

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**OFFICE OF DESIGN POLICY & SUPPORT
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FILE P.I. # 532342-
BRSLB-0948-00(005)
Wheeler County
GDOT District 5 - Jesup
CR 197@ Alligator Creek
Bridge Replacement South of Glenwood
TIA & LIBP

OFFICE Design Policy & Support

DATE 3/29/2016

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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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
DETOUR REPORT**

FILE P.I. No.: 532342 **OFFICE** District 5
Wheeler County
Low Impact Bridge Project (LIBP) **DATE** March 18, 2016
CR 197 @ Alligator Creek South of Glenwood

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

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

SUBJECT Request for Detour Approval

Description and Project Proposal: This project is located on Springhill Church Road/CR 197 @ Alligator Creek approximately 7 miles north of Lumber City and about 2 miles east of the Telfair/Wheeler county line. The proposed project would construct a replacement bridge for the existing structurally deficient bridge (Sufficiency Rating = 42) over Alligator Creek. This bridge is structurally deficient. The project typical section consists of two (2) – 11 foot lanes with a 3 foot shoulder. The approximate project length is 0.13 miles and is located in Wheeler County with a design speed of 55mph.

Concept Approval Date: GDOT Low Impact Bridge Program (LIBP) Project Information & Initial Considerations Approval Date: 1/14/15.

Revised Concept Approval Date: N/A

Reason a detour is required: This Bridge is being replaced under the GDOT Low Impact Bridge Program (LIBP). Under this program, traffic is detoured during construction and bridges are replaced in the existing locations. The use of detours is essential to LIBP and key to the timely delivery of the bridge replacement project.

Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Detour Route: No modifications of the existing roadways associated with the detour, other than the placement of temporary signage to identify the detour route and closure of Springhill Church Road/CR 197 at the bridge.

Local Officials Detour Impact Survey Letters

On May 16, 2014, the Office of Program Delivery sent letters to several local officials to inform them of the proposed project detour and solicit their input concerning impacts to delivering local services. See attached sample letter. The officials contacted were the Wheeler County Board of Commissioners Chairman, Wheeler County School Superintendent, and Wheeler County EMA Director. Surveys were returned by the Wheeler

County Transportation Supervisor, Wheeler County Chairman of Commissioners, and Wheeler County EMA Director. No concerns, Moderate Concerns, and Low Impacts were reported respectively with no opposition to the project or detour.

Public Detour Meeting Results: N/A

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

Concur: *Phil PHEL*
GDOT Director of Engineering

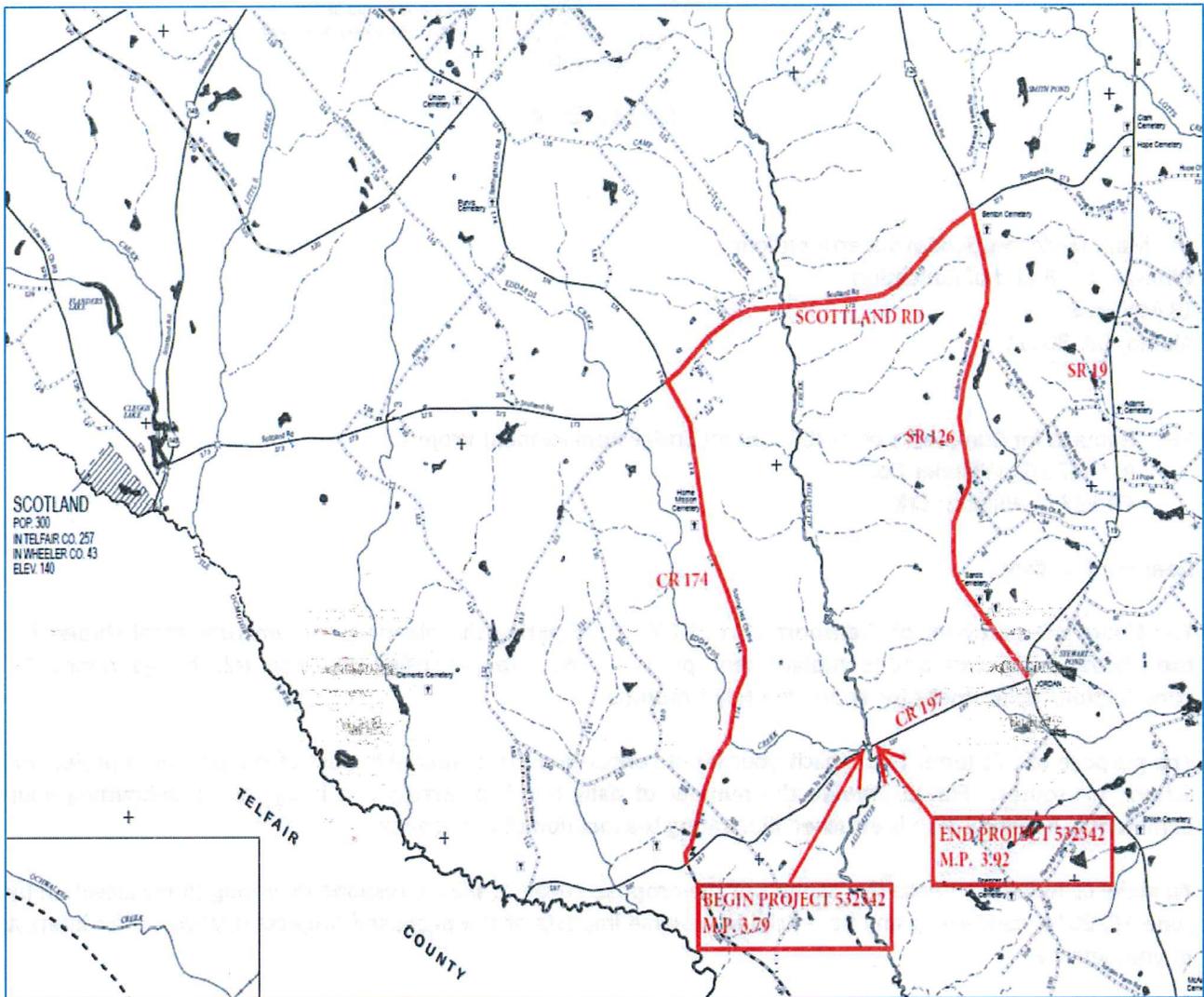
Approve: *Margaret B. Puckle* *3.24.16*
GDOT Chief Engineer Date

JMB
AVS:JMB:COE
Attachments:

- ~~• Sketch Map~~
- ~~• Notice of Detour Approval~~ *JMB*

Detour Map
Public Information Documents
Notice of Detour Approval

Detour Roads for Project 532342



Keith Golden, P.E., Commissioner



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

May 16, 2014

Mr. Mark Davidson, School Superintendent
Wheeler Co. Board of Education
18 McRae St.
Alamo, GA 30411

RE: Request for Comments on GDOT County Bridge Replacement Project
PI# 532342, Wheeler Co.
CR 197 @ Alligator Crk.

Dear Mr. Davidson,

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 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 June 16, 2014, 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 Matt Bennett at 912-271-7404. 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:BWS:JMB

Attachment

Keith Golden, P.E., Commissioner



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May 16, 2014

Honorable Keith E. McNeal
County Commission Chairman
20 West Forest Ave.
Alamo, GA 30411

RE: Request for Comments on GDOT County Bridge Replacement Project
PI# 532342
CR 197 @ Alligator Crk

Dear Chairman McNeal,

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has developed a Low Impact Bridge Replacement Program (Program) to provide expedited project delivery for the least complicated bridge replacement projects. As noted in attached program manual, prospective bridges will go 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 309-0020-0 located on CR 197 over Alligator Crk 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 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 June 16, 2014, 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 in this expedited process. However, please be assured that GDOT is committed to advancing bridges not qualifying for this expedited process 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 Matt Bennett at 912-271-7404. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Albert V. Shelby, III in blue ink.

Albert V. Shelby, III
State Program Delivery Engineer

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Attachments

Kelth Golden, P.E., Commissioner



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May 16, 2014

Mr. Steve Adams
Wheeler Co. EMA Director
P.O. Box 126
Alamo, GA 30411

RE: Request for Comments on GDOT County Bridge Replacement Project
PI# 532342, Wheeler Co.
CR 197 @ Alligator Crk

Dear Mr. Adams,

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 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 June 16, 2014 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 Matt Bennett at 912-271-7404. 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:BWS:JMB

Attachment

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 11
Number of Residences 6
Number of Businesses 1 Fire Dept
Detour Length 15.4

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.)

It will increase response times for fire calls.

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.

Fire calls

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

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

Springhill Church Rd. Co. Rd. 197

Form Completed by (Name): Keith E. McNeel
(Title): Chairman Wheeler B.O.C.
Date: 6-4-14

**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)

THE MAIN CONCERN I HAVE IS THIS WOULD CUT SPRINGHILL VOL. FIRE DEPT OFF FROM ABOUT 60% OF ITS CALLS, TURNING 5-10 MINUTE CALLS INTO 20 MINUTE CALLS. I UNDERSTAND THIS CANNOT BE HELPED, SO I WILL PROBABLY STAGE A FIRETRUCK EAST OF BRIDGE CLOSURE DURING CONSTRUCTION. I DEFINITELY WANT THE NEW BRIDGE.

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.

NOT ANY THAT I AM FAMILIAR WITH AT THIS TIME.

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, NOT ANYONE SPECIFICALLY, WHEN WE FIND OUT THE YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO GET THE WORD OUT TO CITIZENS IN THE AREA AND ALSO CONTACT OUR MUTUAL AID AGENCIES.

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

THE ROAD NAMES EXCEPT HWY'S 126 & 19 ARE NOT CORRECT, ALL THE ROADS HAVE NEW 911 NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

Form Completed by (Name): STEVE ADAMS GA CEM.

(Title): WHEELER COUNTY EMA DIRECTOR / FIRE SEARCH & RESCUE CHIEF /
 Date: 6-30-2014 CODE ENFORCEMENT

**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 Zero 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.)

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.

Only if other bridges in the area were also closed
As of right now, we can detour around if need be

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?

None

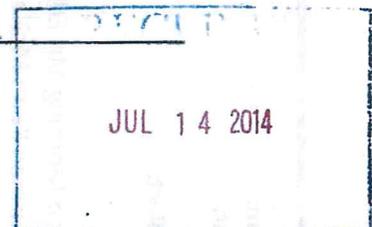
6. Are there any additional comments you have regarding the project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

None

Form Completed by (Name): Donny Brown

(Title): Transportation Supervisor

Date: 7-8-2014



From: Elaine T Clark-Wheeler Co Clerk <wheelerco@windstream.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 8:48 AM
To: Edwards, Cassius Octavius
Subject: Re: 532342 Wheeler County, LIBP - Detour Route

Good Morning Mr. Edwards,
Chairman Keith McNeal advised me to reply that he concurs with the LIBP Detour Route, as shown on the map you forwarded to us, for Project #532342.
Thank you.
Elaine

From: [Edwards, Cassius Octavius](#)
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2016 10:57 AM
To: wheelerco@windstream.net
Subject: 532342 Wheeler County, LIBP - Detour Route

Ms. Elaine, attached is GDOT's proposed detour route for the above referenced Low Impact Bridge Project (LIBP). Please have someone review and reply either with your concurrence or an alternate route you would prefer.

Edwards, Mr. Cassius Octavius
Project Manager
Office of Program Delivery
Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street, 25th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30308
Location: District 5 - Jesup, GA
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912-661-7156
E-mail: cedwards@dot.ga.gov

**NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL
WHEELER COUNTY
PI 532342**

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 the detour approval is: March 29, 2016

The project is located on Springhill Church Road/CR 197@ Alligator Creek approximately 7miles north of Lumber City and approximately 2 mile east of the Telfair/Wheeler county line. The existing bridge and approaches will be reconstructed on the existing alignment. The roadway will be closed during construction.

The detour route would utilize county road 174 north to Scotland Road/CR 173, and continue to SR 126. The detour length for through traffic around Springhill Church Road/CR 197 would be 11.52 miles. It is estimated the detour would be in place from 6 to 8 months.

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:

Contact Name: Cassius O. Edwards
Email: cedwards@dot.ga.gov
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25th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
Telephone: 912-530-4370