	16,500.00
	50 150-1000		LS	TRAFFIC CONTROL - 0011691	1	75,000.00	75,000.00
	60 210-0100		LS	GRADING COMPLETE - 0011691	1	192,375.00	192,375.00
	65 318-3000		TN	AGGR SURF CRS	100	22.68	2,268.01
	70 436-1000		LF	ASPH CONC CURB - 0011691	1200	11.37	13,648.07
	85 634-1200		EA	RIGHT OF WAY MARKERS	20	116.47	2,329.54
	90 641-1100		LF	GUARDRAIL, TP T	200	52.96	10,592.41
	95 641-1200		LF	GUARDRAIL, TP W	1000	18.53	18,532.89
	100 641-5001		EA	GUARDRAIL ANCHORAGE, TP 1	2	862.86	1,725.73
	105 641-5012		EA	GUARDRAIL ANCHORAGE, TP 12	2	2,047.88	4,095.77
	110 643-1152		LF	CH LK FEN, ZC COAT, 6', 9 GA	2200	22.37	49,212.79
	115 643-8030		EA	GATE, CHAIN LINK PVC COAT - 0011691	1	1,500.00	1,500.00
	120 643-8200		LF	BARRIER FENCE (ORANGE), 4 FT	1000	1.43	1,433.69
	125 441-0301		EA	CONC SPILLWAY, TP 1	4	1,670.43	6,681.73
	130 550-1180		LF	STM DR PIPE 18,H 1-10	50	56.34	2,817.17
	150 550-3318		EA	SAFETY END SECTION 18,STD,4:1	2	799.96	1,599.94
	160 163-0001		LS	EROSION CONTROL, NON-REFUNDABLE DEDUCT	1	210,000.00	210,000.00
	165 636-1033		SF	HWY SIGNS, TP1MAT, REFL SH TP 9	65	19.97	1,298.33
	170 636-2070		LF	GALV STEEL POSTS, TP 7	150	7.77	1,166.38
	175 653-1501		LF	THERMO SOLID TRAF ST 5 IN, WHI	3000	0.60	1,808.16
	180 653-1502		LF	THERMO SOLID TRAF ST, 5 IN YEL	3000	0.59	1,782.36
	185 654-1001		EA	RAISED PVMT MARKERS TP 1	35	5.49	192.43
	190 657-1085		LF	PRF PL SD PVT MKG, 8,B/W, TP PB	400	7.31	2,924.57
	195 657-6085		LF	PRF PL SD PVMT MKG, 8,B/Y, TPPB	400	7.31	2,926.43
	200 433-1000		SY	REINF CONC APPROACH SLAB	300	164.96	49,488.13
	205 540-1101		LS	REM OF EX BR, STA NO - 113+80	1	75,000.00	75,000.00
	210 543-9000		LS	CONSTR OF BRIDGE COMPLETE - 0011691	1	665,000.00	665,000.00
ITEM TOTAL							1,659,241.77
TOTALS FOR JOB 0011691							
ESTIMATED COST:							1,659,241.77

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
PRELIMINARY ROW COST ESTIMATE SUMMARY**

Date: 7/14/2015 Project: PI#0011691 Alt 1a(preferred)  
 Revised: County: Henry  
 PI: PI#0011691

Description: Blackhall Road over  
 Project Termini: Blackhall Road over

Existing ROW: Varies  
 Required ROW: Varies  
 Parcels: 7

Land and Improvements \_\_\_\_\_ \$328,500.00

Proximity Damage	\$0.00
Consequential Damage	\$45,000.00
Cost to Cures	\$0.00
Trade Fixtures	\$0.00
Improvements	\$75,000.00

Valuation Services \_\_\_\_\_ \$26,250.00

Legal Services \_\_\_\_\_ \$79,725.00

Relocation \_\_\_\_\_ \$14,000.00

Demolition \_\_\_\_\_ \$0.00

Administrative \_\_\_\_\_ \$64,000.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS \_\_\_\_\_ \$512,475.00

**TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS (ROUNDED) \_\_\_\_\_ \$513,000.00**

Preparation Credits	Hours	Signature

Prepared By: Dashone Alexander CG#: 286999 07/14/2015 (DATE)

Approved By: Dashone Alexander CG#: 286999 07/14/2015 (DATE)

**NOTE: No Market Appreciation is included in this Preliminary Cost Estimate**

## Kahle, Kevin

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**From:** thill@gthillplanners.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 7:38 AM  
**To:** Kahle, Kevin; enicoletti@gthillplanners.com  
**Cc:** Edmondson, Chris; Cham, Ida  
**Subject:** RE: Rum Creek Bridge Replacement - Concept Mitigation Costs

Kevin,

Based on these impact numbers mitigation would not be required. If your impacts are below 0.1 acre of wetlands and 100 lf of stream then no mitigation is required.

Todd

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Senior Environmental Planner



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Subject: Rum Creek Bridge Replacement - Concept Mitigation Costs  
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Date: Thu, June 04, 2015 5:24 pm  
To: "thill@gthillplanners.com" <thill@gthillplanners.com>,  
"enicoletti@gthillplanners.com" <enicoletti@gthillplanners.com>  
Cc: "Edmondson, Chris" <CEdmondson@chacompanies.com>, "Cham, Ida" <ICham@chacompanies.com>

Tod/Eric,

I would like to see if you could provide me with concept-level mitigation costs for the concept alternates we have developed on Rum Creek:

Alternate 1a – Construction with Offsite Detour

No wetland or stream impacts

Alternate 1b – Temporary Detour Upstream

Wetland Impacts = 750 square feet

Stream Impacts = 25 ft

Alternate 1c – Temporary Detour Downstream

Wetland Impacts = 240 square feet

Stream Impacts = 55 ft

Alternate 1d – Permanent Realignment

Wetland Impacts = 1180 square feet

Stream Impacts = 25 ft

We will be submitting the draft concept report to GDOT next week. Can you get those estimated costs, if any, to me by COB Monday? Thanks.

**Kevin J. Kahle, PE\***

Manager, SE Transportation Structures

**CHA** ~ *design/construction solutions*

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**CR661/BLACKHALL RD, HENRY COUNTY**

AccidentNo	AgencyName	Date	Time	County	Route	IntersectingRoute	Injuries	Fatalities
1039297	Henry County Police Department	9/1/2007	8:14:00	HENRY	BLACKHALL RD	LOST VALLEY DR	1	0
520405	Henry County Police Department	2/18/2008	16:31:00	HENRY	BLACKHAW RD	FALLING WATERS DR	0	0
99294	Henry County Police Department	10/22/2008	8:00:00	HENRY	BLACK HALL RD		1	0
135925	Henry County Police Department	11/29/2008	14:57:00	HENRY	BLACK HALL RD		0	0
155923	Henry County Police Department	1/3/2009	15:29:00	HENRY	BLACKHALL RD		0	0
155966	Henry County Police Department	1/3/2009	17:00:00	HENRY	BLACKHALL RD		0	0
193732	Henry County Police Department	2/19/2009	0:03:00	HENRY	BLACKHALL RD		0	0
233327	Henry County Police Department	4/4/2009	16:35:00	HENRY	BLACKHALL RD		0	0
271247	Henry County Police Department	5/16/2009	6:29:00	HENRY	BLACKHAIL RD		0	0
330415	Henry County Police Department	7/13/2009	0:19:00	HENRY	BLACKHALL RD		0	0
3461269	Henry County Police Department	2/5/2010	15:53:00	HENRY	BLACKHAIL RD		0	0
3469106	Henry County Police Department	3/19/2010	20:03:00	HENRY	BLACKHALL RD		0	0
3486302	Henry County Police Department	4/1/2010	16:02:00	HENRY	BLACK HALL RD		0	0
3451764	Henry County Police Department	7/23/2010	13:05:00	HENRY	BLACKHALL RD	LOST VALLEY DR	0	0
4201209	Henry County Police Department	9/14/2012	13:51:00	HENRY	BLACKHALL RD	FALLING WATER DR	0	0
4513323	Henry County Police Department	6/17/2013	5:08:00	HENRY	BLACK HALL RD	FALLING WATERS RD	0	0
5092036	Henry County Police Department	12/13/2014	2:56:00	HENRY	BLACKHALL RD	FALLING WATERS DR	0	0
5144363	Henry County Police Department	12/20/2014	12:09:00	HENRY	BLACKHALL RD	FALLING WATERS DR	1	0

**CR661/BLACKHALL RD, HENRY COUNTY**

<b>AccidentNo</b>	<b>MannerOfCollision</b>	<b>LocationOfImpact</b>	<b>FirstHarmfulEvent</b>	<b>Light</b>	<b>Surface</b>	<b>DriverAge1</b>
1039297	Rear End	On Roadway	Motor Vehicle In Motion	Daylight	Dry	84
520405	Not A Collision with Motor Vehicle	Off Roadway	Other Non-Collision	Daylight	Dry	39
99294	Rear End	On Roadway	Motor Vehicle In Motion	Daylight	Dry	32
135925	Rear End	On Roadway	Motor Vehicle In Motion	Daylight	Wet	42
155923	Rear End	On Roadway	Motor Vehicle In Motion	Daylight	Dry	46
155966	Rear End	On Roadway	Motor Vehicle In Motion	Daylight	Dry	39
193732	Not A Collision with Motor Vehicle	Off Roadway	Other Post/Pole Support	Dark-Not Lighted	Wet	108
233327	Angle	On Roadway	Motor Vehicle In Motion	Daylight	Dry	53
271247	Rear End	On Roadway	Motor Vehicle In Motion	Dawn	Dry	108
330415	Not A Collision with Motor Vehicle	On Roadway	Other Non-Collision	Dark-Not Lighted	Wet	24
3461269	Rear End	On Roadway	Motor Vehicle In Motion	Daylight	Wet	31
3469106	Not A Collision with Motor Vehicle	On Shoulder	Guard Rail Face	Dark-Not Lighted	Dry	38
3486302	Rear End	On Roadway	Motor Vehicle In Motion	Daylight	Dry	57
3451764	Sideswipe-Opposite Direction	On Roadway	Motor Vehicle In Motion	Daylight	Dry	47
4201209	Not A Collision with Motor Vehicle	Off Roadway	Ditch	Dark-Not Lighted	Wet	41
4513323	Not A Collision with Motor Vehicle	On Roadway	Other Object (Not Fixed)	Dark-Not Lighted	Wet	56
5092036	Not A Collision with Motor Vehicle	On Roadway	Other Object (Not Fixed)	Dark-Not Lighted	Dry	31
5144363	Not A Collision with Motor Vehicle	On Roadway	Other Object (Not Fixed)	Daylight	Wet	37

**CR661/BLACKHALL RD, HENRY COUNTY**

AccidentNo	DriverAge2	DriverSafetyEquip1	DriverSafetyEquip2	VehType1	VehType2	DirVeh1	DirVeh2
1039297	49	Unknown	Bicycle Helmet	Passenger Car	Pedalcycle, Bicycle	Northeast	Northeast
520405		Lap and Shoulder Belt		Pickup Truck		North	
99294	38	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Utility Passenger Vehicle	Pickup Truck	North	North
135925	57	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Passenger Car	Utility Passenger Vehicle	Northeast	Northeast
155923	20	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Utility Passenger Vehicle	Utility Passenger Vehicle	Northeast	Northeast
155966	56	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Passenger Car	Utility Passenger Vehicle	Northeast	Northeast
193732		Unknown		Utility Passenger Vehicle		North	
233327	41	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Passenger Car	Passenger Car	North	Northeast
271247	37	Unknown	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Pickup Truck	Passenger Car	Northeast	Northeast
330415		None Used		Passenger Car		Northeast	
3461269	37	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Pickup Truck	Pickup Truck	Northeast	Northeast
3469106	90	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Passenger Car	Utility Passenger Vehicle	Northeast	Southeast
3486302	47	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Pickup Truck	Pickup Truck	Northeast	Northeast
3451764	25	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Lap and Shoulder Belt	4-Door	4-Door	North	South
4201209		Lap and Shoulder Belt		Passenger Car		South	
4513323		Lap and Shoulder Belt		Pickup Truck		South	
5092036		Lap and Shoulder Belt		Passenger Car		South	
5144363	56	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Lap and Shoulder Belt	Utility Passenger Vehicle	Pickup Truck	South	North

**CR661/BLACKHALL RD, HENRY COUNTY**

AccidentNo	MnvrVeh1	MnvrVeh2	LatDecimal	LongDecimal	U1Factors	U2Factors
1039297	Straight	Straight	33.515505	-84.277938	Distracted	No Contributing Factors
520405	Straight		33.517685	-84.277786	Other	
99294	Straight	Stopped	33.813536	-84.333811	Following too Close	No Contributing Factors
135925	Straight	Stopped	33.50933	-84.27766	Following too Close	No Contributing Factors
155923	Straight	Stopped	33.50933	-84.27766	Following too Close	No Contributing Factors
155966	Straight	Stopped	33.50933	-84.27766	Following too Close	No Contributing Factors
193732	Straight		33.5133	-84.27782	Too Fast For Conditions	
233327	Making U-turn	Straight	33.52332	-84.27669	Improper Turn	Following too Close
271247	Backing	Stopped	-1	-1	Improper Backing	No Contributing Factors
330415	Straight		-1	-1	Weather Conditions	
3461269	Straight	Straight	-1	-1	Following too Close	No Contributing Factors
3469106	Straight	Stopped	-1	-1	Other	No Contributing Factors
3486302	Straight	Stopped	-1	-1	Following too Close	No Contributing Factors
3451764	Straight	Straight	33.522731	-84.276814	Other	No Contributing Factors
4201209	Negotiating A Curve		0	0	Driver Lost Control	
4513323	Straight		33.5141	-84.277863	Weather Conditions,Object Or Animal	
5092036	Straight		33.514064	-84.277858	Object Or Animal	
5144363	Straight	Straight	0	0	Mechanical Or Vehicle Failure,Other	No Contributing Factors

# Bridge Inventory Data Listing



Parameters: Bridge Serial Num

Structure ID:151-0070-0

Henry

SUFF. RATING: 49.20

**Location & Geography**

**Structure ID:** 151-0070-0  
 200 Bridge Information: 06  
 \*6A Feature Int: RUM CREEK  
 \*6B Critical Bridge:  
 \*7A Route No Carried: CR00661  
 \*7B Facility Carried: BLACKHALL ROAD  
 9 Location: 3 MI SW OF STOCKBRIDGE  
 2 Dot District: 4841300000 - D3 District Three Thomaston  
 207 Year Photo: 2012  
 \*91 Inspection Frequency: 24 Date: 12/22/2014  
 92A Fract Crit Insp Freq: 0 Date: 02/01/1901  
 92B Underwater Insp Freq: 00 Date: 02/01/1901  
 92C Other Spc. Insp Freq: 00 Date: 02/01/1901  
 \* 4 Place Code: 00000  
 \*5 Inventory Route(O/U): 1  
 Type: 5 - City Street  
 Designation: 1- Mainline  
 Number: 09390  
 Direction: 0. Not applicable  
 \*16 Latitude: 33.0000- 31.0644 HMMS Prefix:  
 \*17 Longitude: 84.0000- 16.6680 HMMS Suffix:  
 MP: 0.00  
 98 Border Bridge: % Shared:00  
 99 ID Number: 0000000000000000  
 \*100 STRAHNET: 0- The Feature is not a STRAHNET route.  
 12 Base Highway Network: 1  
 13A LRS Inventory Route: 1512066100  
 13B Sub Inventory Route: 0.00  
 \*101 Parallel Structure: N. No parallel structure exists  
 \*102 Direction of Traffic: 2- Two Way  
 \*264 Road Inventory Mile Post: 000.60  
 \*208 Inspection Area: Area 03 Initials: WBP  
 Engineer's Initials: gmc  
 \* Location ID No: 151-09390M-000.63N

\*104 Highway System: 0- Inventory Route is not on the NHS  
 \*26 Functional Classification: 16- Urban - Minor Arterial  
 \*204 Federal Route Type: M - Urban. No: 09390  
 105 Federal Lands Highway: 0. Not applicable  
 \*110 Truck Route: 0  
 206 School Bus Route: 1  
 217 Benchmark Elevation: 0000.00  
 218 Datum: 0- Not Applicable  
 \*19 Bypass Length: 7  
 \*20 Toll: 3- On a Free Road or Non-Highway  
 \*21 Maintenance: 02-County Highway Agency.  
 \*22 Owner: 02-County Highway Agency.  
 \*31 Design Load: 2- H 15  
 37 Historical Significance: 5- Not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places  
 205 Congressional District: 13 - THIRTEEN  
 27 Year Constructed: 1961  
 106 Year Reconstructed: 0  
 33 Bridge Median : 0-None  
 34 Skew: 0  
 35 Structure Flared: No  
 38 Navigation Control: 0- Navigation is not controlled by an Agency  
 213 Special Steel Design: 0- Not applicable or other  
 267 Type of Paint: 3- Epoxy Mastic.  
 \*42 Type of Service On: 1-Highway  
 Type of Service Under: 5-Waterway  
 214 Movable Bridge: 0  
 203 Type Bridge: E - Steel Ꞥ - N. Steel-Co O. Concret- O. Concrete  
 259 Pile Encasement 1  
 \*43 Structure Type Main: 1-Concrete 4-Tee Beam  
 45 No.Spans Main: 3  
 44 Structure Type Appr: 0- Other 0- Other  
 46 No Spans Appr: 0  
 226 Bridge Curve Horz 0 Vert: 0.00  
 111 Pier Protection N - Navigation Control item coded 0, or Feature not a waterway  
 107 Deck Structure Type:  
 108 Wearing Structure Type:  
 Membrane Type:  
 Deck Protection:

**Signs & Attachments**

225 Expansion Joint Type: 02- Open or sealed concrete joint (silicone sealant)  
 242 Deck Drains: 1- Open Scuppers.  
 243 Parapet Location: 0- None present.  
 Height: 0.00  
 Width: 0.00  
 238 Curb Height: 1  
 Curb Material: 1- Concrete.  
 239 Handrail 1- Concrete. 1- Concrete.  
 \*240 Median Barrier Rail: 0- None.  
 241 Bridge Median Height: 0  
 \* Bridge Median Width: 0  
 230 Guardrail Loc. Dir. Rear: 3- Both sides.  
 Fwr: 3- Both sides.  
 Oppo. Dir. Rear: 0- None.  
 Oppo. Fwr: 0- None.  
 244 Approach Slab 3- Forward and Rear.  
 224 Retaining Wall: 0- None.  
 233 Posted Speed Limit: 45  
 236 Warning Sign: 0.00  
 234 Delineator: 0.00  
 235 Hazard Boards: 1  
 237 Utilities Gas: 00- Not Applicable  
 Water: 00- Not Applicable  
 Electric: 00- Not Applicable  
 Telephone: 00- Not Applicable  
 Sewer: 00- Not Applicable  
 247 Lighting Street: 0  
 Navigation: 0  
 Aerial: 0- Not  
 \*248 County Continuity No.: 00



Processed Date:6/4/2015

# Bridge Inventory Data Listing

Parameters: Bridge Serial Num

## Structure ID:151-0070-0

Programming Data			Measurements:					
201 Project No:	UNKNOWN		*29 ADT	5710	Year:2011	65 Inventory Rating Method:	1-Load Factor (LF)	
202 Plans Available:	0- No Plans Available.		109 %Trucks:	1		63 Operating Rating Method:	1-Load Factor (LF)	
249 Prop Proj No:	000000000000000000000000		* 28 Lanes On:	2	Under:0	66 Inventory Type:	2 - HS loading. Rating: 17	
250 Approval Status:	0000		210 No. Tracks On:	00	Under:00	64 Operating Type:	2 - HS loading. Rating: 29	
251 PI Number:	0000000		* 48 Max. Span Length	36		231 Calculated Loads:		
252 Contract Date:	02/01/1901		* 49 Structure Length:	108		H-Modified:	15	0
260 Seismic No:	00000		51 Br. Rwdy. Width	26.20		HS-Modified:	20	0
75 Type Work:	34- Widening	1- Work to be done by contract	52 Deck Width:	32.30		Type 3:	16	1
94 Bridge Imp. Cost:	\$422		* 47 Tot. Horiz. Cl:	26		Type 3s2:	26	0
95 Roadway Imp. Cost:	\$42		50 Curb / Sidewalk Width	2.00 / 2.00		Timber:	22	1
96 Total Imp Cost:	\$633		32 Approach Rdwy. Width	22		Piggyback:	00	0
76 Imp Length:	319		*229 Shoulder Width:			261 H Inventory Rating:	13	
97 Imp Year:	2013		Rear Lt:	5.00	Type:8 - Rt:5	262 H Operating Rating	22	
114 Fureur ADT:	8565	Year:2031	Fwd. Lt:	5.00	Type:8 - Grass Rt:5	67 Structural Evaluation:	6	
<b>Hydraulic Data</b>			Pavement Width:			58 Deck Condition:	7 - Good Condition	
215 Waterway Data:			Rear:	22.00	Type: 2- Asphalt.	59 Superstructure Condition:	7 - Good Condition	
High Water Elev:	0000.0	Year:1900		22.00	Type: 2- Asphalt.	* 227 Collision Damage:		
Flood Elev:	0000.0	Freq:00	Intersaction Rear:	0	Fwd: 0	60A Substructure Condition:	6 - Satisfactory Condition	
Avg Streambed Elev:	0000.0		36 Safety Features Br. Rail:	2- Inspected feature meets acceptable construction date standards.		60B Scour Condition:	7 - Good Condition	
Drainage Area:	00000		Transition:	3- Inspected feature exists but does not meet current or construction date standards.		60C Underwater Condition	N - Not Applicable	
Area of Opening:	000000		App. G. Rail:	2- Inspected feature meets acceptable construction date standards.		71 Waterway Adequacy:	8-Equal to present desirable criteria.	
113 Scour Critical	5.	Foundations stable for conditions; scour within limits	App. Rail End:	2- Inspected feature meets acceptable construction date standards.		61 Channel Protection Cond.:	8	
216 Water Depth:	1.4	Br.Height:16.8	53 Minimum Cl. Over:	99'99"		68 Deck Geometry:	2	
222 Slope Protection:	1		Under:	N- Feature not a highway or railroad.	0.00'0.00"	69 UnderClr. Horz/Vert:	N	
221 Spur Dikes Rear	0	Fwd:0	*228 Minimum Vertical Cl			72 Appr. Alignment:	7-Between 8 and 6	
219 Fender System	0- None.		Act. Odm Dir.:	99' 99"		62 Culvert:	N - Not Applicable	
220 Dolphin:			Oppo. Dir:	99' 99"		<b>Posting Data</b>		
223 Culvert Cover:	000		Posted Odm. Dir:	00' 00"		70 Bridge Posting Required	3. 10 - 19.9% below	
Type:	0- Not Applicable		Oppo. Dir:	00'00 "		41 Struct Open, Posted, CL:	P. Posted for load	
No. Barrels:	0		55 Lateral Undercl. Rt:	N- Feature not a highway or railroad.	0.00	* 103 Temporary Structure:	0	
Width:	0.00	Height:0	56 Lateral Undercl. Lt:	0.00		232 Posted Loads		
Length:	0	Apron:0	*10 Max Min Vert Cl:	99' 99" Dir:0		H-Modified:	15	
*265 U/W Insp. Area	0	Diver:ZZZ	39 Nav Vert Cl:	000 Horiz:0		HS-Modified:	00	
*Location ID No:	151-09390M-000.63N		116 Nav Vert Cl Closed:	000		Type 3:	15	
			245 Deck Thickness Main	7.00		Type 3s2:	00	
			Deck Thick Approach:	0.00		Timber:	18	
			246 Overlay Thickness:	0.00		Piggyback	00	
			212 Year Last Painted:	Sup:0000 Sub:1961		253 Notification Date:	02/01/1901	
						258 Fed Notify Date:	02/01/1901	



# Department of Transportation State of Georgia

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## INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

**FILE** Henry County  
P.I. # 0011691

**OFFICE** Planning

**DATE** July 21, 2015

**FROM** Cynthia L. VanDyke, State Transportation Planning Administrator

**TO** Albert Shelby, State Program Delivery Engineer  
**Attention:** Kevin B. VanHouten

**SUBJECT** **Preliminary Link Volume Traffic** for CR 661/BLACKHALL ROAD @ RUM CREEK 3 MI SW OF STOCKBRIDGE.

The Link Volume Traffic is below:

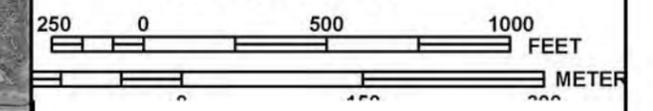
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TC # 0151- 0221**

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2011 DHV	590
2019 AADT	6550
2019 DHV	655
2039 AADT	8300
2039 DHV	830
K	10%
D	60%
T	4x%
S.U.	3%
COMB.	1%
24 HOUR T	5%
S.U.	4%
COMB.	1%

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HENRY COUNTY,  
GEORGIA  
AND INCORPORATED AREAS  
PANEL 69 OF 305

(SEE MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT)

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STOCKBRIDGE, CITY OF	130108	0069	C

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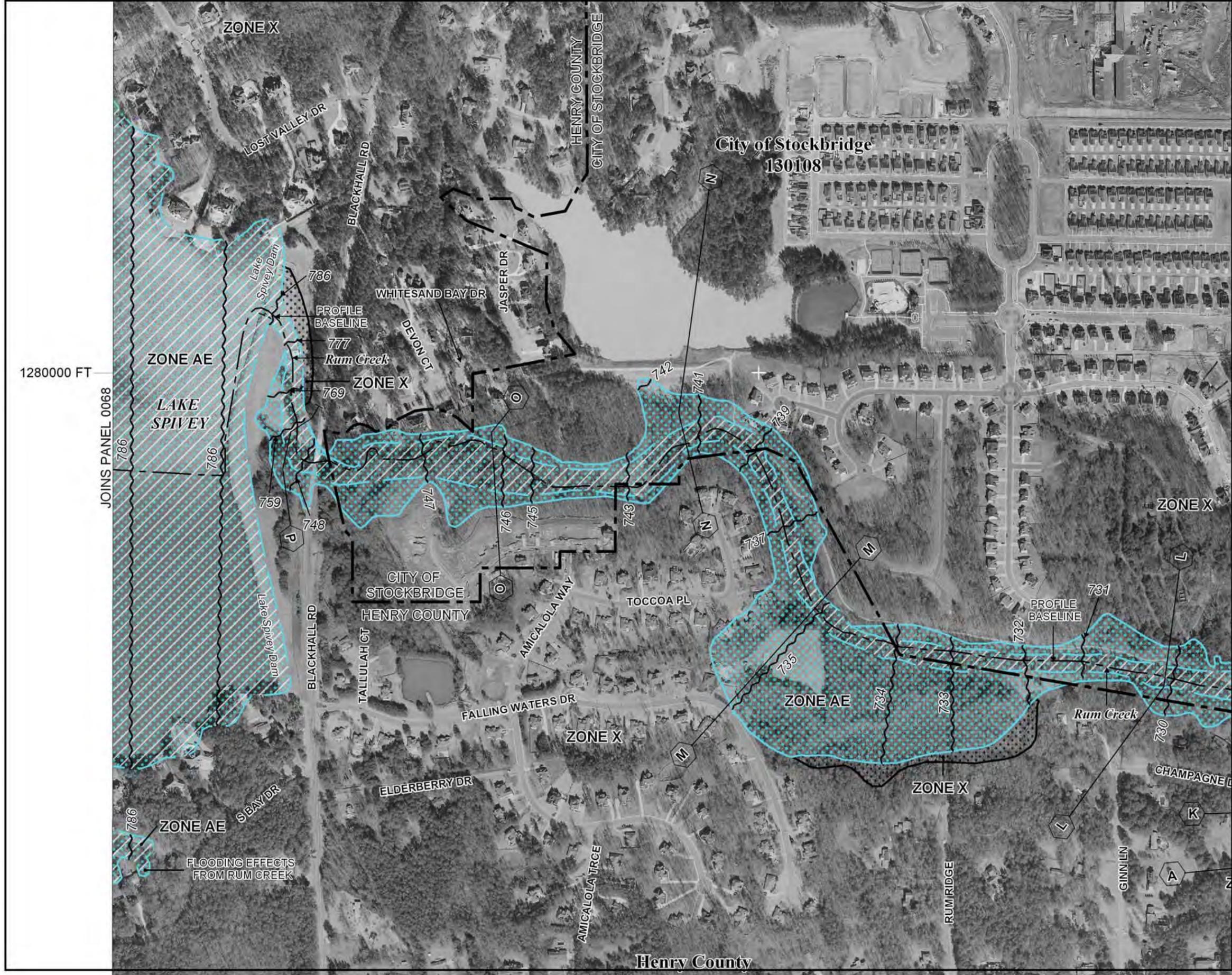


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Henry County

**MEETING MINUTES  
PROJECT KICKOFF MEETING  
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON CR 661/BLACHALL ROAD @ RUM CREEK  
PROJECT PI No. 0011691  
HENRY COUNTY**

**DATE:** February 6, 2015

**CHA FILE:** 29323

**PLACE:** Georgia Department of Transportation,  
District 3 Office, Thomaston

**TIME:** 10:00 AM

**ATTENDEES:**

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Project Kickoff Meeting is to confirm the overall project scope and project understanding, identify responsibilities of the team members, establish lines of communication and protocols, discuss/verify the project schedule, validate the Project Justification, and begin discussing Concept Development and stakeholders.

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION POINTS:**

The meeting began after informal greetings and introductions of the five attendees.

**Tom Karis** began the meeting by requesting a change of the Project Manager from himself to Kevin Kahle. Tom would continue to provide executive oversight of the project but Kevin Kahle would assume the day-to-day project management responsibilities in addition to his responsibilities as Lead Bridge Engineer. Tom continued by outlining the responsibilities of each of the other team members which remain unchanged: Chris Edmondson for Roadway Lead and Todd Hill for Environmental Lead.

**Kevin VanHouten** requested that CHA submit a formal letter of notification for the change in Project Manager. Tom Karis agreed to prepare and submit the notification letter addressed to Kevin VanHouten.

Mr. VanHouten provided the CHA team with the project schedule that had been updated January 1, 2015 and initiated discussion of the upcoming milestone dates. Concept Team Meeting is currently scheduled for July 1, 2015 on the baseline schedule; however, there is some flexibility with the schedule.

**Kevin Kahle** discussed the ongoing database development activities. Field surveys were nearly complete and development of the electronic Microstation survey files was underway. Kevin VanHouten indicated that GDOT typically performs some degree of verification of the survey database and requested that the QC/QA flowchart on the ROADS website be consulted prior to submission of the survey control package.

**Tod Hill** discussed the schedule for upcoming environmental work. He stated that early coordination letters had already been mailed. Ecology and History Survey fieldwork would occur at the end of March and

Aquatic Survey would be performed late April to mid-May. GT Hill will provide CHA with identified environmental resources including wetlands and streams to CHA by mid-May. Tod anticipates a NEPA Categorical Exclusion.

**Kevin Kahle** requested the Project Justification Statement (PJS) from Kevin VanHouten. Mr. VanHouten located an electronic copy of the PJS and provided to Mr. Kahle via e-mail. The PJS was reviewed by the attendees and discussed briefly. Per the PJS, the existing bridge over Rum Creek was designed for a truck that is below current design standards and recommends complete replacement to eliminate the posted limits.

After reviewing/discussing the PJS, Kevin Kahle requested confirmation that the existing traffic volume, projected traffic volume, and crash data would be provided by GDOT per the project scope of services. Kevin VanHouten confirmed this was the case and indicated he would request these items be developed by GDOT and provided to CHA.

#### **CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION:**

After the project roles, responsibilities, and schedule were discussed, there was a discussion regarding Concept Development and potential concept alternatives. There was general consensus that the key factor in determination of the preferred alternative would be use of an offsite versus an on-site detour to facilitate replacement of the bridge. Kevin VanHouten indicated that staff with Henry County government had expressed opposition to use of an offsite detour during construction. Mr. VanHouten stated that the current position of the Department was that maintaining traffic on Blackhall Road for the duration of construction with an on-site detour was not warranted by the detour length and traffic volumes. CHA agreed to investigate both onsite and offsite detour concept alternates and the associated costs, construction duration, and environmental impacts. It was agreed that a Detour Meeting would be required if the preferred concept alternate included an offsite detour.

**Kevin Kahle** asked if the abbreviated Concept Report format per Appendix A-2 of the GDOT PDP would be appropriate considering the limited scope of the off-system bridge replacement project. Kevin VanHouten replied that use of the Limited Scope Concept Report would be acceptable.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Kevin VanHouten stated that in a prior conversation with Terry McMickle of Henry County Terry had indicated MS4 would not be required for this bridge replacement project.

CHA will contact and coordinate with the Lake Spivey Civic Association regarding operation of the Lake Spivey Dam and any potential impacts that should be considered/avoided by the proposed project.

Kevin VanHouten requested CHA send e-mail notifications whenever submitting invoices electronically via CMIS.

**The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

CHA will provide Kevin VanHouten with a notification letter regarding the change in Project Manager.

Kevin VanHouten will create a template cost estimate in CES to enable CHA to begin generating concept cost estimates.

Kevin VanHouten will submit requests for the traffic and accident data with the appropriate GDOT Offices.

Tod Hill to provide CHA with identified resources by mid-May to facilitate concept development.

**This Meeting Summary is intended to be an accurate record of key points, topics and discussions that were held during the meeting.**



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Kevin J. Kahle, P.E.  
Project Manager

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## CONCEPT TEAM MEETING MINUTES

### BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON CR 661/BLACKHALL ROAD @ RUM CREEK PROJECT PI No. 0011691 HENRY COUNTY

**DATE/TIME:** July 22, 2015 at 10:30 AM

**CHA FILE:** 29323

**LOCATION:** Georgia Department of Transportation  
District 3 Office  
115 Transportation Boulevard  
Thomaston, GA 30286

#### ATTENDEES:

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#### REVIEW COMMENTS VIA E-MAIL BY:

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#### INTRODUCTIONS:

**Kevin VanHouten** opened the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves.

#### SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION POINTS:

The meeting began after introductions of the attendees.

**Kevin Kahle** began the meeting by discussing the Project Justification Statement which had been developed by Clayton Bennett in the Bridge Maintenance Office. The PJS indicates the design vehicle used for the design of the existing bridge is below the current standard. He briefly described the project location, environs, posted speed limit, dimensions and condition of existing bridge, and projects located in the vicinity



of the proposed project. Mr. Kahle also discussed the vertical roadway alignment, which consists of a substandard sag-vertical curve in which the existing bridge is located.

Mr. Kahle provided a brief background of prior meetings and coordination which had occurred:

- A project kickoff meeting was held with Kevin VanHouten at the District 3 Office on February 6, 2015. At that meeting potential concept alternatives were discussed. It was agreed that both on-site and off-site detour alternatives would be investigated.
- On March 24, 2015 CHA met with the dam manager for the Lake Spivey Civic Association, Mr. Brent Benedetti, regarding operation of the dam.
- CHA discussed bus routes on Blackhall Road with the Henry County School System in May. Henry County indicated approximately 20 bus routes utilize Blackhall Road.
- CHA also notified Georgia Safe Dams regarding the project and visited their offices for a review of the Lake Spivey Dam file.

**Tod Hill** provided the group an overview of the environmental survey work performed and the resources identified within the project corridor:

- All screens have been completed with the exception of archaeology.
- Ten different water resources were identified: 5 streams, 4 wetlands, and 1 open water
- Aquatic Survey has been completed with no protected species identified.
- Two historic resources were identified on the southern boundary of the project (one eligible and one not-eligible). Neither resource should not be affected by the project.
- No noise issues should occur unless alignment is shifted.
- The habitat for two protected plant species was identified within the project Area of Effect.
- Based on the testimony of an individual knowledgeable in the area's history, a cemetery may be located in the vicinity of the proposed project. To date the cemetery has not been located. Archaeological studies will further investigate/research the presence of any potential cemeteries.

Mr. Hill briefly discussed his recommendations for public involvement associated with any off-site detour.

**Aaron Burgess** with OES inquired of the existence of a floodway. Kevin Kahle replied that the stream reach at the Blackhall Road over Rum Creek bridge does include a FEMA regulatory floodway and a "No-Rise" certification would be achieved with an extended bridge length.

Mr. Burgess initiated a discussion of the Project Justification Statement, inquiring about the volume and types of trucks which exceed the bridge's posted limits. He asked if there were local industries/stakeholders which generate truck traffic that utilizes or would utilize Blackhall Road and stated that the issue of truck traffic would need to be addressed by the environmental document.

**Kevin Kahle** introduced and briefly discussed each of the concept Alternatives included in the Draft Concept Report:

- Alternative 1A – Bridge Reconstruction on Existing Alignment with Offsite Detour
- Alternative 1B – Bridge Reconstruction on Existing Alignment with Onsite Detour to the West
- Alternative 1C – Bridge Reconstruction on Existing Alignment with Onsite Detour to the East
- Alternative 1D – Bridge Reconstruction – Realignment to the West
- Alternative 2 – Bridge Rehabilitation
- No-Build Alternative

Environmental impacts, right-of-way and easement requirements, maintenance of traffic, proposed replacement and temporary bridge lengths, and estimated project costs were discussed for each of the Alternatives. Alternative 1A (Bridge Reconstruction on Existing Alignment with Offsite Detour) is currently recommended as the Preferred Alternative due to the lower project costs and environmental impacts. Alternative 1D (Bridge Reconstruction with Permanent Realignment to the West) which requires an additional \$500,000 in project costs over Alternative 1A, is the most preferred of the Alternatives where traffic is maintained onsite.

**Jeff Franklin** stated that Alternative 1D is desirable from a ROW and coordination perspective as there would be just one property owner to negotiate with. There was a brief discussion regarding ROW acquisition with an HOA entity like Lake Spivey Civic Association. It was suggested that Lake Spivey Civic Association might be open to donating the required ROW.

**Aaron Burgess** recommends a stakeholder meeting be held with stakeholders like Lake Spivey Civic Association. Kevin VanHouten stated that he had contacted Henry County to solicit their input on the Alternatives contained in the Draft Concept Report and the potential use of an offsite detour during reconstruction of the bridge. He would follow-up with Henry County regarding the matter. Tod Hill recommended targeted outreach to other neighborhoods/HOA's in the vicinity of the project. It was generally agreed that the stakeholder meeting would be held prior to PIOH.

#### **ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVE 1D:**

**Krystal Stovall-Dixon** asked about potential impacts to the Lake Spivey dam associated with Alternative 1D (realignment towards the dam). Kevin Kahle responded that impacts to the dam were not anticipated.

**Kevin VanHouten** inquired about the allowance of adequate area for a crane during construction of the bridge. The spillway which generally parallels Blackhall Road may be impacted. Kevin Kahle responded that it might be possible to erect the bridge with the crane located behind the abutments through the use of a launching truss and/or two cranes.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**Tod Hill** was asked to rank the environmental impacts of the Alternatives. Mr. Hill indicated that Alternative 1A has the least impacts and Alternative 1D has the most, but noted that the impacts for all of the Alternatives examined are relatively minor. All Alternatives would require a 404 permit and stream buffer variance. Kevin Kahle made the point that all Alternatives are below the mitigation threshold.

**Aaron Burgess** inquired on the status of UST's. Tod Hill replied that an EDR report indicated no UST's within the project limits.

**Adam Smith** suggested use of 11 foot lanes in the proposed typical section to match the existing 11 foot lane width. Kevin Kahle and Chris Edmondson agreed that 11 foot lanes would be proposed.

It was generally agreed that a constructability meeting would be held after PFPR.

**Scott Parker** indicated relocation of approximately 2300 feet of a Georgia Power line would be required and would be a reimbursable cost of \$200,000. The total non-reimbursable cost was estimated at \$430,000. Mr. Parker indicated realignment to the west (towards the dam) would impact less utilities than a realignment to the east.

**David English** expressed concern for the adjacent roundabout project proposed at the south end of Blackhall road and stated that it would be preferable to maintain traffic onsite rather the offsite detour.

It was agreed that Alternative 1A (Bridge Reconstruction on Existing Alignment with Offsite Detour) would remain the Preferred Alternative until the Stakeholder Meeting is held in August.

#### COMMENTS VIA E-MAIL:

Kim Phillips provided the following comments via e-mail to Kevin VanHouten on July 16, 2015:

- *Please sure the submitting party signs the report.*
- *Please check the PI# on the cover*
- *Please check your wording why replace with in-kind bridge when it is obsolete? Why not replace the bridge with a suitable bridge which meets current GDOT standards.*
- *Please clarify at least the road names and creek at the project site the ones there are in small blurry font.*
- *When submitting for approval, please be sure the watermarks are removed.*
- *Be sure the Traffic Analysis section approves/provides the traffic.*
- *Please use the new format.*
- *Are any contingencies included? The note under the cost table does not indicate it.*
- *Should the Georgia Safety Dam Program being included in the coordination section?*
- *The TMP question was not answered. Is the project using federal funds?*
- *Please be sure to complete all applicable sections of the most current template.*
- *Is the ROW width documented wide enough for the footprint of the proposed bridge work?*
- *An ROW estimate approved by GDOT is needed.*
- *A utility estimate is needed.*
- *Is a mitigation cost support document needed?*
- *Please be sure to fill out the cost and alternative tables with accurate costs.*
- *Fyi – for an offsite detour - a detour/road request will be needed.*
- *Any grooving?*
- *E&I?*

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- Utilities to submit utility cost estimates to Kevin VanHouten.
- CHA to provide Kevin VanHouten with the revised Concept Report by August 10<sup>th</sup> for an August 14<sup>th</sup> submission.
- Kevin VanHouten to work towards setting up a Stakeholder Meeting for the third week of August. Adam Smith indicated a desire to attend the Stakeholder Meeting. It was generally agreed that just one Stakeholder Meeting would be held.
- CHA to submit the survey database for QA/QC prior to the September deadline.
- Tod Hill to investigate truck traffic for Need and Purpose statement.

- CHA and GT Hill will prepare for and participate in the PIOH held in November using the current Concept layouts.

**A “CRAFT” (Comprehensive Risk Assessment for Transportation) was conducted immediately following the formal Concept Team Meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 AM.**

**This Meeting Summary is intended to be an accurate record of key points, topics and discussions that were held during the meeting.**



Kevin J. Kahle, P.E.  
Project Manager

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## GT HILL PLANNERS

### **Meeting Minutes/Summary:**

Meeting Subject: CR 661/Blackhall Road at Rum Creek Bridge Replacement Project, Stakeholder Meeting

Meeting Attendees: Terry McMickle, Henry County  
Rocky Romero, Henry County  
Capt. Chuck Simmons  
Krystal Stovall-Dixon, GDOT  
Kevin Vanhouten, GDOT  
Kimberly Larson, GDOT  
Chris Edmondson, CHA  
Kevin Kahle CHA  
Justina Everhart, GT Hill Planners  
Lindsay Renaud, GT Hill Planners  
Todd Hill, GT Hill Planners  
Project area representatives (approx. 8)

Meeting Location: Red Oak Elementary School, Stockbridge, GA

Meeting Time: 6:30 pm, September 1, 2015

Prepared By: Todd Hill, GT Hill Planners

Prior to the meeting an invite letter was mailed to a list of identified stakeholders consisting of representatives from local schools, neighborhoods, churches, emergency service providers, community facilities, and municipal officials. A total of 40 invitations were either mailed or emailed (See Attachment A).

#### **Summary:**

Meeting attendees began arriving at approximately 6:30 pm, and were provided with a brief meeting agenda and a handout containing the original invitation letter, a project description, a comment card, and concept layouts of the four potential project alternatives (Attachment B).

- Kevin Vanhouten began the formal portion of the meeting at approximately 6:45 pm with introductions of the project and the project team.
- Kevin Kahle then walked through a description of each of the four alternatives noting the key features of each of the alternatives including the time to construct, the approximate area of right-of-way needed, and the required construction time frame. It was noted that Alternative 1A was the only one that would require an offsite detour.

- Todd Hill briefly described the required environmental process associated with a federally funded project and identified the approximate environmental impacts associated with each of the four alternatives. It was noted that Alternative IA had the least impact to environmental resources since it maximizes the use of the existing disturbed roadway corridor.
- Because of the small number of attendees an open discussion was held after the formal presentation. Some of the issues discussed included concern that closing the roadway during construction, as proposed in Alternative IA, would overload the capacity of the surrounding roadway network. Some attendees were concerned that Alternative ID would potentially impact the Lake Spivey Dam.
- At the conclusion of the discussion attendees were reminded to participate in the mapping exercise to identify their common destinations by placing a marker at their start location and a marker at their destination(s). Four people completed the exercise and the results showed that two people would be directly impacted by an offsite detour creating a longer trip and two people would not be impacted by the off-site detour since their destination could be accessed just as easily by an alternate route.
- Attendees were reminded to fill out their comment cards and deposit in the comment box or to mail it back to the address noted at the bottom of the comment card.

At the end of the comment period following the meeting a total of ~~15~~<sup>16</sup> comments had been received (Attachment C). The following is a brief summary of the comment responses:

**Identified Alternative IA as the preferred** - Seven comments noted a preference for this alternative because it would have the least disturbance, has the lowest construction cost, has least impact to Lake Spivey, and has the shortest construction time frame.

**Identified Alternative IB as the preferred** - Six comments noted a preference for this alternative because it would have the least impact to Lake Spivey, and would not shut down the existing road.

**Identified Alternative ID as the preferred** - ~~Two~~<sup>Three</sup> comments noted a preference for this alternative because it is the least expensive without a detour, and it does not require a temporary bridge.

**Attachment A**  
**Stakeholder List and Invite Letter**

## Potential Stakeholders- Rum Creek Bridge Replacement, Henry County GA

### 1. Schools

- a. Mount Zion Elementary
  - i. Principal: Rochelle Harris
  - ii. Ass. Principal: Wendell Span
  - iii. Phone: 770-968-2935
  - iv. 2984 Mt. Zion Road, Jonesboro, GA, 03236
- b. Pate's Creek Elementary
  - i. Principal: Dr. Cynthia McCray
  - ii. Ass. Principal: Crystal Shaw
  - iii. Phone: 770-389-8819
  - iv. 1309 Jodeco Road, Stockbridge, GA, 30281
- c. MD Roberts Middle School
  - i. Principal:
  - ii. Ass. Principal:
  - iii. Phone:
  - iv. 1905 Walt Stephens Road, Jonesboro, GA 30236
- d. Red Oak Elementary
  - i. Principal: Dr. Robinzine
  - ii. Ass. Principal: Dr. Deas
  - iii. Phone: 770-389-1464
  - iv. 175 Monarch Village Way, Stockbridge, GA, 30281
- e. Community Christian School
  - i. Headmaster: Fred Banke
  - ii. Phone: 678-432-0191
  - iii. 2001 Jodeco Road, Stockbridge, GA, 30281

### 2. Neighborhoods

- a. Falling Waters Community Association
  - i. President : Lewis Dawson
  - ii. Vice President: KK Sharma
  - iii. Phone: None listed
  - iv. Falling Waters Community Association  
PO Box 2454  
Stockbridge, Georgia 30281
- b. Lost Valley Homeowners Association
  - i. President: Keith W. Harris, Phone: 404-557-8818, Email: [kharris@bhws.com](mailto:kharris@bhws.com)
  - ii. Vice President: Nancy Lucas, Phone: 770-210-9858, Email: [casadelucas@comcast.net](mailto:casadelucas@comcast.net)
  - iii. 3449 Lost Valley Drive  
Lake Spivey, GA 30236
- c. Wyngate Enclave and Lakeside
  - i. President:

- ii. Community Association Management, LLC  
101 Devant Street Suites 904 & 905 P.O. Box 143089, Fayetteville, GA 30214
    - iii. Phone: (770) 692-0152
  - d. Bay view on Lake Spivey Home owners
    - i. President : Dave Wyane
    - ii. Vice President: Danny Philips
    - iii. Phone: 404-593-6693
  - e. The Landings on Lake Spivey
    - i. President : Todd Schmidt – [tasdoc@mac.com](mailto:tasdoc@mac.com)
    - ii. VP: Kerry Williams
  - f. Emerald on Lake Spivey
    - i. Jerry griffin – [emeraldgriffin@lakespivey.org](mailto:emeraldgriffin@lakespivey.org)
    - ii. Bob Nash – [emeraldnash@lakespivey.org](mailto:emeraldnash@lakespivey.org)
  - g. Edgewater on Lake Spivey  
Raymond Baggarly  
[Edgewater.northshore@lakespivey.org](mailto:Edgewater.northshore@lakespivey.org)
  - h. Forrest Estates on Lake Spivey
    - i. Pres: Dave Holmes – 770-250-5813 – [holmes2140@gmail.com](mailto:holmes2140@gmail.com)
  - i. North Shore on Lake Spivey
    - i. Raymond Baggarly – 678-438-3900 – [edgewater.northshore@lakespivey.org](mailto:edgewater.northshore@lakespivey.org)
    - ii. Wesley Hargrave – 770-471-2162 - [edgewater.northshore.hargrave@lakespivey.org](mailto:edgewater.northshore.hargrave@lakespivey.org)
  - j. South Bay on Lake Spivey
    - i. Michael Garrison – [southbay@lakespivey.org](mailto:southbay@lakespivey.org)
  - k. Monarch Village Home Owners Association
    - i. Subdivision services
      - 1. 678-284-0244
      - 2. [info@subdivisionservices.com](mailto:info@subdivisionservices.com)
    - ii.
- 3. Churches
  - i. Greater Works Baptist Church
    - 1. Pastor: Rev. Robert L. Burton
    - 2. 3296 Walt Stephens Rd, Jonesboro, GA 30236
    - 3. (770) 472-4338
  - ii. Red Oak United Methodist
    - 1. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jaqueline D. Rose-Tucker
    - 2. 3894 Walt Stephens Rd., Stockbridge, GA 30281
    - 3. Phone: (770) 474-8863
  - iii. Trinity Baptist Church
    - 1. Pastor: Robert Willy
    - 2. Associate Pastor: Jeff Holcomb
    - 3. Phone: (*church office*) (770) 478 – 7133
    - 4. 3057 Walt Stephens Rd, Jonesboro, GA 30236

- iv. Charity Baptist Fellowship
    - 1. 9181 Floyd Road, Jonesboro, GA 30236
    - 2. Phone: 770-210-9684
    - 3. Pastors: Dr. Michael D. Scott and Chuck Scott
  - v. People of God's Choice Church
    - 1. 3359 Jodeco Road, Suite F, Jonesboro, GA, 30236
    - 2. Phone: 770-473-7799
    - 3. Pastor: Andre D. Watson
  - vi. Calvary Harvest Baptist Church
    - 1. 3621 Jodeco Road, Jonesboro, GA, 30236
    - 2. Pastor: Dr. Craig L. Bennet
    - 3. Phone: 678-267-2728
  - vii. Eagle Heights Baptist Church
    - 1. 3621 Jodeco Rd, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236
    - 2. Phone: (770) 507-1948
    - 3. No Pastor listed
4. Hospitals
- i. Children's at Hudson Bridge
    - 1. 1510 Hudson Bridge Road  
Stockbridge, GA 30281-5020
    - 2. 404-785-8660
  - ii. Piedmont Henry Hospital
    - 1. 1133 Eagles Landing Pkwy, Stockbridge, GA 30281
    - 2. (678) 604-1000
5. Police
- i. Clayton County Police Department
    - 1. 7911 N McDonough St, Jonesboro, GA 30236
    - 2. Deputy Chief Micahel J. Rehister – Field operations Command
      - a. 770-477-3798
    - 3. Deputy Chief Gina V. Hawkins – Support Services Command
      - a. 770-477-3630
  - ii. Jonesboro Police Department
    - 1. 170 S Main St, Jonesboro GA 30236
    - 2. Ph: (770)-478-7407
    - 3. Chief Allen @ [fallen@jonesboroga.com](mailto:fallen@jonesboroga.com)
6. Fire Department
- i. Henry County Fire Department, Station #9,
    - 1. 122 Rock Quarry Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281
    - 2. (770) 288-6600 (General Number – not for fire station #9)
7. Other
- a. Lake Spivey Civic Association
    - i. Pres: John Westervelt – [president@lakespivey.org](mailto:president@lakespivey.org)
  - b. Noah's Ark Day Care and Learning Center
    - i. 141 Holloway Rd, McDonough, GA 30253

- ii. 678-583-1691
  - c. Autumn Leaves Assisted living community
    - i. 770-376-6753
    - ii. 100 Monarch Village Way, Stockbridge, GA 30281
    - iii. Chief Operating officer – Joseph E. Jamson
- 8. Municipal Officials
  - a. Cheri Mathews – County Manager- 140 Henry Parkway McDonough, GA 30281
  - b. Brian Preston – District 2 Commissioner- 140 Henry Parkway McDonough, GA 30281
  - c. Bruce Holmes – District 5 Commissioner- 140 Henry Parkway McDonough, GA 30281
  - d. Tommy Smith –Commission Chairman- 140 Henry Parkway McDonough, GA 30281
  - e. Roque Romero – Splost Transportation Manager- 112 Zack Hinton Pkwy McDonough, GA 30253
  - f. Terry McMickle – H C Dot Director- 533 Hampton Rd McDonough, GA 30253
  - g. Keith Nichols – Chief H C Police- 108 S. Zack Hinton Pkwy McDonough, GA 30253
  - h. Don Ash – 911/EMA Director- 526 Industrial Blvd McDonough, GA 30253

**Attachment B**  
**Stakeholder Meeting Handout**



## **Agenda**

**Georgia Department of Transportation Stakeholder Meeting  
for  
CR 661 Blackhall Road Bridge Replacement at Rum Creek**

6:30-6:45 Stakeholder review of displays

6:45-6:50 Welcome and GDOT Team introductions

6:50-7:15 Presentation of Project Alternatives

7:15-8:00 Questions and completion of travel mapping exercise



August 24, 2015

To: Distribution List

Re: Bridge Replacement on CR 661/Blackhall Road at Rum Creek  
PI No. 0011691, Henry County  
Project Stakeholder Meeting

Dear Project Stakeholders,

The Georgia Department of Transportation (Department) and Henry County are currently developing plans to replace the existing bridge on Blackhall Road over Rum Creek, just east of Lake Spivey (see attached Project Location Map).

As we continue to evaluate design options for this bridge replacement project we would like to take this opportunity to meet with the residents that are located in the immediate area of the proposed project and those who use this bridge as part of their everyday travels to discuss the project. More specifically, we would like to discuss the project design concepts and the associated construction detour options that are currently under evaluation. The Department is committed to keeping the public informed about this important project, and would appreciate your input into the continued project development.

The Department will be hosting a project stakeholder meeting on **September 1, 2015 from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Red Oak Elementary School located at 175 Monarch Village Way, Stockbridge, GA 30281**. Beginning promptly at 6:45 PM, a short presentation about the project will be provided by the Department's engineering consultant. After the presentation, representatives from the Department, Henry County, and the engineering consultant will be available to discuss the project and answer your questions. We hope that you will take this opportunity to learn about the ongoing project development and to discuss the project with these representatives. The Department looks forward to any comments you may have regarding the Blackhall Road Bridge replacement project. If you are unable to attend the meeting we hope that you will take a few minutes and record your comments on the attached comment form and return them to the address on the form. Please also feel free to discuss this meeting with and invite other individuals you think may be interested in attending.

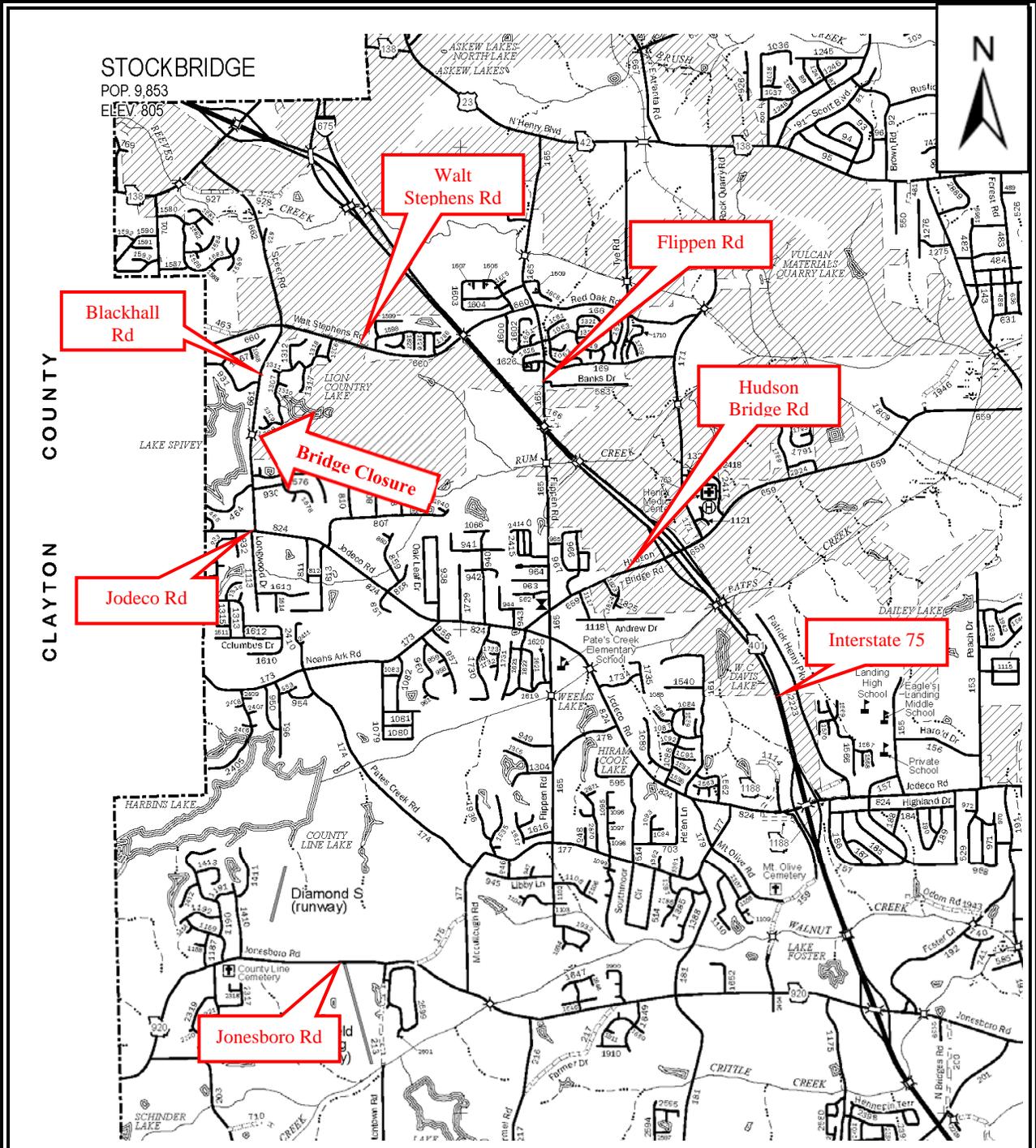
If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact Kevin VanHouten at 706-646-7557 ([kvanhouten@dot.ga.gov](mailto:kvanhouten@dot.ga.gov)) at the Georgia Department of Transportation District Three Office.

Sincerely,

*Albert Shelby*

Albert V. Shelby, III  
State Program Delivery Engineer

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**Project Location Map**  
 CR 661/Blackhall Rd at Rum Creek  
 3 Miles SW of Stockbridge  
 PI #0011691  
 Henry County, GA



## STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

### BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON CR 661/BLACHALL ROAD @ RUM CREEK PROJECT PI No. 0011691 HENRY COUNTY

**DATE/TIME:** September 1, 2015 at 6:30 to 8:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Red Oak Elementary School  
175 Monarch Village Way  
Stockbridge, GA 30281

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

The existing 108-foot long by 32-foot wide concrete bridge on CR 661/Blackhall Road at Rum Creek was constructed in 1961 and does not meet current minimum bridge width and truck loading design requirements, and currently has posted load limits which restrict the types of trucks that can use Blackhall Road. Additionally, the bridge is located in a deep sag in the road which limits driver sight distance at night.

The project proposes to remove/replace the existing bridge on Blackhall Road over Rum Creek with a reinforced concrete bridge that meets current bridge design requirements. The new bridge would be wider, with additional shoulder width, and longer, to improve the flow of Rum Creek beneath Blackhall Road. The project would also make improvements to the roadway on the north and south approaches to the reconstructed bridge.

#### PROJECT CONCEPTS:

A total of four design alternatives which meet the project purpose of replacing the deficient bridge on Blackhall Road at Rum Creek have been developed and are identified as Alternative 1A, Alternative 1B, Alternative 1C, and Alternative 1D. The following is a brief description of each alternative under consideration:

**Alternative 1A** – This Alternative proposes to remove and reconstruct the bridge over Rum Creek and portions of Blackhall Road by closing Blackhall Road and detouring traffic to a 5.8 mile offsite detour for the duration of construction, a period of approximately 12 months. The replacement bridge would be wider as well as longer and would be constructed in the same location as the existing bridge. The roadway on both sides of the replacement bridge would also be raised to improve the sight distance/visibility at night.

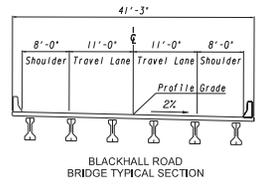
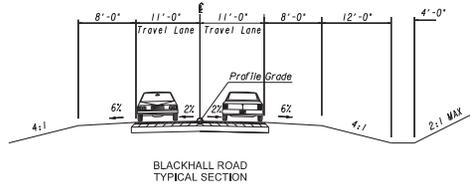
The proposed detour route, at 5.8 miles, is the shortest route identified. The detour of traffic from Blackhall Road would route traffic east on Jodeco Road (2-lane), traveling approximately 1.9 miles east to Hudson Bridge Road (4-lane) and then a short 1000 foot jog along Hudson Bridge Road before turning left on to Flippen Road (2-lane). Detour traffic would travel approximately 2 miles on Flippen Road to Walt Stephens Road (2 lane). On Walt Stephens Road vehicles would travel 1.7 miles west back to Blackhall Road for a total detour length of 5.8 miles.

It is estimated that a portion of seven properties would be impacted to reconstruct the bridge using this Alternative and the time to construct Alternative 1A would be approximately 12 months. The estimated cost of this Alternative is \$3,250,000.

**Alternative 1B** – This Alternative proposes to remove and reconstruct the bridge over Rum Creek and portions of Blackhall Road by maintaining traffic on site through the use of a temporary road and bridge constructed on the west side (the Lake Spivey Dam side of the road) of the existing bridge and Blackhall Road. Construction would begin by first constructing a temporary road/bridge west of the existing road and bridge. Once complete, traffic would be moved from the existing road and bridge to the temporary road and bridge. With traffic safely moved to the temporary roadway/bridge, the existing bridge would be demolished and reconstructed in its current location. Once construction of the replacement bridge is complete, traffic would be shifted back to the permanent replacement bridge and the temporary bridge and pavement would be removed and the site restored. An offsite detour would not be required with this Alternative. It is estimated that eight properties would be impacted with Alternative 1B and construction would take approximately 18 months. The estimated cost of this Alternative is \$4,600,000.

**Alternative 1C** – Alternative 1C is similar to Alternative 1B in that it proposes to remove and reconstruct the bridge over Rum Creek and portions of Blackhall Road by maintaining traffic on site through the use of a temporary road and bridge. The difference with Alternative 1C is that the temporary road and bridge would be constructed on the east side of Blackhall Road, which is the side downstream of the existing bridge. Construction would begin by first constructing a temporary paved road and bridge east of Blackhall Road. Traffic would then be shifted to the temporary alignment and the existing bridge would be demolished and reconstructed in its current location, similar to Alternative 1B. Once the replacement bridge was complete, traffic would be shifted back to the permanent replacement bridge and the temporary bridge and pavement would be removed and the site restored. An offsite detour would not be required with this Alternative. It is estimated that portions of eight properties, located primarily on the east side of Blackhall Road, would be impacted with Alternative 1C and construction would take approximately 18 months. The estimated cost of this Alternative is \$4,965,000.

**Alternative 1D** – This Alternative proposes to maintain traffic on the existing Blackhall Road over Rum Creek bridge while a new road and concrete replacement bridge are constructed immediately to the west of the existing road and bridge. To clarify, the new permanent road and bridge would be constructed on the Lake Spivey side of Blackhall Road. It is estimated the replacement bridge would be approximately 100 feet longer than the existing bridge over Rum Creek. Once construction of the new road and bridge is complete, traffic would be shifted from the existing bridge to the new bridge. With traffic on the new bridge, both the old road and bridge would be demolished, the existing roadway embankments removed, and the site regraded and restored. An offsite detour would not be required with this Alternative. It is estimated that one property, the Lake Spivey Civic Association property, would be impacted with Alternative 1D and construction would take approximately 18 months. The estimated cost of this Alternative is \$3,760,000.



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**CR661 / BLACKHALL RD.**  
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**CONCEPT LAYOUT - ALT. 1A**  
**OFFSITE DETOUR**

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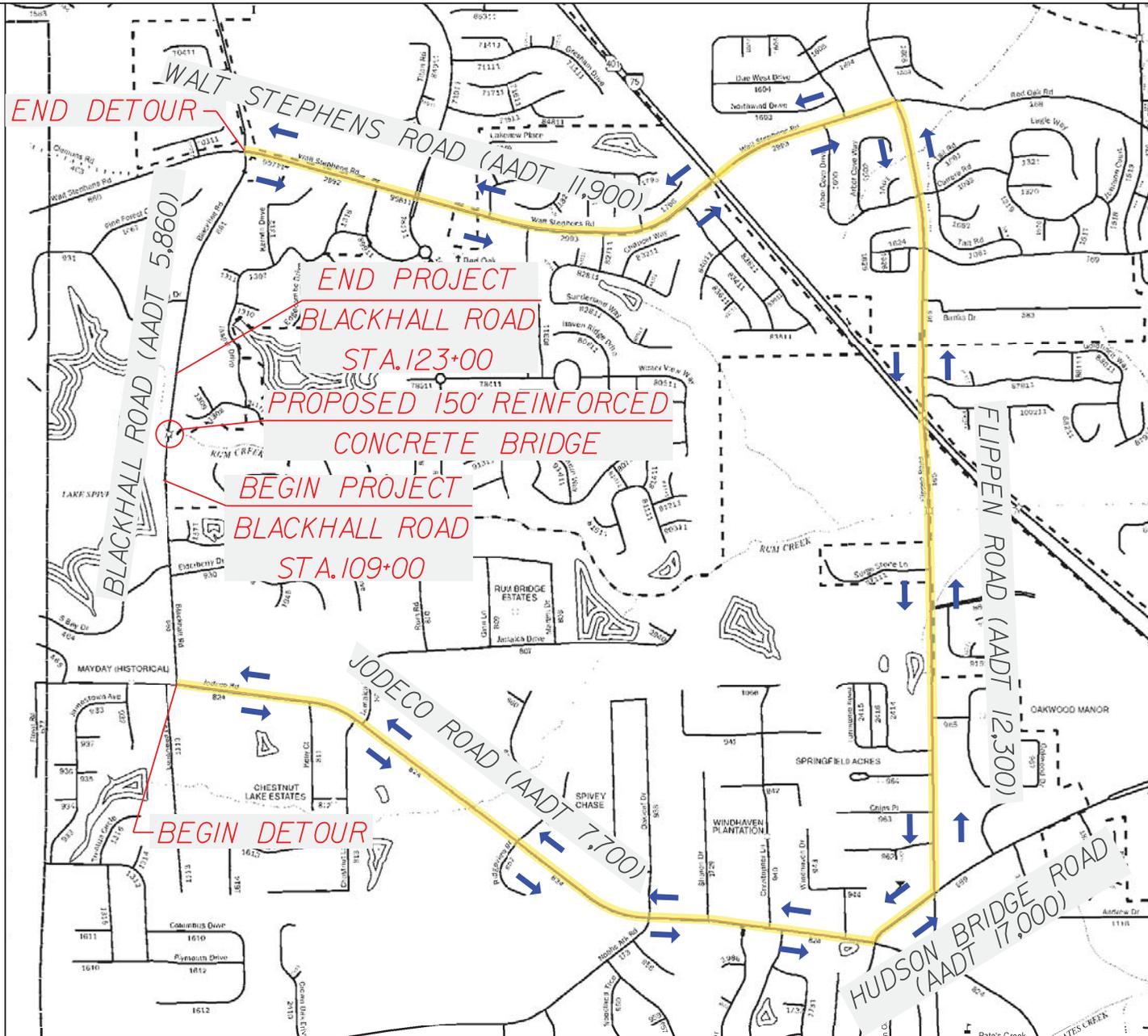
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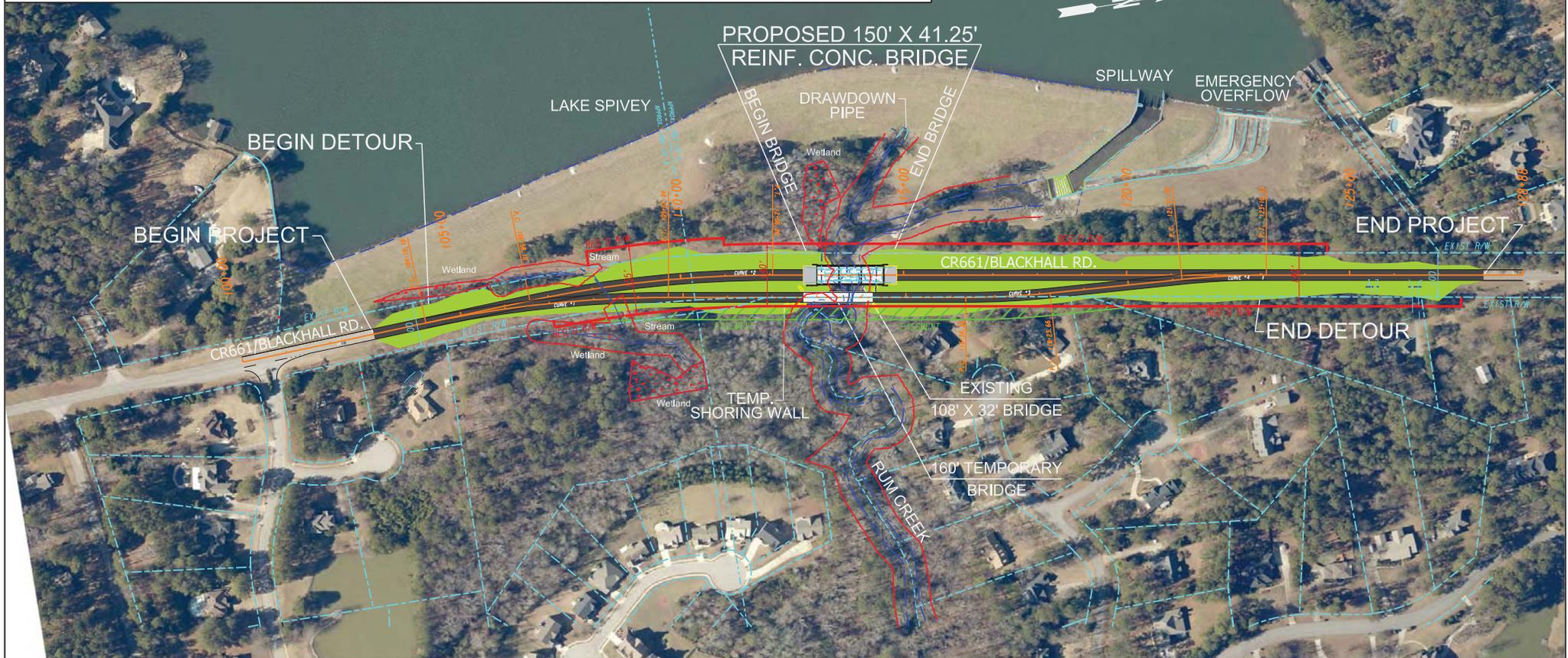
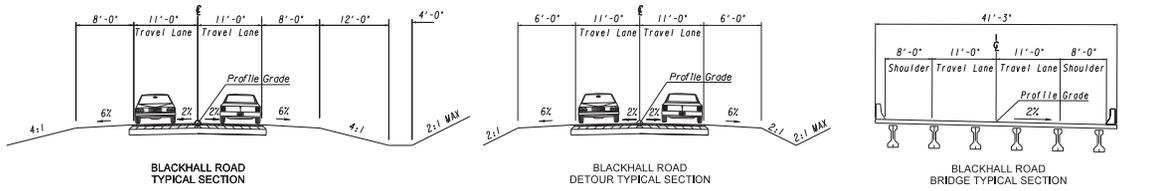


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# DETOUR PLAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON CR661/ BLACKHALL RD





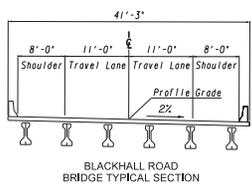
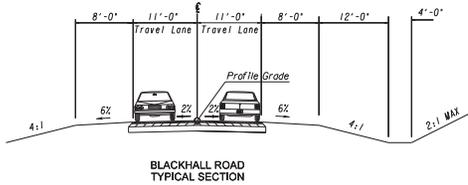


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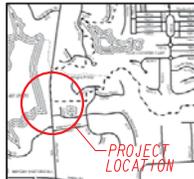


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 CONCEPT LAYOUT - ALT. 1C  
 DOWNSTREAM DETOUR**



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**CONCEPT LAYOUT - ALT. 1D**  
**PERMANENT REALIGNMENT**

**Georgia Department of Transportation**  
**Stake Holder Meeting Comment Card**  
Bridge Replacement, CR 661 Blackhall Road at Rum Creek ,  
Henry County, P.I. No. 0011691

*Please print responses.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A  Alt 1B  Alt. 1C  Alt. 1D )**

**Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about this meeting?**       *Letter*       *Word of Mouth*       *Other*

\_\_\_\_\_

**Was the location of the meeting 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.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please share your suggestions on improving the way GDOT conducts public outreach.**

\_\_\_\_\_

**It is requested that comment forms be returned to GDOT no later than September 14, 2015**

**Mail To:**  
**Mr. Albert V. Shelby III, State Program Delivery Engineer**  
**Georgia Department of Transportation**  
**600 W. Peachtree Street, NW**  
**Atlanta, Georgia 30308**

**Attachment C**  
**Comment Cards**

Georgia Department of Transportation

Stake Holder Meeting Comment Card

Bridge Replacement, CR 661 Blackhall Road at Rum Creek ,

Henry County, P.I. No. 0011691

Please print responses.

Name George Abernathy  
Address 3314 South Bay Drive  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A  Alt 1B  Alt. 1C  Alt. 1D )

Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative

- Does NOT shut down road for 12 months
- Does NOT impact the Falling Waters homeowners
- Temporary bridge on H.O.'s property

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives

- CANNOT shut down ROAD

How did you hear about this meeting?  Letter  Word of Mouth  Other email from Lake Spivey H.O.A.

Was the location of the meeting 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.

Please share your suggestions on improving the way GDOT conducts public outreach.

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Henry County, P.I. No. 0011691

Please print responses.

Name BRENT BENEDETTI

Address 3301 BAY VIEW DR  
LAKE SPIVEY, GA 30236

Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A  Alt 1B  Alt. 1C  Alt. 1D )

Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative

LESS PERMANENT IMPACT TO LAKE SPIVEY SPILLWAY

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives

How did you hear about this meeting?  Letter  Word of Mouth  Other

KEVIN KAHLER

Was the location of the meeting 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

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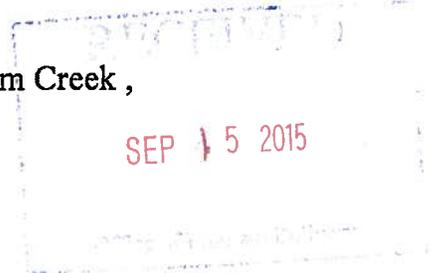
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Please print responses.

Name DON & JENNI BONURA
Address 2019 PINE FOREST CT
LAKE SPIVEY, GA 30236

Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A [X] Alt 1B [ ] Alt. 1C [ ] Alt. 1D [ ])

Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative
LOWEST COST, BEST USE OF OUR TAX DOLLARS.

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives

IB, IC ARE BOTH TOO EXPENSIVE.
I AM OPEN TO ID AS THE 2ND CHEAPEST ALTERNATIVE

How did you hear about this meeting? [ ] Letter [ ] Word of Mouth [X] Other
EMAIL FROM OUR HOA

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? [X] 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? [X] Yes [ ] No

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you.

Please share your suggestions on improving the way GDOT conducts public outreach.

WELL DONE - WE APPRECIATE YOU ASKING FOR COMMENTS.

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*Please print responses.*

Name Yashasvini Desai  
Address 3420 Lost Valley Drive  
Lake Spivey, GA 30236

Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A  Alt 1B  Alt. 1C  Alt. 1D )

Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative

Option A is clearly the quickest and cheapest way to implement a solution.  
While 12 mos of traffic disruption is never convenient, it should be  
noted that there are other alternate routes not noted in the proposal.

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives

How did you hear about this meeting?  Letter  Word of Mouth  Other

Was the location of the meeting 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.

Please share your suggestions on improving the way GDOT conducts public outreach.

An online form would be very convenient.

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Please print responses.

Name Alfonso Fernandez  
Address 3493 Lost Valley Dr  
Jonesboro GA 30236

Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A  Alt. 1B  Alt. 1C  Alt. 1D )

Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative

(1A) less expense to build, less time to build,  
No long term use of LSCA dam property,  
No properties disrupted during the building of bridge.

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives

How did you hear about this meeting?  Letter  Word of Mouth  Other

Was the location of the meeting 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.

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Please print responses.

Name MICHAEL GARRISON

Address 3840 S BAY DR  
LAKE SPIVEY, GA

Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A  Alt 1B  Alt. 1C  Alt. 1D )

Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative

① DETOUR HAS IMPACT ON MY <sup>DAILY</sup> COMMUTE TO WORK,  
MY FAMILY'S DAILY COMMUTE TO SCHOOL, & TO SHOPPING  
② MINIMAL ENGAGEMENT TOWARD DAM

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives

SHUTTING DOWN BLACKHALL DURING CONSTRUCTION IS UNACCEPTABLE

How did you hear about this meeting?  Letter  Word of Mouth  Other

E-MAIL

Was the location of the meeting 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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SEP 15 2015

Please print responses.

Name Jim W. Latimer  
Address 3488 Lost Valley Drive  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A  Alt 1B  Alt. 1C  Alt. 1D )

Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative

no offsite detour, least expensive without detour, disruption of property on  
affect between Blackhall Rd & dam, which is already uninhabitable  
property. Does not require temporary bridge requiring site restoration

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives

Under no circumstance should detour be considered (1A). Besides usual traffic  
Blackhall is main corridor if I-75 traffic is blocked -> traffic comes Spair to  
Blackhall to Jodeco. Alt. 1B would be only other option considered if 1D  
not implemented

How did you hear about this meeting?  Letter  Word of Mouth  Other  
email

Was the location of the meeting 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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Bridge Replacement, CR 661 Blackhall Road at Rum Creek ,

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Please print responses.

Name Neil Lawson

Address 8459 Marina Bay Ct.

Jonesboro, GA 30326-414959

Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A  Alt. 1B  Alt. 1C  Alt. 1D )

Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative

While there is not a "good" one, with I-75 construction already in progress, Blackhall Road routinely gets the backup traffic for locals who know they can use that route, although it in turn backs up badly, especially Fridays.

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives

The cost varies considerably, but continued access on Blackhall is very necessary during construction to help relieve I-75 if for no other reason. New accesses to/from Flippen Road would be an EXCELLENT alternative.

How did you hear about this meeting?  Letter  Word of Mouth  Other

Lake Spivey Civic Association email

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? N/A  Yes  No  
email was circulated encouraging our association to respond using card

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. \_\_\_\_\_

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SEP 15 2015

Name Steven & Nancy Lucas

Address 3337 Lost Valley Drive

Jonesboro, GA 30236

Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A  Alt 1B  Alt. 1C  Alt. 1D )

Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative

1) \$.5-1.7M less cost than other alternatives

2) 2 mos. less duration than all other alternatives

3) NO long term use of Lake Spivey Dam Property

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives

Traffic disruption w/ Alt. 1A should be minimal. There are many other alternative routes not outlined in the proposal.

How did you hear about this meeting?  Letter  Word of Mouth  Other

Lake Spivey Civic Assoc. Website

Was the location of the meeting 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.

Please share your suggestions on improving the way GDOT conducts public outreach.

I believe stakeholders should be notified via USPS mail.  
Had I not checked the LSCA website I would not have known.

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Kevin VanHouten

Georgia Department of Transportation

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Henry County, P.I. No. 0011691

Please print responses.

Name John J Nerls
Address 2035 Pine Forest Trail (Lost Valley Subdivision)
Jonesboro, GA 30236

Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A [ ] Alt 1B [X] Alt. 1C [ ] Alt. 1D [ ])

Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative

Blackhall is a primary access for fire and hospital access and should not be closed - Alt 1A is not acceptable, Alt 1B provides the least impact on adjacent residents

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives

How did you hear about this meeting? [ ] Letter [X] Word of Mouth [ ] Other

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? [X] 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 [X] No

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you. Insufficient notice of meeting

Please share your suggestions on improving the way GDOT conducts public outreach.

Suggest that signs should be posted at the location of the proposed improvements

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Please print responses.

Name DANNY PHILLIPS

Address 3247 BAY VIEW DR.

JONESBORO, GA. 30236

Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A  Alt 1B  Alt. 1C  Alt. 1D )

Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative

shortest time limit

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives

if not 1A I like I-C next

How did you hear about this meeting?  Letter  Word of Mouth  Other

Was the location of the meeting 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.

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Please print responses.

Name STEPHEN J. KROGER SR.

Address 3045 Bay View Drive

LAKE SPIVEY, GEORGIA 30236

CELL/ 404-529-3437

Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A  Alt 1B  Alt. 1C  Alt. 1D )

Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative

LESS MONEY & LESS TIME

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives

YOUR SPENDING TAXPAYERS MONEY, REPRESENT THE PEOPLE IN A PRUDENT MANNER AND GET THE BEST VALUE.

How did you hear about this meeting?  Letter  Word of Mouth  Other

Was the location of the meeting 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

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Please print responses.

Name

ANDY VELAZO

Address

3167 BAY VIEW DRIVE  
JONESBORO GA 30236

Office of Program Development

Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A  Alt 1B  Alt. 1C  Alt. 1D )

Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative

MAINTAINS TRAFFIC FLOW; ONE PROPERTY AFFECTED  
LAND FROM LAKE SPIVEY IS NOW USEABLE

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives

How did you hear about this meeting?

Letter

Word of Mouth

Other

Was the location of the meeting 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.

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Please print responses.

Name Dr. Dave & Sandy Wayne  
Address 8430 Marina Bay Ct.  
Lake Spiney, GA 30236-4148

Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A  Alt. 1B  Alt. 1C  Alt. 1D )

Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative

The impact of the detour would not affect  
Home.

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives

How did you hear about this meeting?

Letter

Word of Mouth

Other

e-mail

Was the location of the meeting 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.

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Please print responses.

Name JEFF WERTHO

Address 2923 EMERALD DR.

JONESBORO 30236 (CLAYTON CTY)

Which Project Alternative do you prefer? (Alt. 1A  Alt 1B  Alt. 1C  Alt. 1D )

Please explain why you prefer a specific alternative

LEAST DISTURBANCE, LEAST TIME, LEAST COST

Please provide any additional comments you may have on the other alternatives

ID WOULD BE 2ND CHOICE, THOUGH IT MEANS INFRINGEMENT ON LAKE SPIVEY DAM

How did you hear about this meeting?  Letter  Word of Mouth  Other

EM FROM LAKE SPIVEY

Was the location of the meeting 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. \_\_\_\_\_

Please share your suggestions on improving the way GDOT conducts public outreach.

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August 18, 2015

Mr. Terry McMickle, Director  
Henry County Department of Transportation  
535 Hampton Road  
McDonough, GA 30253

RE: Request for Comments on GDOT County Bridge Replacement Project  
PI 0011691, Henry County  
CR 661/Blackhall Road over Rum Creek

SEP 14 2015

Dear Mr. McMickle:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has programmed the above bridge project. The Bridge program reviews prospective bridges through a tiered evaluation process that takes into account a number of factors.

We are considering a bridge in your community for this program. Bridge number 151-0070-0 located on CR 661/Blackhall Road over Rum Creek is a viable prospect for this program. Only projects with local government support will advance to the next evaluation. The purpose of this letter is to solicit your input concerning the potential impact of the proposed project on the citizens in your community. We propose to close this bridge during its construction/replacement for approximately 6-9 months. A vicinity map is attached illustrating the location of the project.

To allow us to fully evaluate the concerns of all interested stakeholders, please respond in writing to my attention by September 18, 2015, concerning any beneficial or adverse impacts of the proposed project relating to your citizens.

**It is understood that as the project develops, concerns may be identified that would prohibit the project from moving forward.** However, please be assured that GDOT is committed to advancing bridges through our regular plan development process.

While we currently do not anticipate the need for additional right-of-way or easements, please note that if additional property is required, the local government will be responsible for its acquisition.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this project, please contact Kevin VanHouten at (706)646-7557. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

*Albert Shelby*

Albert V. Shelby, III  
State Program Delivery Engineer

*AVS KESD*

AVS:BWS:KESD:kvh  
Attachments

Georgia Department of Transportation  
Bridge Replacement Project  
Detour Impact Form

Using the attached project map, please respond to the questions below. Please provide as much information as you feel is necessary. Please respond to all questions – use "N/A" or "Non-known" if no relevant information to question is available. If you need additional information or mapping for this project, please contact us.

1. Please quantify the number of impacts anticipated by an off-site detour.

Daily Number of vehicles 5860 AADT  
Daily Number of Trucks NON KNOWN  
Number of Residences NON KNOWN  
Number of Businesses NON KNOWN  
Detour Length 5.8 miles

2. Please rate the impact on service if the bridge were closed for up to a year?

No Concerns       Moderate Concerns       Major Concerns

3. If concerns were identified, please specify what they are below, be as specific as possible (Conditions of detour route, location of students, new development expected, weight restrictions, etc.)

THE DETOUR ROUTE IS EXTREMELY LONG. THE ROADS THAT MAKE UP THE DETOUR HAVE HIGH VOLUMES ALREADY. THE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC WOULD PUT THEM OVER CAPACITY

4. Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

N/A

5. Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, phone number, and reason we should contact them?

I HAVE ALREADY GAVE THE PROJECT MANAGER A LIST OF PEOPLE I THOUGHT SHOULD BE INVOLVED

6. Are there any additional comments you have regarding the project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

I THINK THE BETT ALTERNATE IS TO DO A PERMANENT REALIGNMENT ON THE WEST SIDE

Form Completed by (Name): Terry L. McMickle  
(Title): Henry County Public Works Director  
Date: 9/3/2015

Russell R. McMurry, P.E., Commissioner



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August 18, 2015

Chief Chris Sherwood  
Henry County Fire Department, Station #9  
122 Rock Quarry Road  
Stockbridge, GA 30281

RE: Request for Comments on GDOT County Bridge Replacement Project  
PI 0011691, Henry County  
CR 661/Blackhall Road over Rum Creek

Dear Chief Sherwood:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is preparing the planning and environmental studies for the above referenced bridge replacement project. We propose to close this bridge during its construction/replacement for approximately 6-9 months.

The purpose of this letter is to solicit your input concerning the potential impact of the proposed project on the provision of emergency services in the area. A vicinity map is attached illustrating the location of the project.

To allow us to fully evaluate the concerns of all interested agencies, please respond in writing to my attention by September 18, 2015, concerning any beneficial or adverse impacts of the proposed project relating to the interest of your agency.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this project, please contact Kevin VanHouten at (706)646-7557. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Albert V. Shelby, III  
State Program Delivery Engineer

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Attachment

K. Vanhoutsen

PI 0011691, Henry County

**Georgia Department of Transportation  
Bridge Replacement Project  
EMS and Fire Response Impact Form**

Using the attached project map, please respond to the questions below. Please provide as much information as you feel is necessary. Please respond to all questions – use "N/A" or "Non-known" if no relevant information to question is available. If additional information or mapping for this project is needed, please contact us.

1. Please rate the impact to Emergency Response services if the bridge were closed for up to a year.

- No Impact
- Low Impact
- Moderate Impact
- High Impact

2. If there are concerns please specify. Be as specific as possible. (examples: condition of detour routes, located in a high call volume area, closure could affect response to schools, weight restrictions, expected new development in the area, coordination with partner agency required to facilitate service)

*This closure will change response time for a portion of two subdivisions. This will obly be an issue if several fire units respond*

3. Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

*NO*

4. Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, contact information, and reason we should contact them?

*Homeowners in subdivisions off of Bleckhall Rd.*

5. Are there any additional comments you have for this project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

*This survey was sent mailed on 09/14 and received on 09/20 making the 09/10/15 deadline for submission impossible to meet.*

Form Completed by (Name):     *Ben Lacy*    

(Title):     *FIRE CHIEF*    

Date:     *09/22/15*    



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August 18, 2015

Mr. Cliff Shearouse  
Director Transportation  
Henry County Schools  
33 N. Zack Hinton Parkway  
McDonough, GA 30253

RE: Request for Comments on GDOT County Bridge Replacement Project  
PI 0011691, Henry County  
CR 661/Blackhall Road over Rum Creek

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is preparing the planning and environmental studies for the above referenced bridge replacement project. We are proposing to close this bridge during its construction/replacement for approximately 6-9 months.

The purpose of this letter is to solicit your input concerning the potential impact of the proposed project on school bus routes. Please provide the number of daily bus trips across this bridge when submitting your comments. A vicinity map is attached illustrating the location of the project.

To allow us to fully evaluate the impacts of the proposed project, please respond in writing to my attention by September 18, 2015, concerning any beneficial or adverse impacts of the proposed projects relating to the interest of your agency.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the project, please contact Kevin VanHouten at (706)646-7557. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Albert Shelby".

Albert V. Shelby, III  
State Program Delivery Engineer

*AVS*  
AVS:BWS:KESD:kvh

Attachment

Georgia Department of Transportation  
Bridge Replacement Project  
School Impact Form

Using the attached project map, please respond to the questions below. Please provide as much information as you feel is necessary. Please respond to all questions – use "N/A" or "Non-known" if no relevant information to question is available. If you need additional information or mapping for this project, please contact us.

1. How many School Buses crossings over this bridge are there per day?

Number of Buses 12 Number of Trips 29

2. Please rate the impact on service if the bridge were closed for up to a year?

No Concerns  Moderate Concerns  Major Concerns

3. If concerns were identified, please specify what they are below, be as specific as possible (Conditions of detour route, location of students, new development expected, weight restrictions, etc.)

To meet the Specs for a bus to cross, the new bridge will need to be a 17 ton bridge. Also, if students move into the houses on Blackhall Rd we will need a turn around north of Rum Creek.

4. Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

This project will have a negative impact regardless of the timing of the closure. Blackhall Rd. is a major thoroughfare for the buses to get to and from their schools.

5. Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, phone number, and reason we should contact them?

Mr. Rodney Bowler Superintendent rodney.bowler@henry.k12.ga.us  
Mrs. Annett Edwards District 5 Board Member Annette.edwards@henry.k12.ga.us  
Mr. Josh Hinton District 2 Board Member joshua.hinton@henry.k12.ga.us

6. Are there any additional comments you have regarding the project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

Please add: Cliff Shearouse Cliff.Shearouse@henry.k12.ga.us to the Contact list. He is the Director of Pupil Transportation

Form Completed by (Name): Jim Jones

(Title): Data base Administrator HCBOG Transportation

Date: 1-2-2015

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

August 18, 2015

Major Keith Going  
Henry County Police Department  
108 S. Zack Hinton Parkway  
McDonough, GA 30253

RE: Request for Comments on GDOT County Bridge Replacement Project  
PI 0011691, Henry County  
CR 661/Blackhall Road over Rum Creek

Dear Major Going:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is preparing the planning and environmental studies for the above referenced bridge replacement project. We propose to close this bridge during its construction/replacement for approximately 6-9 months.

The purpose of this letter is to solicit your input concerning the potential impact of the proposed project on the provision of emergency services in the area. A vicinity map is attached illustrating the location of the project.

To allow us to fully evaluate the concerns of all interested agencies, please respond in writing to my attention by September 18, 2015, concerning any beneficial or adverse impacts of the proposed project relating to the interest of your agency.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this project, please contact Kevin VanHouten at (706)646-7557. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Albert V. Shelby, III  
State Program Delivery Engineer

*AVS KESD*

AVS:BWS:KESD:kvh

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August 18, 2015

Mr. Don Ash, Director  
Henry County E-911  
526 Industrial Blvd.  
McDonough, GA 30253

RE: Request for Comments on GDOT County Bridge Replacement Project  
PI 0011691, Henry County  
CR 661/Blackhall Road over Rum Creek

Dear Mr. Ash:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is preparing the planning and environmental studies for the above referenced bridge replacement project. We propose to close this bridge during its construction/replacement for approximately 6-9 months.

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Telephone: (404) 631-1000

August 18, 2015

Fire Chief Landry Merkison  
Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services  
7810 Highway 85  
Riverdale, GA 30274

RE: Request for Comments on GDOT County Bridge Replacement Project  
PI 0011691, Henry County  
CR 661/Blackhall Road over Rum Creek

Dear Chief Merkison:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is preparing the planning and environmental studies for the above referenced bridge replacement project. We propose to close this bridge during its construction/replacement for approximately 6-9 months.

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Georgia Department of Transportation  
Bridge Replacement Project  
EMS and Fire Response Impact Form

Using the attached project map, please respond to the questions below. Please provide as much information as you feel is necessary. Please respond to all questions – use "N/A" or "Non-known" if no relevant information to question is available. If additional information or mapping for this project is needed, please contact us.

1. Please rate the impact to Emergency Response services if the bridge were closed for up to a year.

- No Impact
- Low Impact
- Moderate Impact
- High Impact

2. If there are concerns please specify. Be as specific as possible. (examples: condition of detour routes, located in a high call volume area, closure could affect response to schools, weight restrictions, expected new development in the area, coordination with partner agency required to facilitate service)

None at this time.

3. Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

None

4. Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, contact information, and reason we should contact them?

N/A

5. Are there any additional comments you have for this project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

None

Form Completed by (Name): David King

(Title): Asst. Chief / C.O.O.

Date: 9/15/15

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

August 18, 2015

Mr. Harold Walker  
Director Transportation Department  
Clayton County Public Schools  
7860 North McDonough Street  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

RE: Request for Comments on GDOT County Bridge Replacement Project  
PI 0011691, Henry County  
CR 661/Blackhall Road over Rum Creek

Dear Mr. Walker:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is preparing the planning and environmental studies for the above referenced bridge replacement project. We are proposing to close this bridge during its construction/replacement for approximately 6-9 months.

The purpose of this letter is to solicit your input concerning the potential impact of the proposed project on school bus routes. Please provide the number of daily bus trips across this bridge when submitting your comments. A vicinity map is attached illustrating the location of the project.

To allow us to fully evaluate the impacts of the proposed project, please respond in writing to my attention by September 18, 2015, concerning any beneficial or adverse impacts of the proposed projects relating to the interest of your agency.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the project, please contact Kevin VanHouten at (706)646-7557. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Albert V. Shelby, III  
State Program Delivery Engineer

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Georgia Department of Transportation  
Bridge Replacement Project  
School Impact Form

Using the attached project map, please respond to the questions below. Please provide as much information as you feel is necessary. Please respond to all questions – use "N/A" or "Non-known" if no relevant information to question is available. If you need additional information or mapping for this project, please contact us.

1. How many School Buses crossings over this bridge are there per day?

Number of Buses N/A Number of Trips N/A

2. Please rate the impact on service if the bridge were closed for up to a year?

No Concerns       Moderate Concerns       Major Concerns

3. If concerns were identified, please specify what they are below, be as specific as possible (Conditions of detour route, location of students, new development expected, weight restrictions, etc.)

N/A

4. Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

NON-KNOW

5. Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, phone number, and reason we should contact them?

N/A

6. Are there any additional comments you have regarding the project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

N/A

Form Completed by (Name): Harold Walker

(Title): Transportation Director

Date: 9-9-15

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

August 18, 2015

Deputy Chief Micahel Rehister  
Clayton County Police Department  
7911 North McDonough Street  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

RE: Request for Comments on GDOT County Bridge Replacement Project  
PI 0011691, Henry County  
CR 661/Blackhall Road over Rum Creek

Dear Chief Rehister:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is preparing the planning and environmental studies for the above referenced bridge replacement project. We propose to close this bridge during its construction/replacement for approximately 6-9 months.

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Sincerely,

Albert V. Shelby, III  
State Program Delivery Engineer

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# CONVERSATION LOG

PROJECT: 29323 - BLACKHALL RD BRIDGES  
 Date: 3/24/15 | Time: 3:00

Route To:	Acknowledge:	Date

Incoming	Outgoing	Returned	In Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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RE:

NAME: BRENT BIENIELETTI  
 FIRM: LAKE SPIVEY HOA

PHONE: (404) 392-9600

**NOTES:**

DISCUSSION ON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

BB: MENTIONED THAT HOA IS HAPPY TO HELP

BD: MENTIONED HISTORY OF THE AREA

BB: PARAPHRASED THAT AN UNSIGHT DETOUR WOULD BE PREFERRED AND THAT POSSIBLE ALTERNATES WERE ALREADY PACKED WITH CARS.

BB: PROVIDED REQUESTED HYDRAULIC INFORMATION ON THE LAKE SPIVEY DAM.

BB: STATED THAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE HOA WERE FRIENDS WITH HENRY COUNTY OFFICIALS

ALL PARTICIPANTS NOTICED THE HEAVY BACKUP OF TRAFFIC ON BLACKHALL ROAD FROM THE INTERSECTION WITH JONES RD.



BY: CAIS

FILE:  ELECTRONIC PROJECT FILE FOLDER  PROJECT NOTE BOOK

# CONVERSATION LOG

PROJECT: 21323  
 Date: 5-19-16 Time: 2:45

Route To:	Acknowledge:	Date

Incoming	Outgoing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Returned	In Person
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RE: SCHOOL BUS ROUTE

NAME: Connie Haroin  
 FIRM: Henry Co schools  
 TRANSPORTATION

PHONE: (770) 957-2025

NOTES:

CH: MENTIONED THAT 20+ SCHOOL BUSES USED BLACKHALL RD AS A TYPICAL ROUTE + THAT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL BUSES HAD MULTIPLE TRIPS BECAUSE THEY ALSO RAN FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL

CH: MENTIONED THAT AN OFFSITE DETOUR WOULD PUT BUSES ON FLIPPIN ROAD WHICH IS ALREADY EXTREMELY BUSY.



BY: CAB

FILE:  ELECTRONIC PROJECT FILE FOLDER  PROJECT NOTE BOOK

## TEAM MEETING MINUTES

### BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON CR 661/BLACKHALL ROAD @ RUM CREEK PROJECT PI No. 0011691 HENRY COUNTY

**DATE/TIME:** November 3, 2015 at 10:30 AM

**CHA FILE:** 29323

**LOCATION:** Georgia Department of Transportation  
District 3 Aud. 202 and OGC 409 Video Conf.

#### ATTENDEES:

##### Thomaston:

Kevin VanHouten	GDOT-Program Delivery	(706) 741-3469 <a href="mailto:kvanhouten@dot.ga.gov">kvanhouten@dot.ga.gov</a>
Jack Reed	GDOT-DPEE	(706)646-7566 <a href="mailto:jreed@dot.ga.gov">jreed@dot.ga.gov</a>

##### Atlanta via video conferencing:

Krystal Stovall-Dixon	GDOT-Program Delivery	(404)631-1572 <a href="mailto:kstovall-dixon@dot.ga.gov">kstovall-dixon@dot.ga.gov</a>
Aaron Burgess	GDOT-Environmental	(404)631-1159 <a href="mailto:aburgess@dot.ga.gov">aburgess@dot.ga.gov</a>
Chris Edmondson	CHA	(678) 954-5000 <a href="mailto:cedmondson@chacompanies.com">cedmondson@chacompanies.com</a>
Kevin Kahle	CHA	(678) 954-5000 <a href="mailto:kkahle@chacompanies.com">kkahle@chacompanies.com</a>
Tod Hill	GT Hill Planners	(678) 205-7315 <a href="mailto:thill@gthillplanners.com">thill@gthillplanners.com</a>

#### SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION POINTS:

**Kevin Kahle** began the meeting by summarizing the comment cards from the Stake Holder Meeting held on September 1, 2015:

- Seven comment cards noted a preference for Alternative 1A
- Six comment cards noted a preference for Alternative 1B
- No comment cards noted a preference for Alternative 1C
- Two comment cards noted a preference for Alternative 1B

**Mr. Kahle** suggested that Alternative 1A be the one alternative presented at the upcoming Public Information Open House (PIOH) and if not 1A exclusively then Alternatives 1A and 1D. Alternative 1A remains the preferred alternative as it has the least environmental impacts, lowest estimated project cost, and highest number of positive responses by stakeholders.

**Kevin Kahle and Kevin VanHouten** briefly apprised the group on recent correspondence with Mr. John Westervelt, President of Lake Spivey Civic Association (LSCA). In an October 1, 2015 e-mail, Mr. Westervelt indicated the LSCA has concerns regarding potential impacts to their dam as a result of the project and are hiring an engineer to independently review the alternatives. **Mr. Kahle** pointed out that any impacts associated with Alternative D (permanent realignment to the west – towards Lake Spivey Dam) would likely be applicable to Alternative B (temporary onsite detour to the west).

**Aaron Burgess and Krystal Stovall-Dixon** questioned the strategy of presenting Alternative 1A exclusively as they felt the other Alternatives would need to be addressed. The matter was discussed extensively by the group. Todd Hill opined that just one alternative, the preferred alternative, be presented at the PIOH. The

possibility of including displays for multiple Alternatives at the PIOH (either 1A and 1B or 1A and 1D) was deliberated, but the group consensus shifted towards presenting the public with only Alternative 1A in the displays but including information of the other Alternatives 1B and 1D in the PIOH handouts. After further collaboration it was agreed that Alternative A would be the only alternative included in the displays and the handouts but that information regarding Alternatives 1B, 1C, and 1D would be included in the PIOH fact sheet so that questions regarding other alternatives evaluated in concept development could be discussed/answered during the meeting. Additionally, any other questions or comments pertaining to other alternatives and their elimination would be addressed in the written PIOH responses.

**Aaron Burgess** requested that participants of the Stakeholder Meeting held September 1, 2015 also be invited to the PIOH. Todd Hill noted that he would draft a letter to serve as the invite to the Stakeholders, which would also include a brief summary of the results from the September Stakeholder Meeting.

**Kevin Kahle** stated that it would be possible to complete replacement of the bridge within nine months, limiting the duration of the off-site detour. **Kevin VanHouten** concurred that, based on recent discussions with the Construction Office, a nine month road closure would not be unrealistic and could be incorporated into the Section 150 Special Provision. It was agreed that the total construction time would remain at twelve months but that a nine month maximum road closure would be included in the concept report for Alternative 1A.

The schedule for the PIOH was discussed. **Jack Reed** indicated that there was not sufficient time to prepare signs and advertise the PIOH prior to the Christmas holiday and so it was agreed the PIOH would be held mid-January, possibly on January 14<sup>th</sup>, pending availability of the meeting venue. All participants agreed Red Oak Elementary School, where the Stakeholder Meeting was held, would be the preferable location for the PIOH. GDOT will secure the meeting location, advertise the meeting in the local paper, and create/post the meeting signs. A dry-run meeting will be conducted one to two weeks prior to the PIOH.

The Detour Impact Forms which were distributed to Henry County Transportation, Henry County Schools, and emergency responders were briefly discussed. **Kevin Kahle** indicated that he had received three responses to date: 1) Terry McMickle with Henry County, 2) David King with Clayton County Fire Dept., and 3) Bill Lacy with Henry County Fire Dept. **Kevin VanHouten** located a response from Mr. Harold Walker with Henry County Schools and stated that he would provide Mr. Walker's response for inclusion in the concept report. It was agreed the detour impact forms would be added to the concept report.

**Kevin Kahle** inquired on the status of the concept report and **Kevin VanHouten** indicated that the report had been revised but had not yet been distributed for final approval. Based on the consensus that Alternative 1A remain the Preferred Alternative presented at PIOH, Mr. VanHouten indicated that once minor updates were made to the report (addition of the detour impact comments, 9 month road closure, etc.) he would submit the report for approval. Kevin VanHouten stated that preliminary design could begin with approval of the concept report.

Development of a supplemental task order to cover the effort associated with the Stakeholder Outreach and Meeting, which was not included under the original task order scope, was discussed. Aaron Burgess agreed to provide Kevin VanHouten with hours for use as guidance and Kevin Kahle, in collaboration with GT Hill Planners, would develop hours and direct expenses and provide to procurement as requested.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- CHA to generate meeting minutes for the Team Meeting.
- CHA to develop hours and costs for Stakeholder Meeting/Outreach effort.
- CHA to follow-up with Henry County Schools-Transportation to confirm their concerns regarding potential closure of Blackhall Road.
- CHA to update the concept report to include Stakeholder Summary and indicate a maximum nine month road closure for Alternative 1A.
- GT Hill to develop the PIOH handouts, work with CHA to develop the PIOH fact sheet, and generate invitation letter to Stakeholder Meeting participants.
- Jack Reed to secure PIOH date and location.
- Kevin VanHouten to consolidate all Detour Response forms and provide to Kevin Kahle for final review and inclusion in the Concept Report.
- Jack Reed to develop the PIOH signs and advertisement.

**This Meeting Summary is intended to be an accurate record of key points, topics and discussions that were held during the meeting.**



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Kevin J. Kahle, P.E.  
Project Manager

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January 14, 2016

Thank you for attending the Detour Open House for the proposed replacement of the bridge on County Route (CR) 661/Blackhall Road over Rum Creek, PI Number 0011691. Our goal is two-fold: 1) to provide you with information on the proposed project and 2) to provide an opportunity for you to give us your comments on the proposed project, which includes a traffic detour route that would be used during construction. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, a map of the proposed detour, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project display and the detour map. Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) representatives, wearing nametags, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. There will be no formal presentation.

We hope you will take the opportunity to tell Georgia DOT what you think. Listed below are several ways to comment on the project. Your comments are important to us and, should you provide comments by one of the methods noted below, we will respond to you in writing usually within 30 days of the close of the comment period. All comments will become part of the project's official record.

While you are attending the open house, you can **provide your comments today** by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box, or you may choose to provide your verbal comments to the court reporter who will transcribe your comments.

You can also **provide your comments by Monday, January 25, 2016** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at [www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach](http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach).
  1. From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Go*;
  2. Then select *CR 661/Blackhall Rd Rum Creek Bridge*;
  3. Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Ms. Hiral Patel, P.E., Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.
- Email your comment to: [ProjectComments@dot.ga.gov](mailto:ProjectComments@dot.ga.gov). This is a general mailbox so be sure to include the County, PI Number 0011691 and meeting date in the Subject line so that the email gets to the right project team.

The project displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the Georgia DOT District 3, Area 1 Office located at 101 Transportation Blvd. Thomaston, GA 30286. Following the ten-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta address listed above.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Kevin VanHouten, at 706-646-7557, or the environmental analyst, Aaron Burgess, at 404-631-1591 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hiral Patel" followed by a stylized initial "H".

Hiral Patel, P.E.  
State Environmental Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation

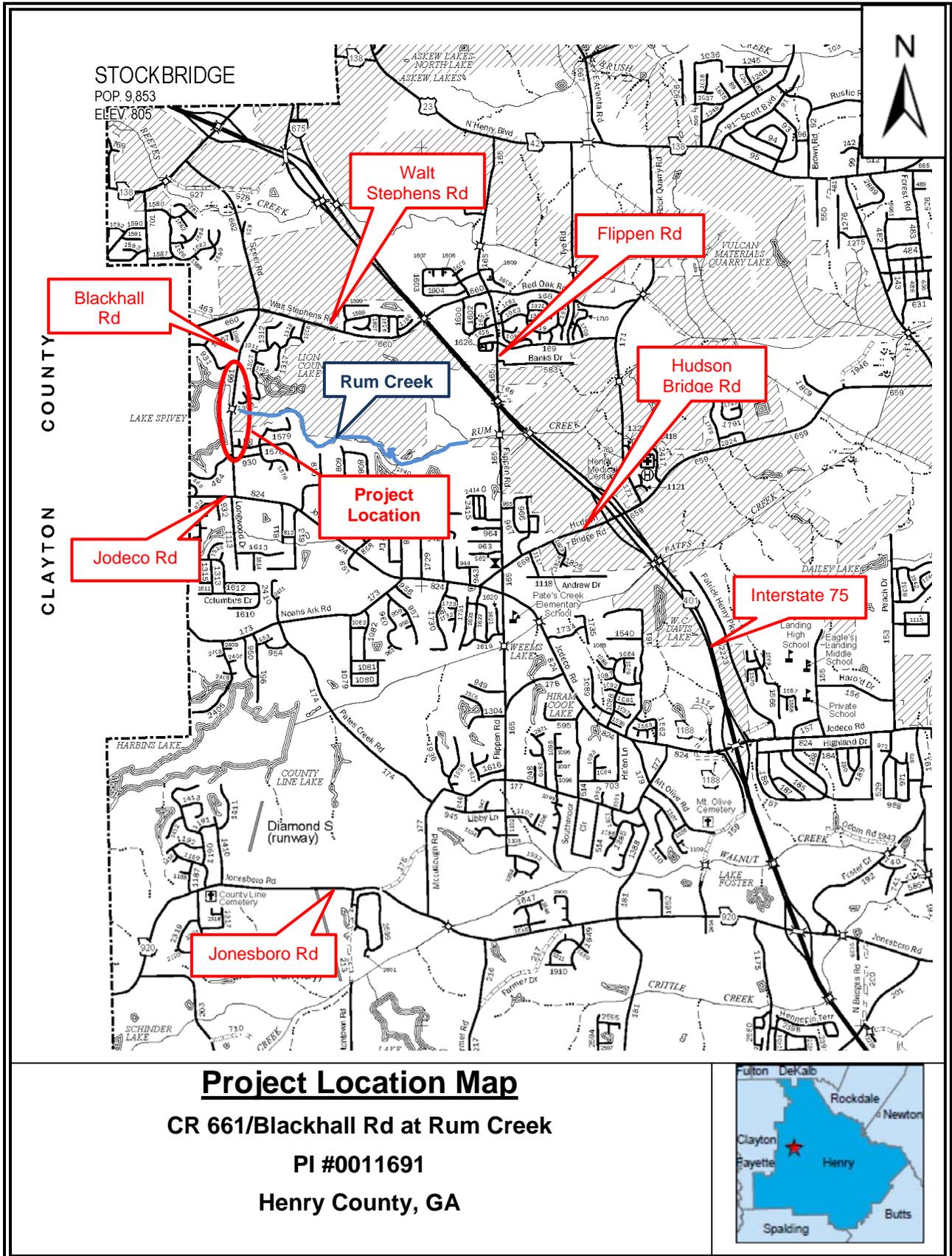
**Why We Are Here:**

County Route (CR) 661/Blackhall Road is primarily a north-south route providing connectivity between Jodeco Road and Walt Stephens Road in Henry County, Georgia. The CR 661/ Blackhall Road Bridge over Rum Creek is located in northwestern Henry County approximately 200 feet downstream of and generally parallel to the dam for Lake Spivey (see Project Location Map). The existing 108-foot long by 32-foot wide concrete bridge on Blackhall Road at Rum Creek was constructed in 1961 and does not meet current minimum bridge width and truck loading design requirements. The bridge was designed using a truck configuration that weighs less than the current state legal truck weights and currently has posted load limit signs which restrict the types of trucks that can use Blackhall Road. No rehabilitation work performed on the bridge components would improve this bridge to meet current design load standards. Additionally, the bridge is located in a deep sag in the road which limits driver sight distance at night. The purpose of the project is to replace the bridge to meet current design standards and reconstruct the roadway approaches to eliminate the limited sight distance.

**Project Description:**

The existing bridge was built in 1961. It is approximately 108 feet long and 32.3 feet wide, with two 11-foot-wide travel lanes, 2-foot-wide paved shoulders, and 8-foot-wide grass shoulders. The existing right-of-way is 100 feet. The proposed project would replace the structurally deficient bridge and the approaches. The replacement bridge would be approximately 150 feet in length and 43.25 feet wide, and would consist of two 11-foot wide travel lanes. The proposed right-of-way width is 150 feet. During construction, traffic would be accommodated by way of an off-site detour (see Detour plan). Based on the relatively small size of the bridge required, a 9-12 month construction period is estimated for completion of the project. Use of an offsite detour while reconstructing the bridge and roadway along the existing horizontal alignment offers substantial benefits to the project including: shorter project limits, lower construction costs, less right-of-way/easement acquisition, reduced environmental impacts, reduced utility relocations, and an overall shorter time to construct. The proposed detour route is the shortest route (5.8 miles) identified and the only route entirely within Henry County. The detour of traffic from CR 661/Blackhall Road will route traffic east on Jodeco Road (2-lane), traveling 1.9 miles east to Hudson Bridge Road (4-lane) continuing east for 1,000 feet along Hudson Bridge Road before turning left on to Flippen Road (2-lane). Detour traffic will travel 2.0 miles north on Flippen Road to Walt Stephens Road (2-lane). On Walt Stephens Road, vehicles will travel 1.7 miles west back to Blackhall Road for a total detour length of 5.8 miles.

# PROJECT LOCATION -Figure 1



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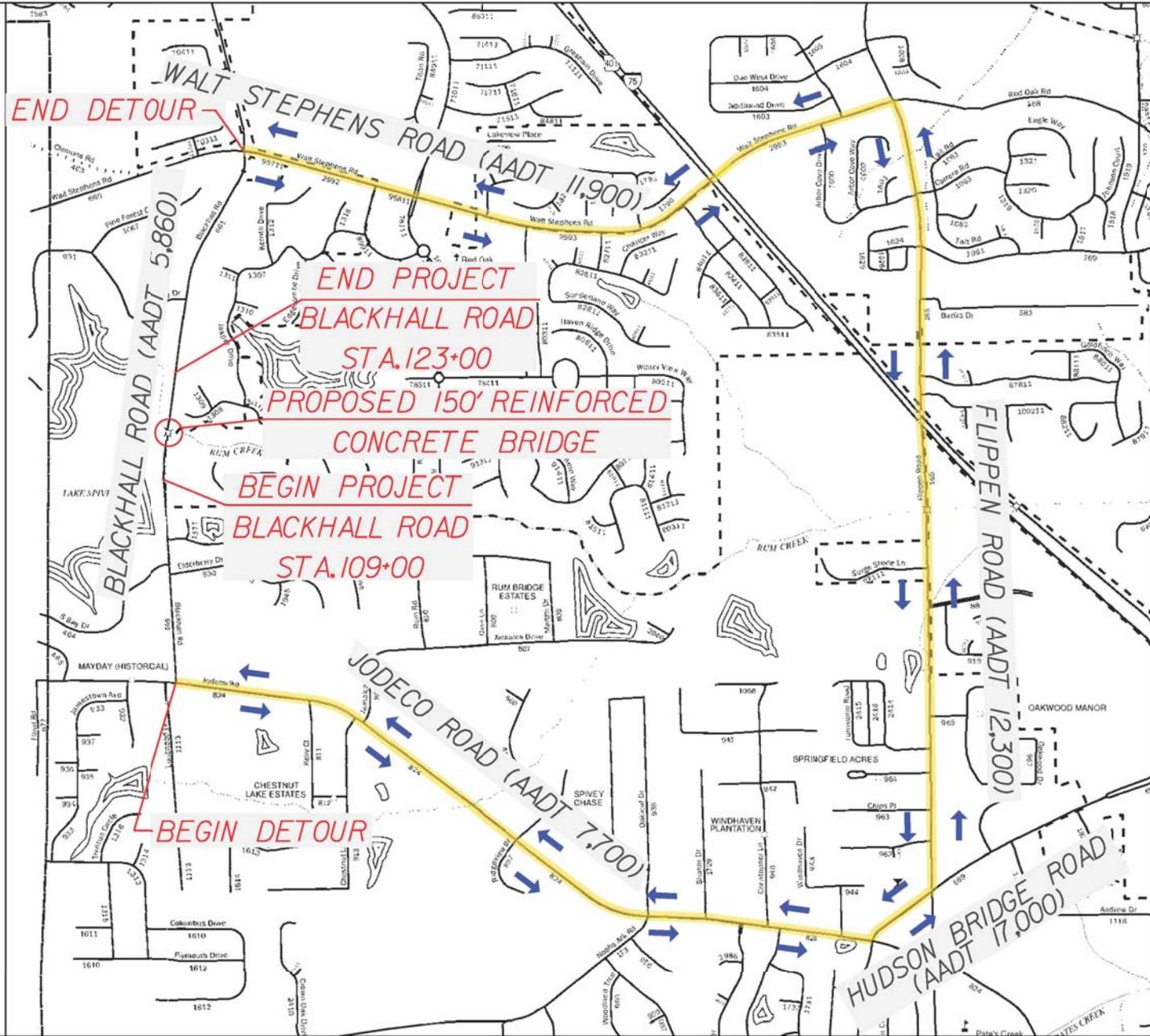


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 TOTAL DETOUR LENGTH 5.8 MILES

**FIGURE 2:  
DETOUR PLAN  
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT  
ON  
CR661/  
BLACKHALL RD**



### Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

- For
- Against
- Conditional
- Uncommitted

General Comments \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this Open House? (check)  Newspaper  Signs  GDOT Website  Radio

Word of Mouth  Social Media  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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 Georgia Department of Transportation  
 600 West Peachtree Street, NW – 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Atlanta, Georgia 30308  
 Email to: ProjectComments@dot.ga.gov

PI#(s): 0011691, County: Henry

**GDOT NEPA Planner:** Aaron Burgess **Date Submitted:** 1/29/2016

**Consultant Preparer (if applicable):** Todd Hill

**GDOT Project Manager:** Kevin VanHouten

*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. A draft of this summary of comments may be available at the OH Debrief), the NEPA Analyst should have enough information to finalize 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 and the PM should follow the OH Response Letter Guidance for review and approval of the response letter. GDOT aims to respond to all comments within **30 days** of close of the comment period.*

**By copy of this summary, please review the comments and provide responses within the draft response letter by [Click here to enter a date.](#)**

*Copy and paste in the space below the NEPA Team site info regarding this Open House. All information but the "Date Responded" should be available at the completion of this Summary of Comments.*

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Step 1 – Go to: <http://gdotteams.dot.ga.gov/offices/envservices/epa/Lists/Open%20House%20Outcomes/AllItems.aspx>.  
Contact the NEPA Section Leader if you don't have access.

Step 2 – Click "add new item". Enter the available information (you should have everything but the "Date Responded". Click "save".

Step 3 – Step 2 should have created a new row for the OH information that you just entered. Click the row to highlight it, then click "View Item" in the list tools ribbon.

Step 4 – Highlight/select all of the rows from "PI#s" to "Add'l Efforts", copy the rows and paste the information in the space on this form directly below the following line of asterisks.

Step 5 – DELETE THESE INSTRUCTIONS!

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**Major Concerns:**

-Off site detour will cause traffic and inconvenience local residents.

**Public Officials:**

Rocky Romero, Henry County SPLOST  
Jim Jones, Henry County Board of Education  
David Gagnon, Henry County Police

**Media:**

None

**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*

Nature of Comment	Comment #
Prefer Alternative 1D or another alternative that does not require an offsite detour.	1, 3b, 4a, 8, 9a, 10a, 11, 13a, 18c, 19a, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35,

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	36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43
Noted general support for the project.	2, 5, 6, 7, 14, 15a, 16a, 17
Noted that public notice was not provided for the stakeholder meeting held in September.	4b, 10b, 13c, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32
Requested that the construction of the proposed roundabout at Blackhall Road and Jodeco Road be coordinated with the construction of this project.	15b, 20, 21, 23, 32

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

Nature of Comment	Comment #
Concerned that the detour will cause local congestion and be very inconvenient for local citizen's.	3a, 13b, 16b, 18b, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32
Concerned that closing the bridge temporarily would worsen traffic back-ups on I-75.	9b, 18a, 19b, 38
Temporary detour would negatively impact area merchants.	9c, 23, 29

*Office of Right of Way*

Nature of Comment	Comment #

*Office of Traffic Operations*

Nature of Comment	Comment #
Request a traffic plan that improves access for local residents.	12

*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): Kevin VanHouten, Project Manager,  
 Kevin Kahle, CHA, Project Designer  
 Wesley Brock, Assistant ROW Administrator  
 Paul DeNard, Traffic Operations Manager  
 Matthew Fowler, Assistant Office Head of Planning

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Detour/Public Information Open House  
Public/City Officials SIGN-IN SHEET  
Bridge Replacement on CR 661/Blackhall Road  
At Rum Creek  
PI. NO. 0011691, Henry County

**Please print**

Name	Affiliation	Address	Phone No.
Rocky Romero	HC SPCOST		
ARNOLD GOODSON			
Jim Jones	HCBOG Transportation		
DAVID GAGNON	Henry County Police		



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**Open House Date: 01/14/2016**



First Name: Bond            Last Name: Bowman  
E-Mail:    Bondbo@comcast.net  
Address:    727 Lexington Ave  
City:        Lake Spivey State:        GA        Zip: 30236  
Category:    Traffic Operations  
Comment:    Concening CR661/Blackhall Rd Rum Creek Bridge, Alternate route 1D would be the best proposal. 1D is one of the least costly and does not shut down the road. We have been living with many detours and traffic upgrades for the past 5 to 10 years and tired of all the run arounds. 1A detour is the most expensive and most unreasonable route to use unless you are trying to get as much money as possible. Don't be greedy and don't be cruel to the users of Blackhall Rd. Choose alternate 1D.

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Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name Sally A. Davis

Address 3303 Bay View Dr.  
Lake Spivey, GA 30236 (Henry Co.)

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

- For
- Against
- Conditional
- Uncommitted

General Comments This proposal has the least amount of land required and, honestly, really doesn't impact me as much as others. I can get to W. Stephens to Flippen easily. - I do highly recommend that Henry Co. DOT be encouraged to put a sign up at the W. Stephens Blackhall intersection noting construction - at the proper time - of a roundabout ahead of Jodero. Large trucks will want to know in advance!

How did you hear about this Open House? (check)  Newspaper  Signs  GDOT Website  Radio

*TV at noon today!*  Word of Mouth  Social Media  Other emails - signs too hard to read, where placed!

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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

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Try to get the names of the HOA's directors to help get the word out earlier & faster before deadlines.

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**From:** Duff, Eric  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 9:04 AM  
**To:** Burgess, Aaron T  
**Cc:** Pirkle, Meg; Patel, Hiral  
**Subject:** Fwd: CR 661/Blackhall Rd Rum Creek Bridge

Aaron please include Mr. Draper's email comment (see below) with those that were provided at last week's Open House. Please send Mr. Draper a return email letting him know his comment was received and will be incorporated and addressed with all the comments that were received. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Draper, Scott L." <SLDRAPER@southernco.com>  
**Date:** January 21, 2016 at 5:22:19 PM EST  
**To:** "'eduff@dot.ga.gov'" <eduff@dot.ga.gov>  
**Cc:** "'mpirkle@dot.ga.gov'" <mpirkle@dot.ga.gov>, "'kwkersey@earthlink.net'" <kwkersey@earthlink.net>, "'dbshofman@hotmail.com'" <dbshofman@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** CR 661/Blackhall Rd Rum Creek Bridge

Hi,

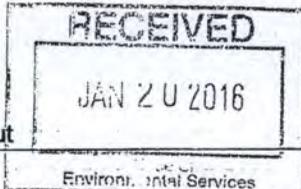
3a My name is Scott Draper, I live in Heritage Ridge Subdivision in Henry County. I am writing to voice my concern about the options being considered to reroute traffic during the construction phase of the above named DOT project. It is my understanding that Alternative 1A is the preferred choice of the DOT, and that this option will reroute traffic 5.8 miles down Walt Stephens Rd, right on Flippen Rd, right on Hudson Bridge Rd, then right to Jodeco Rd for a period of 12 months at a cost of \$ 3,250,000. This option is very inconvenient to the citizens on the south side of the bridge who use Blackhall Rd to access the I-75 corridor and businesses in and around Hwy 138 every day. It will shift a tremendous amount of traffic into the already crowded and congested Hudson Bridge Rd area for a year. The inconvenience and hardship will spread to thousands of other Henry County travelers for a year due to the increased heavy traffic, increased opportunity for accidents and travel delays created in the Hudson Bridge Rd area due to this detour.

3b A preferred alternative would be 1D which would build a permanent bridge on the west side (closer to the dam) and once completed and it open to traffic, the old bridge would be torn down. The cost of this option is only \$3,760,000, and Blackhall Rd would remain open during construction, avoiding the shifted congestion to the Hudson Bridge Rd area that would affect lives of thousands of Henry County travelers every day for a year and the daily inconvenience of every resident south of Rum Creek Bridge.

Thank you for your consideration.

<image002.jpg>  
Scott L. Draper  
Legislative Affairs  
Georgia Power Company  
404-307-0778 cell  
404-506-6933 office

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Name Dondra + David Durham  
Address 805 Leesburg Place  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

Primary PI # 0011691  
Add'l PI Nos \_\_\_\_\_  
NEPA analyst A. Burgess  
Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_  
Copies: OH \_\_\_\_\_ Asst. OH \_\_\_\_\_  
NEPA \_\_\_\_\_ A/N \_\_\_\_\_ ARCH \_\_\_\_\_  
Eco \_\_\_\_\_ Hist \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

- For  Against  Conditional  Uncommitted

General Comments The surrounding community and those affected by this project were not adequately notified. No signage was posted at the earlier Sept. timeframe. By the time word got around, option A to close off Blackhall and reroute was already the plan. I vote for option 10 since it would be the cheaper alternative but any option that DOES NOT SHUT DOWN BLACKHALL is acceptable

4b  
4a

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- Word of Mouth  Social Media  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

Open house was fine. Your notification process was lacking. Our neighborhood was one of the first ones to be encountered how could you people be so careless as to miss those of us located right at the end of Blackhall! Furthermore it should not have taken much investigation to find out that all of us in this area are what is

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Following up of this org. notified more than a dozen communities affected by this closure. known as LAKE SPIVEY COMMUNIT. with the Board would have promptly

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Name Richard + Jessica Fair
Address 2290 Lake Spivey Rd.
Jonesboro, GA 30230

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

- For Against Conditional Uncommitted

General Comments

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) Newspaper Signs GDOT Website Radio

Word of Mouth Social Media Other Lake Spivey Civic Assn

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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

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More Advanced notice to affected parties

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Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name Phil Holcombe
Address 3201 Bay View Dr. Jonesboro, GA 30236

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

- For Against Conditional Uncommitted

General Comments

Best Option is to close Blackhall for 9 months

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) Newspaper Signs GDOT Website Radio

Word of Mouth Social Media 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

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Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name BARBARA HOLMES

Address 8510 BLACKHALL RD, JONESBORO, GA 30236

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

- For Against Conditional Uncommitted

General Comments SINCE I live ON BLACKHALL, I'm OKAY with new bridge.

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) Newspaper Signs GDOT Website Radio Word of Mouth Social Media Other

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend? Yes No

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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: CONTACT ME ON E-mail (bwholmes@att.net)

Mail to: Ms. Hiral Patel, P.E., State Environmental Administrator Georgia Department of Transportation 600 West Peachtree Street, NW - 16th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30308 Email to: ProjectComments@dot.ga.gov



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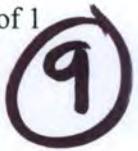
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**Open House Date: 01/14/2016**



First Name: TIM Last Name: HUSTON  
E-Mail: beam1189@hotmail.com  
Address: 165 LONGWOOD DR  
City: JONESBORO State: GA Zip: 30236  
Category: Planning  
Comment: For CR661: The proposed detour planned route and duration would not be acceptable to the residents that utilize the bridge. Option 1D (build a permanent bridge on the west side) would be a more acceptable option. There is already considerable traffic congestion, delays and accidents along the planned detour route while traveling from the north at the intersection of Spear/Blackhall & Walt Stephens. This would require a left-turn at the traffic light. Improvements to flow and congestion at this intersection would greatly reduce concerns of the planned detour route.  
Regards, Tim Huston

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First Name: Lisa      Last Name: Kalle  
E-Mail: lkalle@bellsouth.net  
Address: 210 Jamestown Ave  
City: Jonesboro    State: GA    Zip: 30236  
Category: Other  
Comment: I believe that Alternative 1D would be the

best option allowing the current bridge to remain open while the new bridge is being built and once the new bridge is completed the old bridge torn down. It would be a major inconvenience for residents to have to use a detour of 5.8 miles for a year or more. Blackhall Road is already utilized when I75 is backed up and having this road closed would create a traffic nightmare. Additionally, this would negatively impact the merchants in this area.

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# Blackhall Rd Bridge Replacement

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## Comment Card

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Name KAY Kersey  
Address 1090 Columbus Dr (Heritage Ridge Subdivision)  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

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

For  Against  Conditional  Uncommitted

10a

General Comments Upon attending a public meeting (Jan 14th) regarding this project and reviewing the available options, I am in favor of Alternative 1D - building a permanent bridge on the west side (closer to the Dam) and once completed and it is opened to traffic, the old bridge be torn down. Road would remain OPEN during construction.

How did you hear about this Open House? (check)  Newspaper  Signs  GDOT Website  Radio

Word of Mouth  Social Media  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend?  Yes  No

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Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?  Yes  No

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Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel?  Yes  No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?  Yes  No

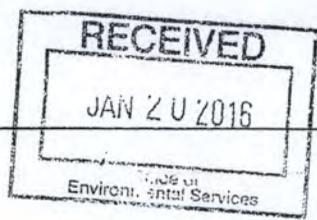
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10b

Our neighborhood was not informed of the first meeting held regarding this project. No public notice was posted along the road.

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**Comment Card**

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Name Thomas & Joyce Lyle  
Address 1086 Columbus Dr.  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

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

- For  Against  Conditional  Uncommitted

General Comments The presented project would put a  
hardship on our neighborhood. (Heritage  
Ridge) off Jodeco Rd. Please reconsider!  
We would prefer option 1 D.  
Thanks

How did you hear about this Open House? (check)  Newspaper  Signs  GDOT Website  Radio  
 Word of Mouth  Social Media  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Comment Card**

Please print responses.

Name JOHN E. PEARSON, S  
Address 3374 So Bay Dr  
LAKE SPIVET

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

- For     Against     Conditional     Uncommitted

General Comments

I would like to see an improved  
TRAFFIC PLAN. THAT PROVIDES GREATER RELIEF  
FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

How did you hear about this Open House? (check)  Newspaper  Signs  GDOT Website  Radio

- Word of Mouth  Social Media  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel?  Yes  No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?  Yes  No

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Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name DAVID SHOFMAN
Address 879 PLYMOUTH DR
JONESBORO, GA 30236

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

- For Against Conditional Uncommitted

General Comments I WOULD PREFER OPTION 'D'. DO NOT CLOSE THE ROAD FOR 8-10 MONTHS BUT BUILD A PERMANENT BRIDGE ON THE DAM SIDE. THERE ARE ALREADY TOO FEW ACCESS ROADS ON THIS SIDE OF I-75. WE CANNOT AFFORD ALL THE EXTRA TRAFFIC ON FLIPPER. PLUS CLOSING THE ROAD DEFEATS THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING THE ROUNDABOUT @ JODECO & BLACKHALL IN 2016-2017.

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) Newspaper Signs GDOT Website Radio

- Word of Mouth Social Media Other

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend? Yes No

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Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? Yes No

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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:

Excellent Forum, BUT I WAS NOT INCLUDED ON THE August DISTRIBUTION LIST. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE HERITAGE RIDGE SUBDIVISION, WHICH LIES AT THE SOUTH END OF BLACKHALL. WE HAVE 161 HOMES THAT WILL BE IMPACTED BY THIS AND WERE NOT INVITED TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

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Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name JOSE R. SOTO

Address 102 OLD VIRGINIA CIRCLE

JONESBORO, GA 30236-5531

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

- For
- Against
- Conditional
- Uncommitted

General Comments NONE AT THIS TIME

How did you hear about this Open House? (check)  Newspaper  Signs  GDOT Website  Radio

Word of Mouth  Social Media  Other H.R.H.A. (HERITAGE RIDGE SUBDIVISION)

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Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?  Yes  No

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NONE AT THIS TIME

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Please print responses

Name Bill Taylor

Address 709 Lexington Ave  
Lake Spivey 30236

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

- For
- Against
- Conditional
- Uncommitted

General Comments

15a Agree with the need - coordinate construction at time of "Round-About" at end of Road would benefit area. Condense the impact it has on residents. 15b

~~\*\*~~ Move date of bridge to same time as Round-a-bout. ~~\*\*~~

How did you hear about this Open House? (check)  Newspaper  Signs  GDOT Website  Radio

Word of Mouth  Social Media  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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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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Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name Sam Teague

Address 170 Amicalola Way  
Jonesboro, Ga 30236

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

- For
- Against
- Conditional
- Uncommitted

16a

General Comments

Bridge is needed but detour needs to be reconsidered for all those that travel on ~~the~~ Blackhall to get to & from I 75

16b

How did you hear about this Open House? (check)  Newspaper  Signs  GDOT Website  Radio

Word of Mouth  Social Media  Other Neighborhood

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Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?  Yes  No

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Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name John Vance

Address 638 Fairgreen Trail  
Stockbridge, GA 30281

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

- For Against Conditional Uncommitted

General Comments Project starts AFTER the I75 project is completed.

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) Newspaper Signs GDOT Website Radio

Word of Mouth Social Media Other Email from friend.

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

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Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel? Yes No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? Yes No

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**From:** [EWilli0418@aol.com](mailto:EWilli0418@aol.com) [mailto:[EWilli0418@aol.com](mailto:EWilli0418@aol.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2016 11:05 AM  
**To:** Project Comments  
**Subject:** CR661/Blackhall Rd Rum Creek Bridge Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to make comments on the CR661/Blackhall Road Rum Creek Bridge Project.

My understanding is there are four alternatives for this project. The alternative DOT has selected initially is the lowest cost, most quickly completed alternative of closing Blackhall Road and completing the project within a year. Normally, I would applaud this approach.

In this instance, I would prefer a different option. Currently, Blackhall Road has much more traffic than originally planned. Due to construction on I-75, numerous local motorists get off I-75 at Exit 228 (Georgia Highway 138), then use our local arteries, Speer Road and Blackhall Road, to get to their destinations. This happens multiple times weekly, particularly Fridays and holiday eves. Closing Blackhall Road is not a good option, given this traffic load.

18a, 18b

The options I have seen include:

1A. The approach initially selected by DOT to complete the project in a year while closing Blackhall Road at a cost of \$3,250,000..

1B. A temporary bridge on the west (dam) side of the current bridge for traffic to utilize. After the temporary bridge is completed the old bridge would be torn down and a new bridge constructed. Once that bridge is completed the temporary bridge would be removed. The cost of this option is \$4,600,000 and would take about 18 months.

1C. A temporary bridge constructed on the east side of the existing bridge instead of the west (dam side). The time period is 18 months and would cost \$4,965,000.

1D. A permanent bridge constructed on the west side (closer to the dam) with the current bridge remaining open. Once completed the new bridge is completed and open to traffic, the old bridge would be torn down. The cost of this option is \$3,760,000 and the duration of the work is also 18 months, but the road would remain open during construction.

I prefer option 1D, constructing a new bridge while the old structure remains open. This would minimize the impact on motorists who live locally and motorists who encounter construction delays and heavy volume on I-75.

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I appreciate your consideration of my ideas and opinions on this project.

Sincerely,  
Edward L. Williams

1 WANDA BOWMAN - 727 Lexington Avenue,  
2 Jonesboro, Georgia 30226; (404) 423-4014:

3 I am opposed to the option that they are  
4 saying, how they will be using the detour.

5 I think the better option would be to  
6 build a bridge and go around, a second bridge  
7 around -- a temporary bridge to go around the  
8 main bridge.

9 The traffic now is overwhelming for us  
10 to even get home.

11 Any time of the day now, it has gotten  
12 to that point because of 75 being all backed up  
13 and not being finished.

14 I just feel like this option is not an  
15 acceptable option. Thank you.

16 DOW KIRKLAND - 3464 South Bay Drive,  
17 Lake Spivey, Georgia 30236; (770) 265-5669:

18 We were talking to a couple of the  
19 engineers about the bridge project. If they are  
20 going to build the roundabout at the end of  
21 Blackhall Road, why not build the roundabout at  
22 the same time at the end of Blackhall if you want  
23 to close the bridge.

24 The engineer said that's a very good  
25 question and to submit it and find out why we are

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1 not doing it at the same time.

2 The project for the roundabout has been  
3 on the books for over two years, and the bridge  
4 for only a year. Thank you.

5 JOSEFINA JOHNSON - 3202 Jodeco Drive,  
6 Jonesboro, Georgia 30236; (770) 471-4024:

7 My comments are, you know we will have  
8 two projects and it will be two years of being  
9 disturbed by the projects.

10 So I was going to say, why not do the  
11 roundabout and this bridge all in one, you know,  
12 at the same time, instead of doing the roundabout  
13 in 2017 and 2018 you start the other project.

14 We would have problems driving all  
15 around for a good while. It will be almost two  
16 years.

17 That's my comment, why not put it  
18 together and do the two projects at the same  
19 time. Thank you.

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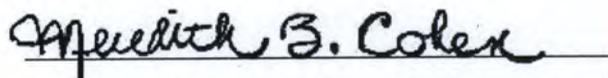
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COUNTY OF GWINNETT

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings were taken down as stated in the caption, and reduced to print under my direction, that the foregoing pages 1 through 3 represents a true, correct, and complete transcript of the statements given at said meeting.

This the 19th day of January, 2016.



Meredith B. Cohen, CCR-B-2093

**From:** Porsha [[mailto:porsha\\_g@hotmail.com](mailto:porsha_g@hotmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2016 1:54 PM  
**To:** Project Comments  
**Cc:** [jjordan@hrmjv.com](mailto:jjordan@hrmjv.com); [beach5101@gmail.com](mailto:beach5101@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** PI Number 0011691 - January 14, 2016

I am a resident of the Longwood subdivision and would like to express my concern of the Blackhall Rd Rum Creek Bridge work. As I understand from information provided at the open house on Jan 14th, the alternative (1A) that was chosen will close Blackhall Rd for the duration of the construction. This will highly impact my commute to and from home not to mention Blackhall is currently used as an alternate route when I75 South or North has heavy traffic/congestion, roadwork which we currently have due to the express lane construction, and/or an accident between exits 228 Stockbridge/Jonesboro and 222 Jodeco Rd.

Closing Blackhall Rd for 12months will not be in the best interest of the surrounding communities. More traffic and shorter tempers does not benefit anyone. Is there anyway possible for Alternative 1D to be selected in an effort to work with the communities that will be impacted? As a tax payer I understand the need to minimize cost but where it is advantageous for all involved. Keeping Blackhall Rd open while constructing the new bridge would certainly be worth the additional \$510,000.

I look forward to receiving your response to my email.

Thank you  
Porsha Jordan  
404.386.8140

**From:** Indi Somers [<mailto:isomers79@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2016 4:33 PM  
**To:** Project Comments  
**Subject:** Henry County/PI 0011691/January 14

Hello:

I was unable to attend the meeting on January 14 because the traffic on Speer Road was backed up almost to Highway 138 and I had to take an alternate road and could not make it to Red Oak Elementary in time. I was not aware of the meeting that was held September until I started researching the project after I missed the January 14 meeting.

I do not support closing the road while the replacing the bridge. I think option 1D makes the most sense and it is not a lot more expensive than option 1A. The roads in this area cannot handle any additional traffic. Not only will it inconvenience residents in our daily commutes, but it will hurt the businesses in the area.

Additionally, I live in Longwood Subdivision at the intersection of Jodeco and Blackhall. Turning in and out of our neighborhood is like rolling dice. Nothing has been done since 2001 when we moved here and I realize it is on the agenda again, but I would certainly hope that that project is given priority over replacement of the Rum Creek bridge, for safety sake.

Thanks.

Indi Somers

**From:** Shelia Kelley [<mailto:shkelley1@bellsouth.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 10:56 AM  
**To:** Project Comments  
**Subject:** Henry County, PI Number 0011691 Jan 14, 2016

Closing BlackHall Rd would be the worst choice considering that a round about is also planned for Jodeco Rd at the intersection of Jodeco & Blackhall.

The traffic on Flippen and Walt Stephens is already terrible, especially when 75 is backed up.

The better plan (similar in cost) would be 1D to build a new bridge west of the present bridge and then remove the old bridge keeping Blackhall open.

Thanks,  
Shelia Kelley

-----Original Message-----

From: Tony Kelley [<mailto:tkelley12@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 11:25 AM

To: Project Comments

Subject: PI Number 0011691 meeting date January 14,2016

I am thankful that Henry County is receiving these much needed repairs by the GDOT.

I live in Longwood which is at the intersection of Jodeco Road and Blackhall. Construction of a large round about should start soon and complete in 2017.

Not sure how this project will affect the new bridge construction on Rum Creek. Not sure why this occurs almost every day but when traffic is a disaster on I-75 south everyone takes highway 138, Speer Road/Blackhall, to left on Jodeco, back to I-75 south. Many drivers take Walts Stephens to Flippen therefore detour suggestion is already a traffic nightmare.

My preference would be to build a new bridge west of current bridge and remove current bridge after new bridge is completed. I realize this curve would slow the traffic down but we need this considering the number of wrecks at the intersection of Blackhall and Jodeco.

Tony Kelley

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: Tony Kelley [<mailto:tkelley12@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 7:31 PM

To: Project Comments

Subject: Blackhall/Jodeco Road roundabout

I live in the Longwood subdivision and a member of our architectural control committee.

The association is considering upgrading our fence, lighting, and landscaping in 2016.

The roundabout project is to start soon and complete in 2017. Since the roundabout is directly in front of our entrance, how will it directly affect our subdivision entrance as far as landscaping is concerned?

Thank for your input about this concern.

Tony Kelley

[tkelley12@gmail.com](mailto:tkelley12@gmail.com)

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Draper, Glenda L. [<mailto:GLDRAPER@SOUTHERNCO.COM>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 10:03 AM  
**To:** Project Comments  
**Subject:** PI#0011691 Bridge replacement Blackhall Road at Rum Creek

To Whom it May Concern,

Recently it has been brought to our attention that GDOT plans to replace the bridge over Rum Creek on Blackhall Road at Lake Spivey. It is my understanding that there are (4) construction options in which (3) plan to construct a temporary bridge so as not to close Blackhall Road and (1) is to close Blackhall Road for 12 months. It is also my understanding that GDOT wants to use the option that closes Blackhall Road and detour traffic 5.8 miles to Flippen Road and Hudson Bridge. This would cause a major traffic nightmare for all residents that live in and surrounding the communities of Lake Spivey. Whenever there are traffic delays on I-75 south through Henry County, the proposed detour route is already heavily used and additional traffic would cause a burden for all those involved. Please reconsider the decision to close Blackhall Road and choose an option that would allow Blackhall Road to remain open for the construction period.

Glenda Draper  
408 Charleston Ave  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

**From:** Donna Harp [<mailto:dkharp@bellsouth.net>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2016 5:48 PM  
**To:** Project Comments  
**Subject:** Henry County, PI Number 0011691, Meeting Date Jan. 14, 2016

CR 661/Blackhall Rd. Rum Creek Bridge

Alternative 1A chosen by GDOT will close Blackhall Road for 12 months and will put an unnecessary burden on the many people who use this road daily. In addition, it will cause traffic problems on the surrounding streets as the Blackhall Rd traffic is re-routed onto them.

Alternative 1D which builds a permanent bridge on the west side close to the dam and keeps Blackhall open to traffic during the construction of the new bridge seems to be a much better solution for the people who will be impacted by the project. It will take longer (18 mo. vs 12) and cost \$510,000 more; however, the negative impact to the homeowners and businesses in the area will be much less.

I hope you will reconsider and use Alternative 1D.

Sincerely,

Donna Harp  
Longwood Subdivision

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Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name Mackie H. Norris
Address 726 Lexington Ave
Jonesboro, Ga 30236

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

- For Against Conditional Uncommitted

General Comments Given my experiences over the last 13 years I have lived in this area I must vote against the detour proposal. Traffic is already a nightmare based on time of day and I-75 conditions and a detour would further complicate the situation.

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) Newspaper Signs GDOT Website Radio Word of Mouth Social Media Other

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:

Four horizontal lines for writing suggestions.

Mail to: Ms. Hiral Patel, P.E., State Environmental Administrator Georgia Department of Transportation 600 West Peachtree Street, NW - 16th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30308 Email to: ProjectComments@dot.ga.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Diane Smith [<mailto:diane.smith45@aol.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 6:13 PM

To: Project Comments

Subject: Henry Co. PI No. 0011691 meeting date 1-14-2016 CR 661/Blackhall Rd  
Rum creek bridge

Blackhall Rd. Is a primary route to travel north to Ingles, Kohl's, Lowes, restaurants, etc. as well as I-75 North. A 12-month detour would be a major inconvenience as well as a detriment to local businesses. Alternative 1D would build a permanent bridge without closing Blackhall Rd. and is the cheapest of the other 2 alternatives. This would impact the residents and businesses much less than alternative 1A. Please reconsider using Alternate 1D instead of Alternate 1A.

Sincerely,  
Carl & Diane Smith  
8889 Blackhall Rd.  
Jonesboro, Ga

-----Original Message-----

From: Carlton Austin [<mailto:austin0773@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2016 6:51 PM

To: Project Comments

Cc: MeChe Austin

Subject: Blackhall Rum Creek Bridge Option 1D

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a homeowner that lives in the Heritage Ridge Subdivision at 1093 Columbus Drive Jonesboro, GA I am writing to give my support for Option 1D of the PI 0011691 project for the replacement of the bridge over Rum Creek on Blackhall Rd.

Regards,

Carlton Austin

Sent from my iPhone

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In 2015 there were 1,389 fatalities on Georgia's roads. This marks the first annual increase in a decade. Many of these deaths are preventable - the result of distracted driving. DriveAlert ArriveAlive implores motorists to drive responsibly. 1-buckle up; 2-stay off the phone/no texting; and 3-drive alert. Visit [www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA](http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA). #ArriveAliveGA

**From:** Angela [<mailto:kaydawgs@earthlink.net>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2016 7:03 PM  
**To:** Project Comments  
**Subject:** Rum Creek Bridge Replacement on Blackhall Road

Hey,  
We live in Falling Waters Subdivision off Blackhall Road south of the bridge over Rum Creek.

As we understand, the bridge is scheduled to be replaced in 2018 and multiple alternatives to construction have been presented. One of the alternatives involves closing Blackhall Road to through traffic during construction of the bridge.

We'd like to voice our opposition to this option and recommend one of the other three to keep Blackhall open during replacement.

For those of us that work and shop north of the bridge closing Blackhall for a lengthy time will have significant hardship on daily activities and routine.

Also, given the traffic issues overall, closing an option even for a period of time like the Blackhall "cut-through" will cause even more traffic hardships to a much broader number of commuters and travelers every day.

Thank you for hearing our input and opposition to this option and our request for your consideration of another of the identified options.

Thank you,  
Steve and Angela Kay  
169 Falling Waters Drive  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

-----Original Message-----

From: Marcia Hudson [<mailto:thetehudsons@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 12:20 AM

To: Project Comments

Subject: Henry county project number 0011691 meeting date Jan.14, 2016

My name is Marcia Hudson. I live in the Heritage Ridge Subdivision which is over Jodeco Road and south of Blackhall. The project to replace the bridge over Rum Creek by closing Blackhall for up to 12 months is severely detrimental to all who use Blackhall to travel north. The traffic flow on this road is tremendous and is already very heavy at rush hour times on the proposed detour. While the detour is just over 5 miles, the time difference during the rush hour times would be at least 30 minutes. The road damage would be great, and the number of accidents would be greatly increased because of the increased traffic.

Apparently there was a meeting in December of 2015, but residents south of the bridge were not invited to attend. Those south of the bridge are the ones who will be most impacted by closing the road. Since the option to build a permanent bridge west of the current bridge and keep the road open costs only a half million more, I and the residents of the areas south of the bridge would choose this option. Please carefully consider the impact this will have on the roads, traffic, and the people who live on the south side of the bridge. Thank you.

Marcia Hudson

Always blest when I give Him my best

Sent from my iPad 2

-----Original Message-----

From: Paul Adams [<mailto:paul6626e@att.net>]

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 12:49 AM

To: Project Comments

Subject: Henry County PI Number 0011691 Meeting date: Jan 14, 2016

To who It may concern:

24 Jan. 2016

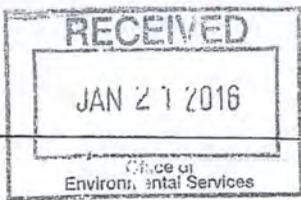
I am writing to express my concern about the proposed replacement of the bridge on County Route 661/Blackhall Road over Rum Creek, PI Number 0011691. In particular I have concerns about one of the options that involves closing Blackhall Road to through traffic during construction for a period of approximately one year.

I support an option that would keep the bridge open during construction and local traffic to flow north on Blackhall Road to allow travelers to get to their destinations in a timely manner, to include commuters to get to I-75 North for their journey into Atlanta for work. Furthermore, closing Blackhall Road would increase traffic hardships with existing construction for commuters exiting the City traveling south on I-75. There would be no cut-through for travelers to get to suburbs south.

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns about this issue in Henry County. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Adams  
172 Falling Waters Drive  
Jonesboro, Ga. 30236



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**Comment Card**

Please print responses.

Name Richard Blackaby  
Address 1070 Columbus Dr.  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

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

- For  Against  Conditional  Uncommitted

General Comments I am against closing Blackhall Rd. for a year.  
I prefer option 1D which keeps the road open while a  
new bridge is installed.

How did you hear about this Open House? (check)  Newspaper  Signs  GDOT Website  Radio

Word of Mouth  Social Media  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel?  Yes  No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?  Yes  No

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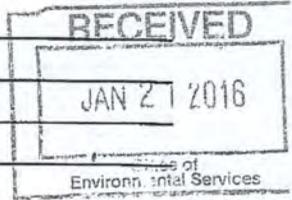
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Please print responses.

Name LEO C. LALIBERTE  
Address 921 plymouth DR  
Jonesboro, GA 30236



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

- For  Against  Conditional  Uncommitted

General Comments only WANT "I'D" Selection  
ROAD NET To be closed For 9-12-MO.

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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.

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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.

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Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel?  Yes  No

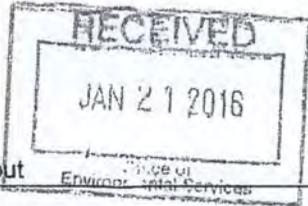
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Name Kenneth Scott McClellan  
Address 303 TROTTON CIRCLE  
JONESBORO, GA 30236

Primary PI # 0011691  
Add'l PI Nos. \_\_\_\_\_  
NEPA analyst A. Burgess  
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Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

- For  Against  Conditional  Uncommitted

General Comments PLAN D WOULD BE A BETTER OPTION -  
KEEPING THE ROAD OPEN WOULD KEEP A LOT (THOUSANDS)  
OF CARS OFF OF I-75. MANY COMMUTERS WHO DO  
NOT LIVE NEAR LAKE SPIVEY USE BLACKHALL AS  
AN ALTERNATIVE - SOMEONE SHOULD DO A  
TRAFFIC COUNT ON DAYS THE INTERSTATE IS BACKED UP

How did you hear about this Open House? (check)  Newspaper  Signs  GDOT Website  Radio  
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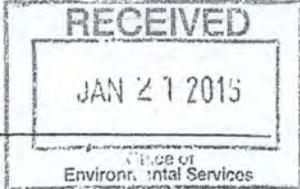
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Please print responses.

Name MARY TERESA McClellan  
Address 303 Trenton Circle  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

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

- For  Against  Conditional  Uncommitted

General Comments PLAN D WOULD BE BETTER

Thousands of cars will stay on I-75 if the road is NOT kept open during construction

How did you hear about this Open House? (check)  Newspaper  Signs  GDOT Website  Radio  
 Word of Mouth  Social Media  Other Neighborhood Association

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.

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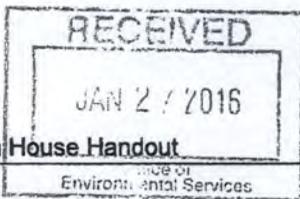
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**Comment Card**

Please print responses.

Name Bob and Ruthann Moore  
Address 150 Longwood Drive

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

- For  Against  Conditional  Uncommitted

General Comments We are more in favor of building a temporary bridge (option 1D). We are also asking that the construction of the round-about at Sodeco and Blackhall be done at the same time as the bridge. There is no point in inconveniencing us for 2 years!

How did you hear about this Open House? (check)  Newspaper  Signs  GDOT Website  Radio

Word of Mouth  Social Media  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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.

It would have been if we had known about it

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?  Yes  No

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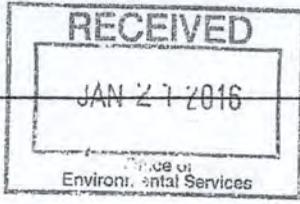
Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel?  Yes  No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?  Yes  No

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

No one in our subdivision and other subdivisions knew about this until after the meeting. Perhaps a mailout or contacting one or two people in each subdivision affected to "spread the word" would be a better idea

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Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name Mr + Mrs Frank Nichols
Address 232 Jamestown Av
Jonesboro, GA 30236

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

- For Against Conditional Uncommitted

General Comments Closing Blackhall Rd for 9-12 months is not a good option - Alternative ID building a permanent bridge on the West side (closer to the dam) and NOT closing Blackhall is our choice.

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) Newspaper Signs GDOT Website Radio Word of Mouth Social Media Other

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. The Charity Baptist Church on Floyd Rd.

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

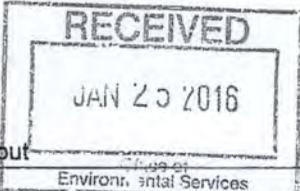
Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? Yes No

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

Closing Blackhall Rd is not an option - observe traffic conditions during the 4:30-7pm time period and see the massive inconvenience you will subject residents too!

Mail to: Ms. Hiral Patel, P.E., State Environmental Administrator, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, NW - 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, Email to: ProjectComments@dot.ga.gov

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Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name

Amanda Phillips, MD

Address

1094 Columbus Dr  
Jonesboro, GA 30231

Primary PI # 0011691  
Add'l PI Nos.  
NEPA analyst A. Burgess  
Recipient:  
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NEPA A/N Arch  
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Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

- For  Against  Conditional  Uncommitted

General Comments

Blackhall Rd detour  
Recommend Alternative ID to build  
a new permanent bridge without  
closing the road.  
There is already heavy traffic on  
Blackhall and closing the road would be  
too disruptive.

How did you hear about this Open House? (check)  Newspaper  Signs  GDOT Website  Radio

- Word of Mouth  Social Media  Other Homeowners' association

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?

NA

- Yes  No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

- Yes  No

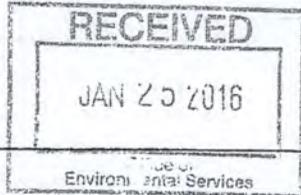
Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

Notify each Homeowners' association  
in the area and direct mailer  
to area residences.

Mail to:

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Georgia Department of Transportation  
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PI#(s): 0011691, County: Henry

Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: Joseph Phillip
Address: 1094 Columbus Dr, Jonesboro, GA 30213

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

- For, Against, Conditional, Uncommitted

General Comments: Blackhall Rd Detour

Recommend Alternative 1D
This would allow less disruption to the residents in the area.

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) Newspaper, Signs, GDOT Website, Radio

Word of Mouth, Social Media, Other: KRKA

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend? Yes, No

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? Yes, No

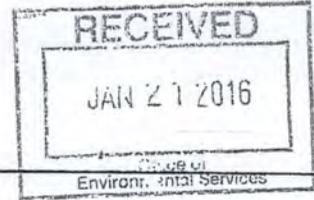
Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel? Yes, No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? Yes, No

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:
Please do direct mailers to the residents involved.

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**Comment Card**

Please print responses.

Name MICHAEL STEADMAN  
Address 503 CONCORD CIRCLE  
JONESBORO (HERITAGE RIDGE SUBDIVISION)

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

- For  Against  Conditional  Uncommitted

General Comments PREFER OPTIONS 1B OR 1D - WHICH DO  
NOT RESULT IN CLOSURES TO BLACK HALL, WHICH WOULD CAUSE  
SIGNIFICANT DISRUPTION TO ALL OUR NORMAL LIVES!

How did you hear about this Open House? (check)  Newspaper  Signs  GDOT Website  Radio  
 Word of Mouth  Social Media  Other HRHA NEWSLETTER

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. N/A  
NOT INVITED

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:

*Michael Steadman*

Mail to:  
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Georgia Department of Transportation  
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Re: Responses to Open House Comments for PI#(s): 0011691, Henry County, CR 661/Blackhall Road Rum Creek Bridge

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«GreetingLine»

Thank you for your comments concerning the proposed project referenced above. We appreciate your participation and all of the input that was received as a result of the *January 14, 2016 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 **56** people attended the open house. Of the **42** respondents who formally commented, **6** were in **support** of the project, **13** were **opposed**, **2** were **uncommitted**, and **21** 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.

1. *Noted that there were no signs or advertisements for the meeting that was held in September regarding the project.*

The meeting held in September was specifically set up as a stakeholder meeting and was not designed to be an open public meeting. Notification signs or advertisements were not utilized for this meeting as this was not planned to be a public meeting. The intent of the meeting was to get some general feedback from representatives of the community including individuals from some of the home owner associations, churches, and community officials. The feedback from this stakeholder meeting was used to help guide the development of the preferred project Alternative, which was the Alternative presented at the January 14, 2015 Detour Public Information Open House.

2. *Concerned that closing the bridge temporarily would worsen existing traffic backups on I-75 as Blackhall Road would no longer be an Alternative (cut through) to avoid these backups.*

The managed lane project currently under construction along I-75 in the vicinity of this project is anticipated to be completed and open to traffic well before the construction of the proposed bridge project starts. One of the main purposes of the I-75 project is to relieve congestion and backups along I-75; therefore, it is not anticipated that the proposed temporary bridge closure would worsen backups along I-75 in this vicinity.

3. *Would prefer to see Alternative 1D, which was presented as a potential Alternative at a stakeholder meeting in September 2015 to construct the replacement bridge on new location to the west while using the existing bridge as the temporary detour.*

As noted above in comment #1, a stakeholder meeting was recently held where a series of four different Alternatives were presented. A description of each of the four Alternatives noting the key features of each of

the Alternatives including the time to construct, the approximate area of right-of-way needed, and the required construction time frame was presented. It was noted that Alternative 1A had the least impact to environmental resources since it maximizes the use of the existing disturbed roadway corridor. Some of the issues discussed included concerns that closing the roadway during construction, as proposed in Alternative 1A, would overload the capacity of the surrounding roadway network. Some attendees were concerned that Alternative 1D would potentially impact the Lake Spivey Dam. At the conclusion of the meeting attendees were encouraged to submit their written comments.

At the end of the comment period following the meeting a total of 15 comments had been received. The following is a brief summary of the comment responses:

**Alternative 1A** – This Alternative proposes to remove and reconstruct the bridge over Rum Creek by closing Blackhall Road and detouring traffic to a 5.8 mile offsite detour. **Seven comments** noted a preference for this Alternative because it would have the least disturbance, has the lowest construction cost, has least impact to Lake Spivey, and has the shortest construction time frame.

**Alternative 1B** – This Alternative proposes to remove and reconstruct the bridge over Rum Creek by maintaining traffic on site through the use of a temporary road and bridge constructed on the west side of Blackhall Road (the Lake Spivey side of the road). **Six comments** noted a preference for this Alternative because it would have the least impact to Lake Spivey, and would not shut down the existing road.

**Alternative 1C** – This Alternative proposes to remove and reconstruct the bridge over Rum Creek by maintaining traffic on site through the use of a temporary road and bridge constructed on the east side of Blackhall Road (downstream side of the bridge). **No comments** noted a preference for this Alternative.

**Alternative 1D** – This Alternative proposes to maintain traffic on the existing Blackhall Road over Rum Creek bridge while a new road and replacement bridge are constructed immediately to the west of the existing road and bridge (Lake Spivey side of road). **Two comments** noted a preference for this Alternative because it is the least expensive without a detour, and it does not require a temporary bridge.

The design development and environmental evaluation process is a decision-making tool to determine which Alternative best meets the project need and purpose while minimizing adverse impacts to the social, economic and environmental resources in the project area. GDOT believes that Alternative 1A is the Alternative that best meets this goal, and has therefore presented it as the preferred Alternative.

- 4. Requested that the proposed bridge replacement project be constructed at the same time as the roundabout intersection project proposed at Blackhall Road and Jodeco Road.*

Construction of the roundabout project is currently set to begin in the fall of 2016. While the bridge project is much earlier in the project development process and is currently in the concept phase. The planned project construction schedule for the bridge is set for summer of 2018. Under this schedule the roundabout construction would be complete prior to the temporary closure of the bridge, which would improve the efficiency of the proposed detour route.

- 5. Concerned that the proposed detour will create congestion and be very inconvenient for local citizens.*

Unfortunately temporary inconveniences are often associated with bridge and road construction projects. As part of the ongoing project development, GDOT is investigating ways to expedite the construction process

and will attempt to minimize the time frame the detour is in place in order to lessen the inconveniences to the traveling public. This investigation will include the evaluation of alternative construction techniques and the timing of the detour to minimize the overlap with the school year when traffic is heavier. Specifically, we will investigate the feasibility of incorporating Accelerated Bridge Construction elements into the project and evaluate bridge construction methodologies that utilize precast concrete components which can reduce the time required to construct the replacement bridge. GDOT is also committed to including specific language within the construction contract that limits the duration of the closure of Blackhall Road and offsite detour.

6. *Concerned that the temporary detour would negatively impact area merchants.*

As noted above in comment #2, and comment #4, with the completion of the I-75 managed lane project and the local roundabout project it is anticipated that traffic congestion within the project vicinity will be improved over current day conditions by the time the bridge project goes to construction. With these expected improvements in mobility the GDOT does not anticipate any long term adverse effects to local merchants. GDOT will coordinate with Henry County prior to the beginning of construction to ensure that adequate detour signage is in place to help minimize effects to the local merchants.

7. *Requested preparation of a traffic plan that improves access for local residents.*

The purpose of the proposed project is to replace a deficient bridge to ensure that traffic access in the project is maintained well into the future. Also, as noted above there are some ongoing and planned projects that are designed to improve access for local residents. Traffic management within the project area is primarily the responsibility of Henry County; therefore, it is recommended that the Henry County Department of Transportation be contacted directly to obtain additional information regarding any proposed traffic management plans for the area.

8. *Noted general support for the proposed bridge replacement project.*

GDOT appreciates your support for the project and hopes that you will continue to stay involved with the planning and design efforts for this project.

Again, thank you for your comments. Should you have further questions, comments or concerns, please call the project manager, Kevin VanHouten, at 706-646-7557 or the environmental analyst, Aaron Burgess, at 404-631-1159.

Sincerely,

Eric Duff  
State Environmental Administrator

ED/kv/ab/kk/gth

cc: Kevin VanHouten, GDOT Project Manager (via email)  
PDF for Project File; Hardcopy to General Files

# FHWA-GDOT MEETING MINUTES

## BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON CR 661/BLACKHALL ROAD @ RUM CREEK PROJECT PI No. 0011691 HENRY COUNTY

**DATE:** March 2, 2016

**CHA FILE:** 29323

**PLACE:** Georgia Department of Transportation  
One Georgia Center  
600 West Peachtree Street, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308

**TIME:** 10:00 AM

### ATTENDEES:

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### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss/confirm the use of an offsite detour during reconstruction of the bridge over Rum Creek as well as the outcome of recent Stakeholder and PIOH meetings.

### SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION POINTS:

The meeting began after informal greetings and introductions of the seven attendees.

**Kevin VanHouten** briefly provided Chetna Dixon and Aaron Hernandez with some background on the project. The Stakeholder meeting held on September 1, 2015 and the PIOH held January 14, 2016 were both discussed in detail. The invitee list for the Stakeholder Meeting was presented/discussed and the group was in agreement that the Stakeholder Meeting should not have involved the general public. The Stakeholder responses, which indicated a slight preference for the offsite detour alternative, were also discussed by the group as well as the draft response letter for the PIOH, which included a summary of the response cards. While the Preferred Alternative, Alt 1A-Offsite Detour, was the only Alternative presented at the PIOH, a majority of the respondents indicated a preference for Alternative 1D (permanent realignment to the west towards Lake Spivey), citing the inconvenience of the offsite detour. It is likely that many attendees obtained the alternatives presented at the Stakeholder meeting from their HOA's and neighbors. Kevin VanHouten mentioned the use of Blackhall Road as a north-south cut-through when I-75 is congested.

**Chetna Dixon** inquired on the status of the I-75 managed lane construction as well as the impact introducing the managed lane will have on the traffic for local roads like Blackhall Road. **Krystal Stovall-Dixon** replied that the I-75 managed lane project would be completed prior to letting the Blackhall Road project. It was generally agreed by the group that there may be a short-term increase in traffic on Blackhall Road when the I-75 managed lane is first completed but that, long-term, the managed lanes will reduce traffic volume on Blackhall Road. **Kevin VanHouten** stated that there are presently daily users of Blackhall Rd. who take the



route to avoid the construction on the managed lanes I-75 project. The Department predicts that these users will return to I-75 upon completion of the managed lanes project and traffic on Blackhall Rd should decrease. **Krystal Stovall-Dixon** pointed out that the managed lanes project on I-75 provides for additional lanes and does not use existing lanes of I-75; therefore the overall number of lanes available to travelers will increase upon project completion.

**Kevin Kahle** provided some background on all four alternatives developed in Concept design including a discussion of: impacts to the residential properties on the east side of Blackhall Road, potential impacts to the Lake Spivey Civic Association property and the dam/spillway located on the west side of Blackhall Road, and stream and wetland impacts for each of the alternatives. Relative construction costs were briefly mentioned as well as correspondence with the President of the Lake Spivey Civic Association regarding impacts to their property. **Kevin VanHouten** stated that additional vibration monitoring and further geotechnical investigation / engineering assessments of the dam would be required for Alternatives with a westerly alignment shift towards the dam (Alts. 1B and 1D).

**Chetna Dixon** asked if the user costs were accounted for in the concept cost estimates and Kevin VanHouten indicated that they were not. Todd Hill added that a dot-study had been conducted at the Stakeholder Meeting to gauge the origin/destination of typical road users attending the meeting.

**Kevin VanHouten** and **Aaron Burgess** indicated the project could be let such that the closure of Blackhall Road would coincide with the summer months when school is out to reduce the impacts to school buses and school traffic as well as allow local users to adapt to the new detour prior to the start of a new school year.

**Kevin VanHouten** stated that based on conversations he had with the Construction Office, it was very likely the bridge could be constructed within an 8 to 9 month timeframe. Special provisions will be included in the contract limiting the time allowed for road closure.

**Chetna Dixon** thanked everyone for their input and indicated that she will review the documentation and provide any comments shortly.

**The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.**

**This Meeting Summary is intended to be an accurate record of key points, topics and discussions that were held during the meeting.**

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Kevin J. Kahle, P.E.  
Project Manager

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## Kahle, Kevin

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**From:** Chetna.Dixon@dot.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016 9:39 AM  
**To:** VanHouten, Kevin; Stovall-Dixon, Krystal E.; Burgess, Aaron T  
**Cc:** Chetna.Dixon@dot.gov; Kendra.Fly@dot.gov; Leon.Kim@dot.gov  
**Subject:** Comments on GDOT Project PI 0011691, Henry County- CR 661/Blackhall Road over Rum Creek

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Good Morning Kevin, Krystal and Aaron,

Thank you for providing project information and public/stakeholder comments for our review. Your agency held a stakeholder meeting in September 2015 and a detour meeting in January 2016. GDOT received a number of comments from the public and stakeholders (e.g., Henry County Department of Transportation and Henry County Schools) concerning the duration of the proposed detour. According to GDOT PM K. VanHouten, the duration of the proposed detour is 12 months. A number of comments received at the January 2016 detour meeting expressed concerns with the duration of the detour. In addition, comments from the Henry County Schools indicated 12 buses per day travel along CR 661/ Blackhall Road. Red Oak Elementary is located on the proposed detour route. The Henry County Department of Transportation commented, "The detour route is extremely long. The roads that comprise the detour have high [traffic] volumes already. The additional traffic volumes would put them over capacity." We recommend that GDOT's Office of Project Delivery coordinate with the GDOT's Office of Construction to determine if the duration of the detour can be reduced from 12 months to a shorter period in light of the comments received from the public and stakeholders. We would appreciate after consulting with the Office of Construction regarding our recommendation, please provide a response to our office. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me or Kendra Fly.

Thanks,

**Chetna P. Dixon | FHWA GA Division**

Environmental Coordinator

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