

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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**FILE** P.I. # 371173-  
BRZLB-0171-00(005)  
Lamar County  
GDOT District 3 - Thomaston  
CR 219/Ruffner Road @Potato Creek  
In Piedmont

**OFFICE** Design Policy & Support

**DATE** 3/15/2016

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

**TO** SEE DISTRIBUTION

**SUBJECT** APPROVED DETOUR REPORT

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

Attachment

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DETOUR REPORT

**FILE** BRZLB-0171-00(005), Lamar County  
CR 219/Ruffner Road @ Potato Creek in Piedmont  
P.I. No.: 371173-  
**OFFICE** Program Delivery  
**DATE** February 29, 2016

**FROM** Albert V. Shelby, III, State Program Delivery Engineer

*Albert Shelby*

**TO** Brent A. Story, State Design Policy Engineer  
Attn: Dave Peters, State Conceptual Design Group Manager

**SUBJECT** Request for Detour Approval

**Description and Project Proposal:** The proposed project will replace a structurally deficient bridge on CR 219/Ruffner Road @ Potato Creek utilizing a practical design where all work will remain within existing right of way and traffic will be detoured off-site during construction.

**Concept Approval Date:** This is a Low Impact Bridge Project (LIBP). These projects do not require a concept report.

**Reason a Detour is Required:** The roadway will be closed to traffic while the bridge is being replaced.

**Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Detour Route:** The bridge being replaced is on a local road, and the off-site detour will continue to utilize local roads. Traffic will remain on the existing pavement, and no improvements are being made to the detour route. Therefore, the Office of Environmental Services did not evaluate and clear the detour route.

**Public Detour Meeting Results:**

The use of detours is key to the timely delivery of these bridge replacement projects. Therefore, early coordination is required to assess support of a detour during the construction phase of the project. The Project Manager (PM) will solicit input from the local government, school system and emergency services. Official statements of support or opposition are attached. The public also will be notified of the proposed detour. Different strategies may be used for different locations; however, at a minimum, a Detour Report will be prepared and approved, and a Notice of Detour Approval will be published within 30 days of detour approval (once a week for four consecutive weeks in each county involved in the newspaper in which the Sheriff's advertisements are carried) in accordance with GDOT's Plan Development Process (PDP) and state law.

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

Concur: *Hiel Park*  
GDOT Director of Engineering

Approve: *Margaret B. Pucke* *3.8.16*  
GDOT Chief Engineer Date

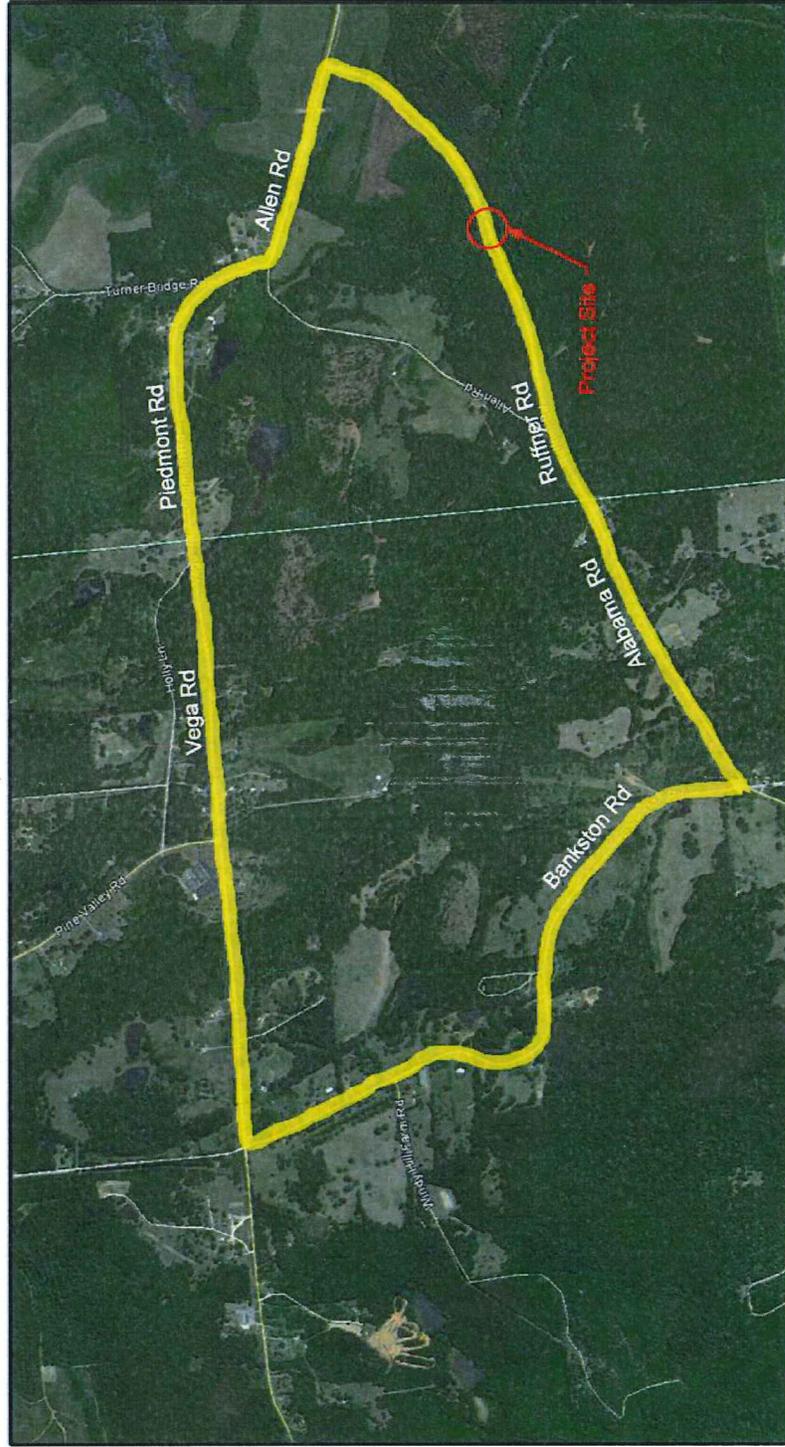
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Attachments:

- Sketch Map Detour
- Official Statements of support
- Notice of Detour Approval

# DETOUR MAP

Project No. BRZLB-0171-00(005)  
P.I. 371173 Lamar County  
CR 219/Ruffner Rd @ Potato Creek



**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 Non-known

Daily Number of Trucks Non-known

Number of Residences Non-known

Number of Businesses Non-known

Detour Length Approx . 1 mile

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

0 No Concerns      0 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.)

We are concerned with the condition of the bridge and the safety of our

residents that travel over the bridge.

School bus, Ambulance + Fire Trucks (followup email) (CESD)

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.

No

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?

Yes

Form Completed by (Name): Robert Zellner

(Title): County Administrator

Date: 9-5-14

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

PI Number 371173, Lamar County

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)

Our local response entities known as Lamar County Fire And Rescue, Mid--Ga Ambulance and The Lamar County Sheriffs Office have all been consulted and will use til2 Allen Road. It is a dirt road but should be sufficient for normal day to day services.

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.

The only thing that may cause an issue is if Lamar County were to experience a excess of rainfall that may effect Allen Road.

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?

No

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

Yes the locals will also have access to & use Allen Road for the time that the bridge is closed.

Form Completed by (Name): Billy Campbell

(Title): Lamar County EMA Director

Date: 9/15/2014

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Trips \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

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.)

No buses traveling in that area

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.

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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?

No, there is no one we know of that you should contact.

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

Road names are correct.

Form Completed by (Name): Tommy Glisson

(Title): Transportation Supervisor, Lamar County Schools

Date: September 5, 2014

**NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL**  
**BRZLB-0171-00(005), Lamar County**  
**P. I. # 371173-**

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: March 15, 2016

The proposed project will replace a structurally deficient bridge on CR 219/Ruffner Road @ Potato Creek in Piedmont utilizing a practical design where all work will remain within existing right of way and traffic will be detoured off-site during construction.

The proposed detour route would follow Bankston Rd to Vega Rd to Piedmont Rd to Allen Rd and would be in place for 12 months while the bridge is being constructed.

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

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