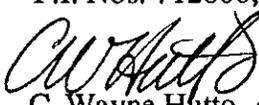


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FILE NH-IM-75-3(195),(205)&(212) Cobb County OFFICE Preconstruction  
STP-9016(4) Cobb County  
P.I. Nos. 712800, 712804, 712806, 71Y800 & 71Y804, ~~712806~~  
DATE March 20, 1995

FROM  C. Wayne Hutto, Assistant Director of Preconstruction

TO Mitch Fowler, District Engineer - Metro Atlanta

SUBJECT NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL

Attached for your further handling is the approved Location and Design Report on the above subject project.

Also attached is the Notice of Location and Design Approval. This is your authorization to proceed with advertisement.

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Attachment

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STP 9016(4), COBB COUNTY  
Kennedy Interchange and Parkway, P.I.  
Numbers 712800, 712804, 712806,  
71Y800 & 71Y804 DATE February 22, 1995

FROM *Walker W. Scott, Jr.*  
Walker W. Scott, Jr., P.E., State Urban Design Engineer

TO Wayne Hutto, Assistant Director of Preconstruction

SUBJECT **Location and Design Report**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** These projects represent improvements to I-75 between Mt. Paran Road in Fulton County and I-285 in Cobb County on existing and new location. The proposed project includes the addition of an interchange in Cobb County and auxiliary lanes added to I-75 in Cobb and Fulton Counties. The project also includes construction of the Kennedy Parkway from U.S. 41/Cobb Parkway/Riverwood Parkway intersection to Akers Mill Road east of Rottenwood Creek. It also includes the addition of related road improvements to Cumberland Circle and Riverwood Parkway and construction of Mill Green Parkway from Kennedy Parkway/Akers Mill Road intersection to Interstate North Parkway. The relocation of Akers Mill Road over I-75 will provide for a new bridge. The relocation incorporating access to proposed southbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane and exit from the northbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane.

**CONCEPT UPDATE:** There have been no changes in the project concept for the selected alternative since the circulation of the Environmental Assessment (EA). However, the typical section for the I-75 mainline has been revised to reflect new outside shoulder widths; the overall right-of-way requirements have not changed.

**PUBLIC HEARING RESULTS:** A Location and Design Public Hearing was held on July 7, 1994, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Galleria Centre, located at 300 Galleria Parkway, Ballroom A, Atlanta Georgia 30339. A total of 76 citizens attended the hearing. Everyone attending was given the opportunity to comment on the project. Also, written comments were accepted until July 18, 1994. From those attending and those responding during the ten day comment period following the hearing, a total of 161 comments were received. The comments are classified as follows: 103 In favor of project, 46 conditionally supported the project, 12 Oppose the project. All of the issues

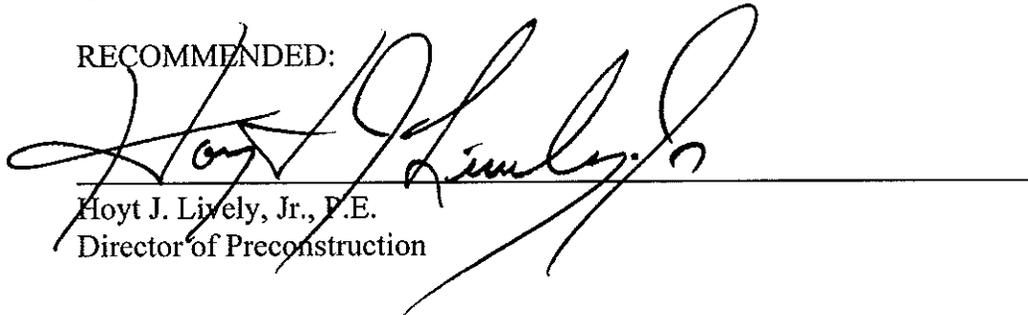
Mr. Wayne Hutto  
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and comments raised during the comment period have been answered. All comments received and the responses to them have been made part of the official transcript, a copy of which is attached. A complete set of comments and transcripts are on file and open for public inspection at the GDOT's Office of Environment/Location, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, Georgia.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/FONSI APPROVAL DATE:** February 16, 1995

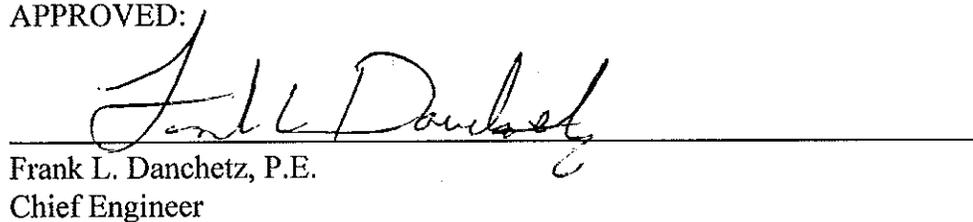
**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that this Location and Design Report be approved and the "Notice" be approved for advertising.

RECOMMENDED:



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Hoyt J. Lively, Jr., P.E.  
Director of Preconstruction

APPROVED:



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Frank L. Danchetz, P.E.  
Chief Engineer

## **NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL**

**NH-IM-75-3(195), (205) & (212) and STP 9016(4), Cobb County  
P.I. Nos. 712800, 712804, 712806 & 71Y800**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FHWA AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS APPROVED THE LOCATION AND DESIGN OF THE ABOVE PROJECT.

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**DRAWINGS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT ARE ON FILE AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF URBAN DESIGN, ROOM 356#2 CAPITOL SQUARE; ATLANTA, GA 30334.**

**ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS IN REFERENCE TO THIS NOTICE MAY BE REFERRED TO:**

**WALKER SCOTT  
OFFICE OF URBAN DESIGN  
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
#2 CAPITOL SQUARE  
ATLANTA, GA 30334**

02-17-95 07:27 AM

**FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**FOR**

**PROJECT: NH-IM-75-3(195),(205) & (212) and STP 9016(4), COBB COUNTY  
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An Environmental Assessment/Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation of the referenced project has been prepared by the Georgia Department of Transportation in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration. The document was made available for public inspection as announced in a public notice, and comments were invited from all interested parties. Subsequent to the availability of the Environmental Assessment/Draft Section 4 (f) and the comment period, an addendum with a Final Section 4(f) Evaluation was prepared and has been furnished to the Federal Highway Administration by the GDOT with the recommendation for a "Finding of No Significant Impact."

The Federal Highway Administration, after reviewing the Environmental Assessment/Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation and addendum with Final Section 4(f) Evaluation, finds that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment.

The Finding of No Significant Impact is based on the Environmental Assessment/Addendum/Final Section 4(f) Evaluation which has been independently evaluated by FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the environmental issues and effects of the proposed project and provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an environmental impact statement is not required. The Federal Highway Administration takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope and content of the attached Environmental Assessment and the attached Environmental Assessment Addendum.

2/16/95

DATE

  
FOR: LARRY R. DREIHAUP/P.E.  
DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM/FINAL SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION**

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

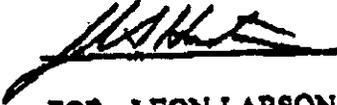
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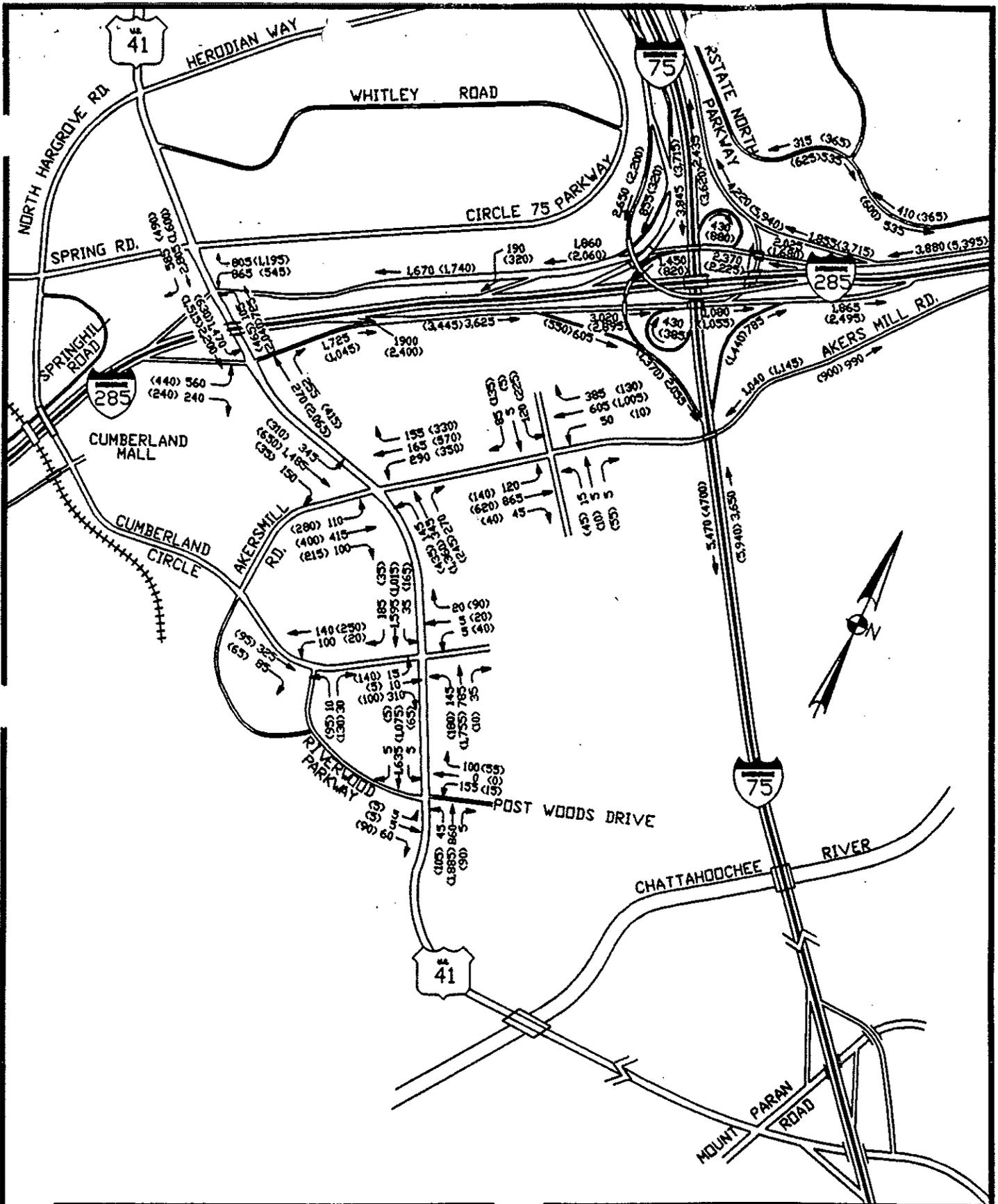
**COBB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS APPLICANT**

**SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO 42 USC 4321 et. seq.  
AND 49 USC 303**

**FINAL SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION APPROVAL:**

2/16/95  
DATE

  
FOR: LEON LARSON  
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION



INTERSECTION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	
	A.M.	P.M.
1) U.S. 41 @ I-285 WB Ramps	E	E
2) U.S. 41 @ I-285 EB Ramps	E	D
3) U.S. 41 @ Akers Mill Road	E	F
4) U.S. 41 @ Riverwood Pkwy.	D	D
5) Cumberland Cir. @ Riverwood Pkwy.	B	B

FIGURE 5  
 KENNEDY PKWY. / I-75  
 COBB COUNTY  
 EXISTING 1993  
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