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SUBJECT Notification of Concept Revision - **US 1/SR 4 Improvements**

Description of the approved concept:

The approved concept for EDS-545(30) in Jefferson County is proposed to improve the Louisville Bypass. US 1/SR 4 would be widened and reconstructed from US 1/SR 4 Business, south of Louisville, to CR 325/Old US 1 north of town. From the beginning of the project, US 1/SR 4 would be widened symmetrically to have four lanes with a 14 foot flush median and curb & gutter. Symmetrical widening would continue to the north intersection of US 1/SR 4 Business in Louisville. The proposed alignment would then transition to east side widening and continue north to the end of the project. Existing right-of-way width along the project is 130 feet. The proposed right-of-way would vary from 130 feet to 238 feet for the length of the project. The speed design would be 45 mph, and access would be by permit.

The approved concept for EDS-545(31) in Jefferson County is proposed to widen and reconstruct US 1/SR 4 from CR 325/Old US 1 to CR 138/Mennonite Church Road in Jefferson County. The project would begin at CR 325/Old US 1 on the north end of Louisville, and would proceed north with urban widening on the east side consisting of 4 lanes with a 14 foot flush median. East side widening would continue to just north of CR 304/Country Club Road, where the typical section would taper out to 4 lanes with a 44 ft. grassed median and open ditch drainage. East side widening would continue north for approximately 1.0 mile, shift to west side widening to avoid an eligible historic resource, then shift back to east side widening to avoid another eligible historic resource at CR 142/Bridges Road. Just north of CR 142/Bridges Road, widening would shift to the west side and proceed to just south of SR 296, where the alignment would shift back to east side widening. East side widening would continue north to approximately 0.5 miles north of CR 136/Mae Lamb Farm Road, then shift to west side widening for approximately 0.7 miles to avoid an eligible historic resource. Widening would then shift back to the east side and proceed north to the project's end at CR 138/Mennonite Church Road. Existing right-of-way along US 1/SR 4 is 130 feet. The proposed right-of-way would vary from 130 feet to 250 feet for the length of the project. The speed design would vary from 45 mph to 65 mph, and access would be by permit.

Revision to the approved concept:

At the time of concept approval, an eligible historic resource existed on the west side of existing US 1/SR4, just south of CR 304/Country Club Rd. in Louisville. Recent field investigations indicate that the contributing structure on the property no longer exists. Therefore, the property is no longer eligible for the national historic register. The approved concept has now been revised to reduce the impacts to the surrounding community. The revision is as follows:

- From the beginning of the project south of Louisville at US 1/SR 4 Business, US 1/SR 4 would be widened symmetrically to have four lanes with a 14 foot flush median, curb & gutter. Symmetrical widening would continue north past CR 304/Country Club Road, where the typical section would taper out to 4 lanes with a 44 foot grassed median with open ditch drainage. As a result, impacts would be reduced to the surrounding community. The project would then continue northward as described in the approved concept.

If you have any questions concerning this revision to the concept, please contact Keith Posey @ (404) 699-4464.

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Attachments

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