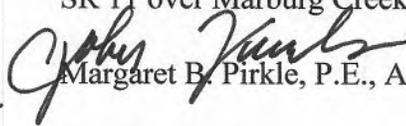


**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

FILE	P. I. No. 132970, Barrow County BRST-052-1(13) SR 11 over Marburg Creek	OFFICE	Preconstruction
		DATE	June 7, 2005
FROM	 Margaret B. Pirkle, P.E., Assistant Director of Preconstruction		
TO	See Distribution		
SUBJECT	APPROVED DETOUR REPORT		

Attached for your files is the approval for subject project.

MBP/cj

Attachment

DISTRIBUTION:

- Brian Summers
- Harvey Keepler
- Jamie Simpson
- Michael Henry
- Paul Liles
- Keith Golden
- Babs Abubakari
- Joe Palladi (file copy)
- Russell McMurry
- BOARD MEMBER

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Detour Approval

Project No. BR-052-1(13)

P.I. No. 132970

May 24, 2005

Replacing the bridge in its existing location and providing an offsite detour eliminates the impacts to Fort Yargo State Park and to the City of Winder sewage treatment plant and the plant's reclamation spray fields. This alternative is the most cost effective and time efficient option.

Environmental Assessment of the proposed detour route: See attachments.

Public Information Meeting Results: No changes were made as a result of the comments from the detour meeting. See attached documents for a synopsis of the results of the detour meeting.

Recommendations: It is recommended that the proposed off-site detour be used for this project.

RECOMMENDED: 
Director of Preconstruction

APPROVED: 
Chief Engineer

6/6/05
Date of Approval

Attachments:

- o Proposed Notice,
- o Location sketch of each detour route studied,
- o Partial C.E. document with detour route listed,
- o Public Information Meeting comment cards, and
- o Public Information Meeting response letters.

NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL

Project No. BRST-052-1(13), Barrow County
P.I. No. 132970

Notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the use of and the routing of a detour for this project.

The date of detour approval is: JUNE 7, 2005

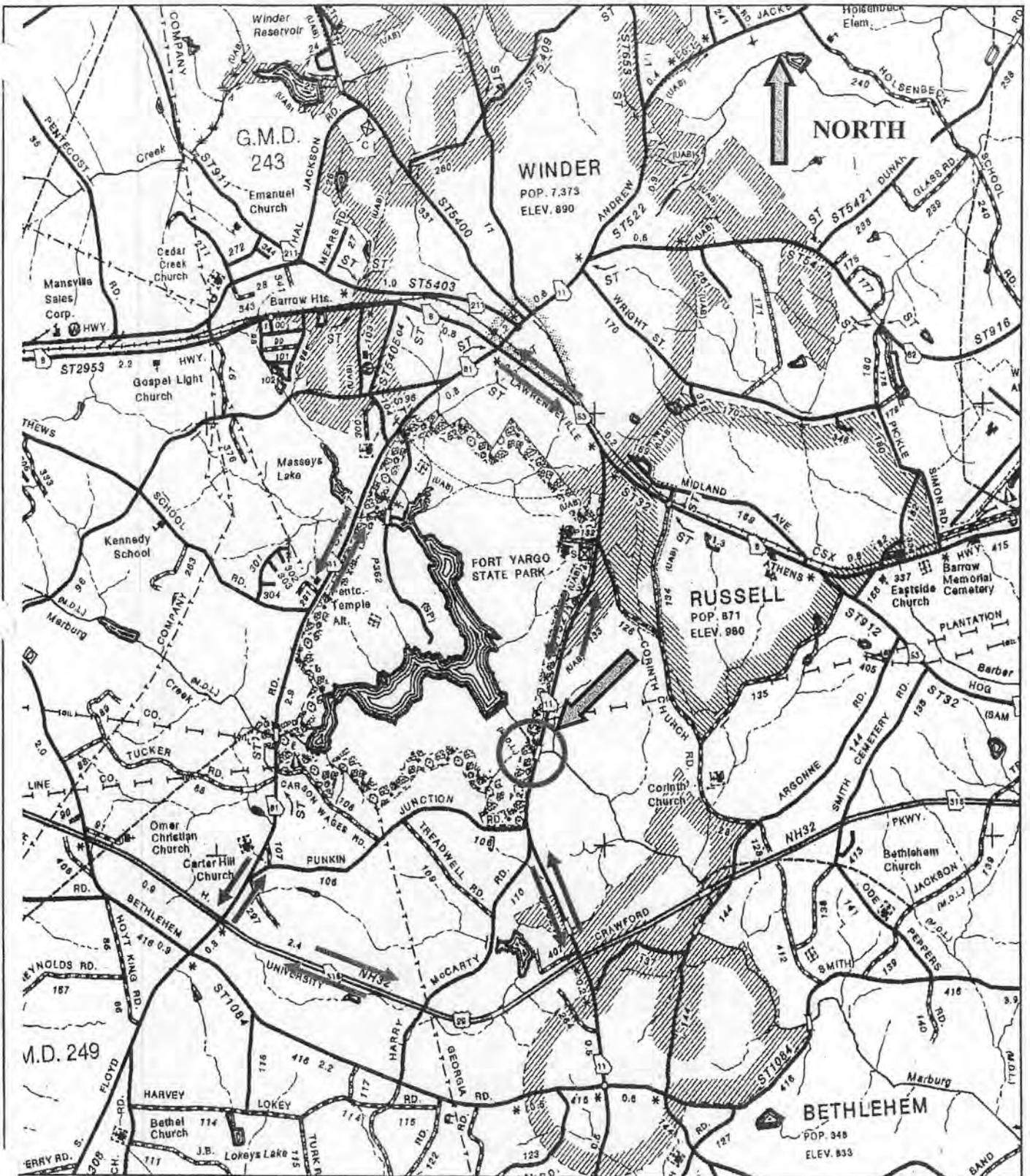
This project is located entirely in Barrow County and lies within G.M.D. 243 and 249. The project consists of replacing the structurally deficient bridge on S.R. 11/Winder-Monroe Highway crossing over Marbury Creek, south of Winder. The vertical profile will be raised in order to clear the 100-year storm event and will be constructed on the existing alignment.

Southbound traffic on S.R. 11 will be detoured south on S.R. 81 and then east on U.S. 29/S.R. 316 until it intersects with S.R. 11.

Northbound traffic on S.R. 11 will be detoured west along U.S. 29/S.R. 316 to S.R. 81. Traffic will travel north on S.R. 81 until this route intersects S.R. 11. This proposed detour is approximately 8 miles.

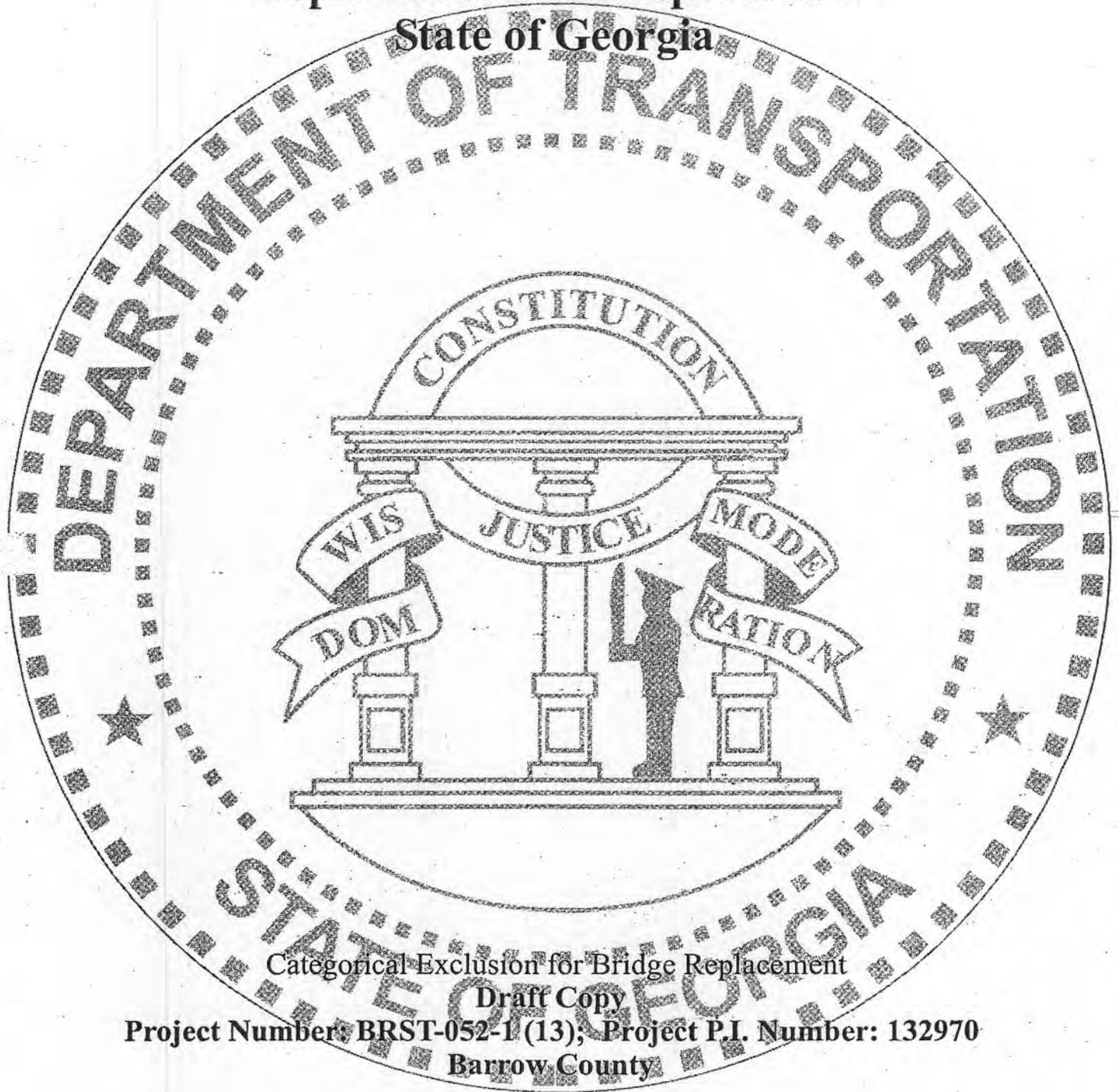
Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:

Mohammed (Babs) Abubakari, P.E.
Babs.Abubakari@dot.state.ga.us
Georgia Department of Transportation
No. 2 Capitol Square
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1002
(404) 463-6133



Project Location Map
 SR 11/Winder-Monroe Highway Over Marbury Creek

Department of Transportation
State of Georgia



Categorical Exclusion for Bridge Replacement

Draft Copy

Project Number: BRST-052-1 (13); Project P.I. Number: 132970

Barrow County

SR 11 Over Marbury Creek

Project BRST-052-1 (13), Barrow County, P.I. No. 132970
Replacement of the SR 11/Winder-Monroe Highway Bridge
Over Marbury Creek

Categorical Exclusion Attachment 1
Effects Evaluation
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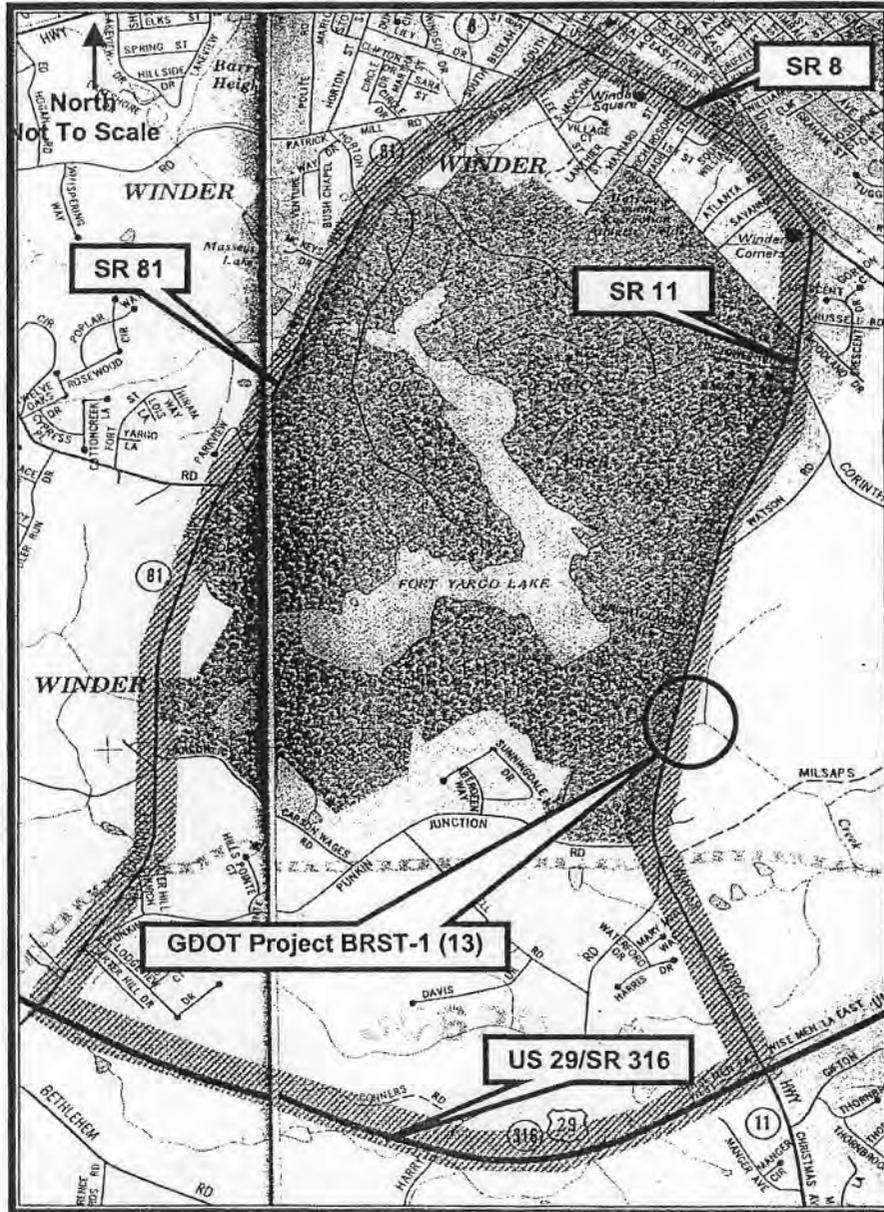


FIGURE 3
DETOUR ROUTE

**Project BRST-052-1 (13), Barrow County, P.I. No. 132970
Replacement of the SR 11/Winder-Monroe Highway Bridge
Over Marbury Creek**

**Categorical Exclusion Attachment 1
Effects Evaluation
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E. PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

5. Construction/Utilities

Construction of the proposed project would create minor inconveniences to motorists. During the project's construction, traffic would be detoured to an off-site route using SR 316, SR 8, and SR 81. This route is shown in Figure 3. The safety and convenience of the general public and residents of the area would be provided for at all times.

Any necessary relocation of utilities, i.e., water, sewer, telephone, etc., would be accomplished with no long-term interruption of services. All other required construction functions would be accomplished in a timely and orderly fashion so as to keep disruptions minimal, for short duration and so as not to compromise safety.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OF GEORGIA

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INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

FILE P. I. No. 132970 OFFICE Environment/Location
DATE September 16, 2002
FROM Harvey D. Keeper, State Environmental/Location Engineer
TO DISTRIBUTION BELOW

SUBJECT Project BRST-052-1(13), Barrow County, Summary of Comments Received During the Public Comment Period – State Route 11 proposed detour

COMMENT TOTALS:

A total of 19 people attended the public information meeting, held for the subject project. From those attending, six comment forms, one letter and no verbal statements were received. No additional comments were received during the ten day comment period following the meeting, for a total of seven comments. They are summarized as follows:

<u>No. Opposed</u>	<u>No. In Support</u>	<u>Uncommitted</u>	<u>Conditional</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

MAJOR CONCERNS:

The major concerns of the off-site detour was truck access from State Route 53 to U. S. 29.

OFFICIALS:

Officials attending included the following:

Captain Jeff Carlyle, City of Winder Fire Marshall
Eddie Elder, Barrow County Commission Chair

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Officials: (Continued)
Bill Brown, Barrow County Commission
Roger Wehunt, Barrow County Commission

DISPOSITION OF COMMENTS:

The following offices are requested to respond to the comments listed:

This office will respond to all seven comments.

Attached is a complete transcript of the comments received during the comment period and a copy of the hearing handout.

If you have any questions about the comments, please call Chauncey D. Elston at (404) 699-4435.

HDK/cde

Attachments

DISTRIBUTION: Thomas L. Turner, P. E., Ted Cashin, Harvey Booker, Marion Waters, Larry Dent, Marta Rosen

**Project BRST-052-1(13), Barrow County
P.I. No. 132970
Bridge Replacement
SR 11 Bridge over Marbury Creek**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION/DETOUR MEETING
August 1, 2002
5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

Press Attending:

LeeAnn from Barrow County News

VIP's Attending

Captain Jeff Carlyle, City of Winder Fire Marshall

Eddie Elder, Barrow County Commission Chair

Bill Brown, Barrow County Commission

Roger Wehunt, Barrow County Commission

Total Attendance @ 7:00 P.M.: **19**

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**Georgia Department of Transportation
Public Meeting Comment Card
Project BRST-052-1(13), PI 132970**

PLEASE PRINT

Name Jonathan Franklin
Address Brockton County Fire Dept

Do you support the project? YES

Comments _____

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____ Newspaper _____
Signs _____ Word of Mouth

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? YES

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? YES

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? _____

Georgia Department of Transportation
Public Meeting Comment Card
Project BRST-052-1(13), PI 132970

PLEASE PRINT

Name Missy Morgan
Address 649 Smith Cemetery Rd
Winder GA 30680

Do you support the project? Definitely

Comments _____

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____ Newspaper _____
Signs _____ Word of Mouth _____

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? yes

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? _____

Georgia Department of Transportation
Public Meeting Comment Card
Project BRST-052-1(13), PI 132970

PLEASE PRINT

Name
Address

LEONARD KUECHLER
572 MARQUE HILL MIL PO BOX 64
WINDER GA 30680

Do you support the project? YES

Comments

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____ Newspaper _____
Signs Word of Mouth _____

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? YES

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? YES

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

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Public Meeting Comment Card
Project BRST-052-1(13), PI 132970

PLEASE PRINT

Name
Address

Mary Kuechler P.O. Box 64
502 Monroe Hwy
Winder, GA 30680

Do you support the project? yes

Comments our only concern is that this may lead to
widening of Hwy 11 from 316 to Winder. We hope the
future bypass will prevent this from happening

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____ Newspaper _____
Signs _____ Word of Mouth

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? yes

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?
I think you do a very good job, you answer all
question very well.

Georgia Department of Transportation
Public Meeting Comment Card
Project BRST-052-1(13), PI 132970

PLEASE PRINT

Name
Address

BOB LEFTIN
3051 PUNKIN JUNCTION
BETHLEHEM GA 30620-1714

Do you support the project?

YES

Comments

FORKIN JUNCTION & CARTER HILL ROAD
INTERSECT GA 81 AT EXTREME ANGLES & MULTIPLE
GRADES. WITH TRAFFIC DOUBLING ON GA 81,
ENTERING GA 81 SOUTHBOUND IS GOING TO
BE A REAL CHALLENGE. IS THERE ANYTHING
THAT CAN BE DONE TO MAKE THIS ACCESS
EASIER?

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____

Newspaper _____



Signs _____

Word of Mouth _____

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? _____

YES

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? _____

YES

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? _____

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Georgia Department of Transportation
Public Meeting Comment Card
Project BRST-052-1(13), PI 132970

PLEASE PRINT

Name POOBI W. HUNT
Address 404 LORRAINE VLY.
WINSTON, GA 30680

Do you support the project? YES

Comments I THINK 9 MILES IS A LITTLE BIT
TO LONG FOR BRIDGES TO BE OUT

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio Newspaper
Signs Word of Mouth

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? YES

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? YES

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? _____



**CITY OF WINDER
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

STANLEY RODGERS
CHIEF OF POLICE

GERALD E. MOON
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE

MAJOR KEITH WITCHER
PATROL COMMANDER

CAPTAIN ROBERT SCHUENEMANN
C.I.D. COMMANDER

August 5, 2002

Harvey Keeper
Georgia Department of Transportation
3993 Aviation Circle
Atlanta, GA 30336

RE: State Route 11 Proposed Detour

Dear Mr. Keeper,

I have serious safety concerns about your proposed plan to detour State Road 11 traffic onto State Road 81 for at least nine (9) months while the State Road 11 Bridge is replaced. There is no way the intersection at State Road 81 and State Road 8 can safely handle the traffic you are proposing to flow through it. State Road 81 between State Road 316 and State Road 8 is already carrying a substantial amount of traffic. North Broad Street is already carrying more traffic than it can safely handle now.

During the last year traffic has greatly increased on State Road 11. Because of its flat terrain many truckers utilize State Road 11 to traverse between I-85, State Road 316, State Road 78, I-20, and the large Walmart Distribution Center located outside the City of Monroe in Walton County.

Currently, traffic traveling (North toward Winder) on State Road 11 from State Road 316 filters its self out as it approaches the intersection of State Roads 81 and 8. Part of the traffic turns left onto Second Street or turns left into the shopping center between Second Street and State Road 8. Some of the traffic also makes a right hand turn onto State Road 8.

A substantial amount of traffic turning left onto State Road 8 (currently) makes a right turn at the recently re-designed and improved Williams Street intersection, cutting through to King Street, while making their way to one of the North bound roads leaving Winder, (SR 11, SR 53, SR 82, SR 211) thereby managing to by-pass the current traffic snarl on North Broad Street and more particularly, the traffic control problems already associated with the State Roads 81 and 8 intersection.

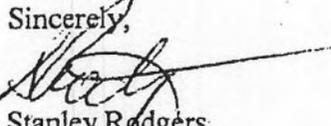
Your proposed plan, forces everyone traveling North on State Road 11 to come into Winder on State Road 81. Your plan does not contain any mechanism(s) to filter out any of the traffic prior to reaching the already overburdened and unsafe intersection of State Roads 81 and 8.

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We encourage you to reconsider your plan, and create a plan that will allow the State Road 11 traffic to by-pass the bridge site, but continue on State Road 11.

In my opinion, there is no way your proposed detour route (combining SR 11 and SR 81 between SR 316 and SR8) can safely handle the amount of traffic traveling on both of these roadways, without endangering the lives of the many occupants of the vehicles you will be forcing to try and cross through it.

Sincerely,



Stanley Rodgers
Chief of Police

CC: Lamar (Buddy) Ouzts, Mayor
Ernie Graham, City Administrator

Detour meeting

August 29, 2002

Harvey Keepler
Georgia DOT
3993 Aviation Circle
Atlanta, Ga 30336

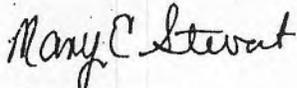
Re: Temporarily closing of Duncan Creek Bridge on Old Winder Highly (Ga. 211)

Dear Mr. Keepler:

The temporarily closing of this bridge would cause much delay's, chaos, and confusion. There are hundreds of cars that pass this way to get to work in Gainesville and in Winder. I work in Winder and live in Gainesville. I get up, take my child to school then try to bet the traffic to get to work on time. The closing would also put a strain on the school traffic, and the school buses.

My recommendation would be to put up red lights on both sides of the bridge and work on one side at a time. They did this to the lower bridge down the road about two years ago. This would put less strain on everyone concerned. Please consider this.

Sincerely,



Mary E. Stewart



**Department of Transportation
State of Georgia
Office of Environment/Location
3993 Aviation Circle
Atlanta, Georgia 30336-1593**

December 20, 2002

Jonathan Franklin
Barrow County Fire Department

Subject: SR 11/Winder-Monroe Highway over Marbury Creek
Project BRST-052-1 (13), Barrow County, P.I. 132970

Dear Mr. Franklin:

Thank you for responding to the call for comments made at the public detour meeting held on August 1, 2002 for the above referenced project. Your comments are greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting this project.

Your comment will be made part of the official record of the project. Please contact me if you have any further comments or concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harvey D. Keepler".

Harvey D. Keepler
State Environmental/Location Engineer

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State of Georgia
Office of Environment/Location
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Atlanta, Georgia 30336-1593**

December 20, 2002

Leonard Kuechler
P.O. Box 64
Winder, Georgia 30680

Subject: SR 11/Winder-Monroe Highway over Marbury Creek
Project BRST-052-1 (13), Barrow County, P.I. 132970

Dear Mr. Kuechler:

Thank you for responding to the call for comments made at the public detour meeting held on August 1, 2002 for the above referenced project. Your comments are greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting this project.

Your comment will be made part of the official record of the project. Please contact me if you have any further comments or concerns.

Very truly yours,

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December 20, 2002

Mary Kuechler
P.O. Box 64
Winder, Georgia 30680

Subject: SR 11/Winder-Monroe Highway over Marbury Creek
Project BRST-052-1 (13), Barrow County, P.I. 132970

Dear Mrs. Kuechler:

Thank you for responding to the call for comments made at the public detour meeting held on August 1, 2002 for the above referenced project. Your comments are greatly appreciated. The Department offers the following information in response to your comment regarding potential widening of SR 11.

1. Under the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) including projects in Barrow County for 2003-2005, there are no proposed widening projects planned for SR 11. Construction on the Winder Bypass project isn't scheduled to begin until after 2005.

Your comment will be made part of the official record of the project. Please contact me if you have any further comments or concerns.

Very truly yours,

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Harvey D. Keeper
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December 20, 2002

Bob Loftin
305 Punkin Junction
Bethlehem, Georgia 30620-1714

Subject: SR 11/Winder-Monroe Highway over Marbury Creek
Project BRST-052-1 (13), Barrow County, P.I. 132970

Dear Mr. Loftin:

Thank you for responding to the call for comments made at the public detour meeting held on August 1, 2002 for the above referenced project. Your comments are greatly appreciated. The Department offers the following information in response to your comment regarding entering southbound SR 81 from Punkin Junction and Carter Hill Road.

1. The intersection you reference is outside the immediate limits of this project. Although there may be some impact due to the proposed off-site detour route, traffic is not being officially detoured onto Punkin Junction or Carter Hill Road. Intersection improvements would be a district project either through the district maintenance department or programmed through the district preconstruction department. The District Engineer for this area is Larry Dent, and he can be reached at (770) 532-5526.

Your comment will be made part of the official record of the project. Please contact me if you have any further comments or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Harvey D. Keeper
State Environmental/Location Engineer

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December 20, 2002

Roger Wehunt
40 Lorraine Valley
Winder, Georgia 30680

Subject: SR 11/Winder-Monroe Highway over Marbury Creek
Project BRST-052-1 (13), Barrow County, P.I. 132970

Dear Mr. Wehunt:

Thank you for responding to the call for comments made at the public detour meeting held on August 1, 2002 for the above referenced project. Your comments are greatly appreciated. The Department offers the following information in response to your comment regarding the length of the project.

1. Every effort will be made to expedite the construction schedule and have the road closure last less than the estimated nine months.

Your comment will be made part of the official record of the project. Please contact me if you have any further comments or concerns.

Very truly yours,

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State Environmental/Location Engineer

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State of Georgia
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December 20, 2002

Chief Stanley Rodgers
94 North Broad Street
Winder, Georgia 30680

Subject: SR 11/Winder-Monroe Highway over Marbury Creek
Project BRST-052-1 (13), Barrow County, P.I. 132970

Dear Chief Rogers;

Thank you for responding to the call for comments made at the public detour meeting held on August 1, 2002 for the above referenced project. Your comments are greatly appreciated. The Department offers the following information in response to your comments regarding the proposed detour route.

1. The Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) designated route in this area for truck traffic is SR 81, and truck traffic should be primarily utilizing this route.
2. The identified off-site detour route does not represent the only alternate route around this section of SR 11. Local residents should be able to identify other alternate routes between SR 8 and SR 11 that bypass the SR8/81 intersection, including several side streets east of the bridge.
3. Every effort will be made to minimize the road closure time frame, including financial incentives to the contractor for finishing early, and liquidated damages for extending beyond the timeframe. Additionally, the road closure time frame will include summer months, which should reduce traffic detoured to SR 81.
4. Construction of an on-site detour bridge would present significant impacts to Ft. Yargo State Park and the City of Winder sewage treatment reclamation spray fields. Also, additional costs would be associated with the construction and demolition of the temporary bridge.

Your comment will be made part of the official record of the project. Please contact me if you have any further comments or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Harvey D. Keepler
State Environmental/Location Engineer

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December 20, 2002

Mary Stewart
4441 Tara Drive
Oakwood, Georgia 30566

Subject: SR 11/Winder-Monroe Highway over Marbury Creek
Project BRST-052-1 (13), Barrow County, P.I. 132970

Dear Ms. Stewart;

Thank you for responding to the call for comments made at the public detour meeting held on August 1, 2002 for the above referenced project. Your comments are greatly appreciated. The Department offers the following information in response to your comments regarding the closing of the SR 211 bridge over Duncan Creek.

1. The project on SR 11 is a different project than the one you reference in your comments. However, a signalized, single lane approach could not be used on the bridge over Marbury Creek due to the difference in elevation between the old and new proposed bridge.

Your comment will be made part of the official record of the project. Please contact me if you have any further comments or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Harvey D. Keepler
State Environmental/Location Engineer

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