

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA

## OFFICE OF DESIGN POLICY & SUPPORT INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

**FILE** P.I. # 742980-  
BRST0-9438-00(010)  
Rockdale County  
GDOT District 7 - Metro Atlanta  
SR 212 @ Honey Creek 2.5 miles south  
Of Junction SR 138  
Bridge Replacement

**OFFICE** Design Policy & Support

**DATE** April 23, 2015

**FROM**  *for* 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

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
STATE OF GEORGIA

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE  
DETOUR REPORT

FILE P.I. No.: 742980- OFFICE Program Delivery  
Rockdale County  
S.R. 212 over Honey Creek DATE April 3, 2015

FROM Albert V. Shelby, III, State Program Delivery Engineer  
TO Brent Story, P.E., State Design Policy Engineer  
Attn: Dave Peters, State Conceptual Design Group Manager

*Albert Shelby*  
*ASA/KWN*

**SUBJECT Request for Detour Approval**

**Description and Project Proposal:** The proposed project will replace a structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridge on SR 212 over Honey creek in Rockdale County with a concrete bridge 40 feet wide and 150 feet long, consisting of two 12'-0" travel lanes and 10'-0" shoulders (6.5 foot paved). S.R. 212 will be closed to traffic during the proposed construction. Traffic on S.R. 212 is to be maintained by using an off-site detour. The total project length is approximately 0.251 miles.

**Concept Approval Date:** March 10, 2003

**Reason a Detour is Required:** A Detour is required to avoid impacts and R/W acquisition to/from the Stream/Wetland Credit Mitigation Bank that is located along both sides of the SR 212 R/W. The proposed bridge and side barrier alternative was chosen as the preferred, as it could be done within the existing SR R/W. The other alternatives such as an on-site detour to the North or South and staging a new bridge to one side or the other were considered, but all of these alternatives required R/W and caused impacts to the mitigation bank that would require an individual 404 permit instead of a nationwide permit. This would potentially delay the project due to additional environmental coordination and design time for the impact mitigation.

**Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Detour Route:** The environmental reevaluation which has the detour map attached was approved on 6/23/2014 by FHWA. This approval confirms that the Office of Environmental Services verifies the proposed detour route.

**Temporary State Route Needed:**  No  Yes  Undetermined

**Public Detour Meeting Results:** A Public Detour Open House (PDOH) was held May 8th, 2014 PIOH at the Monastery of The Holy Spirit, 2625 Scott Hwy/SR 212, Conyers GA 30094. There were 9 people in attendance (8 For the project, 1 Conditional, & 0 Against or Uncommitted)

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

Concur:   
GDOT Director of Engineering

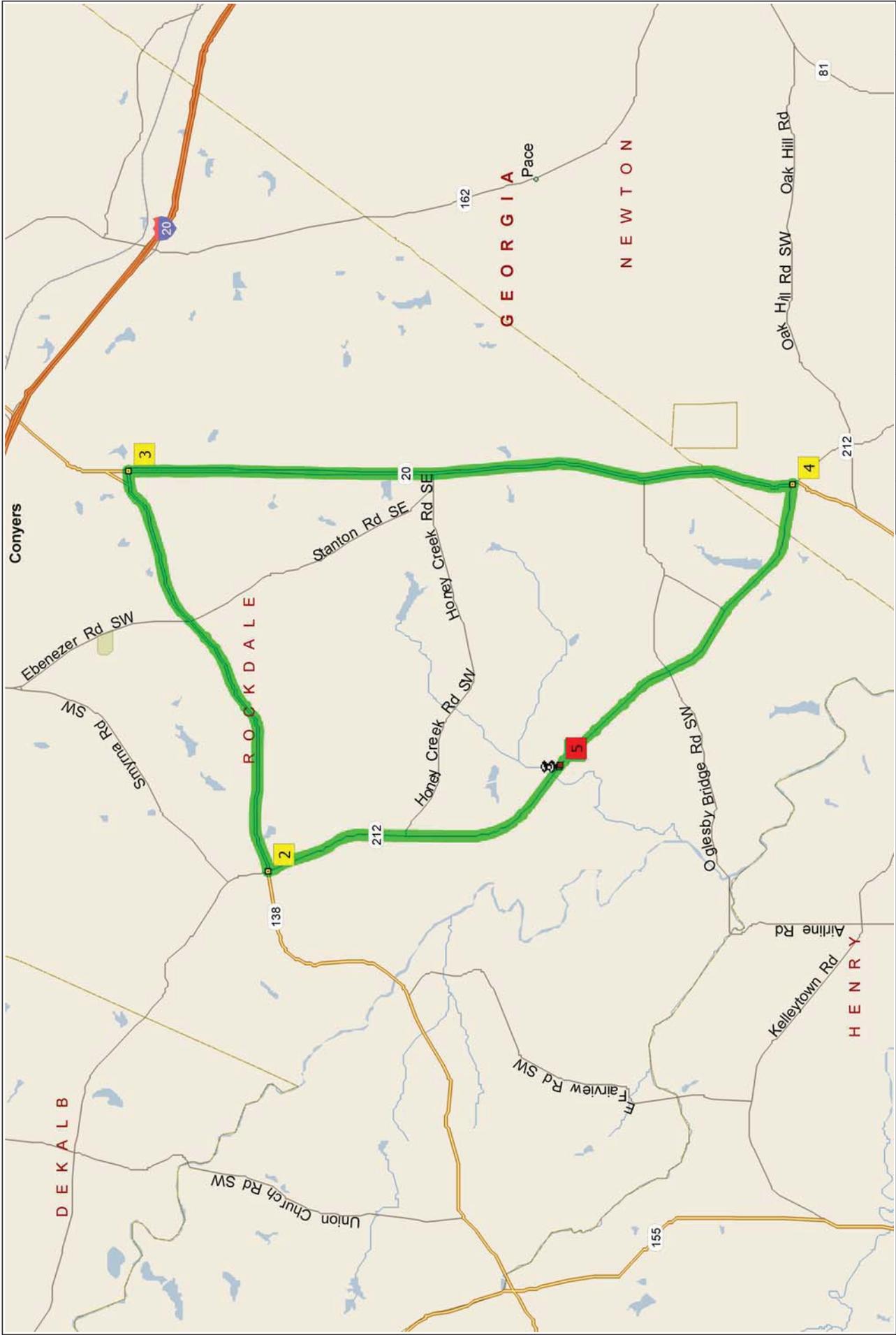
Approve:   
GDOT Chief Engineer

4.20.15  
Date

Attachments:

- Sketch Map of each Detour Route Studied including length of detour(s)
- Plan Sheets (Cover, Typical Sections, Mainline Plan, and Detour Details)
- Detour Meeting Comment Cards and Responses
- Notice of Detour Approval

2371 SR-212, Conyers, GA 30094 to 2361 SR-212, Conyers, GA 30094



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# FEDERAL AID PROJECT BRSTO-9438-00(010) ROCKDALE COUNTY

FEDERAL ROUTE \* N/A

STATE ROUTE # 212

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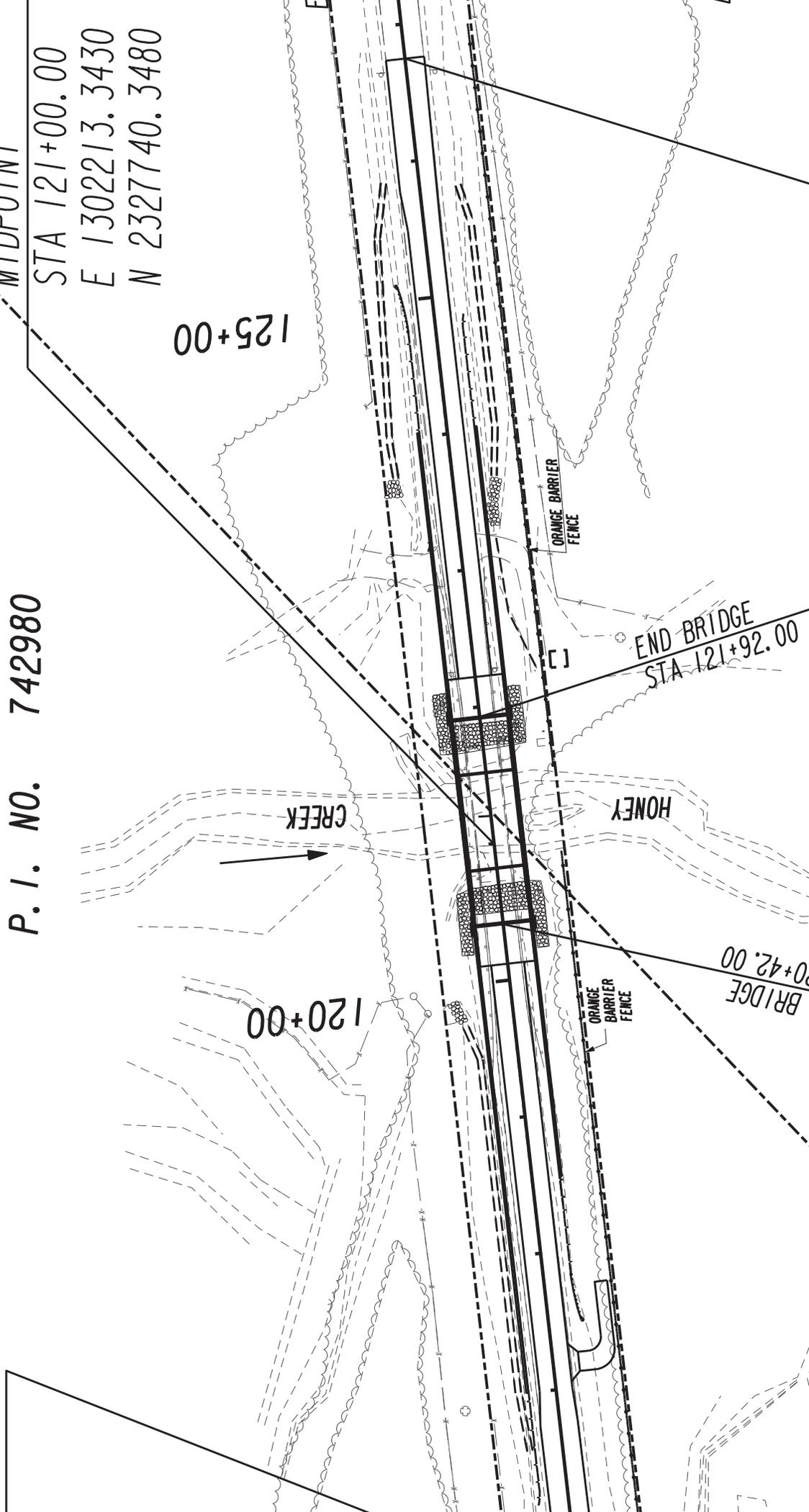
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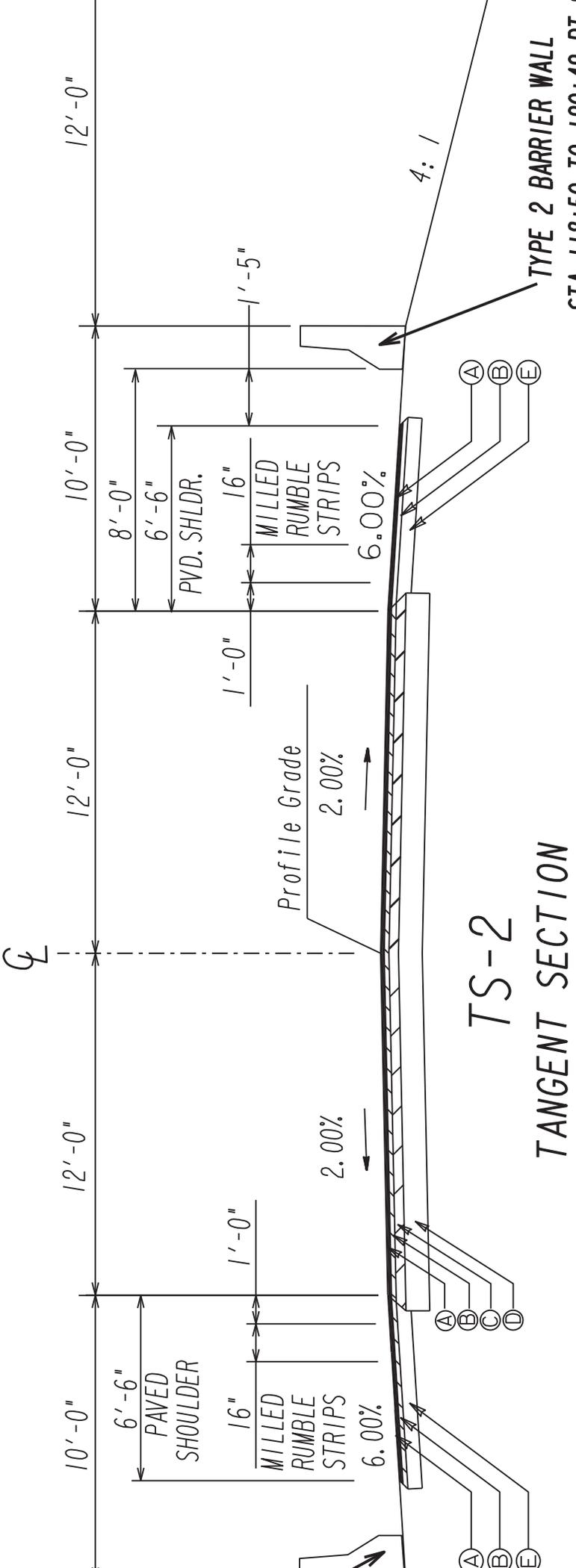
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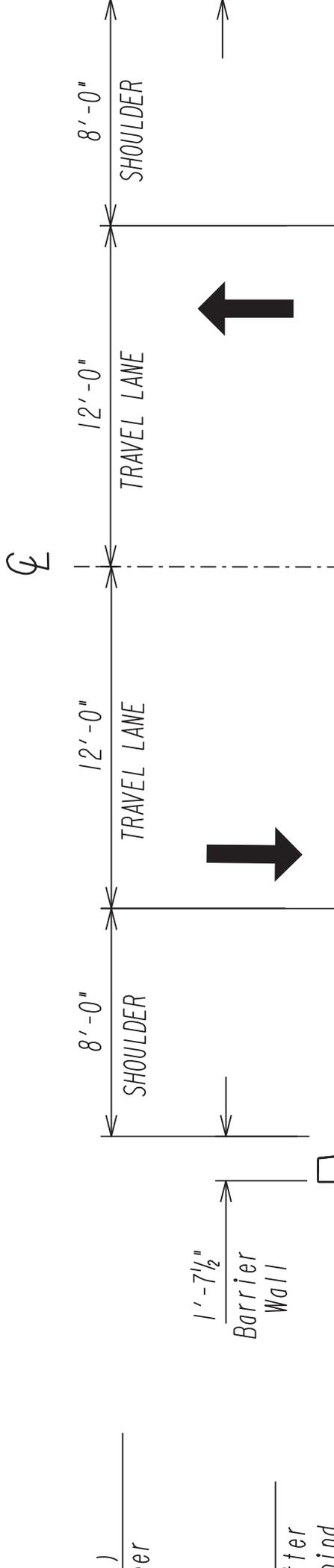
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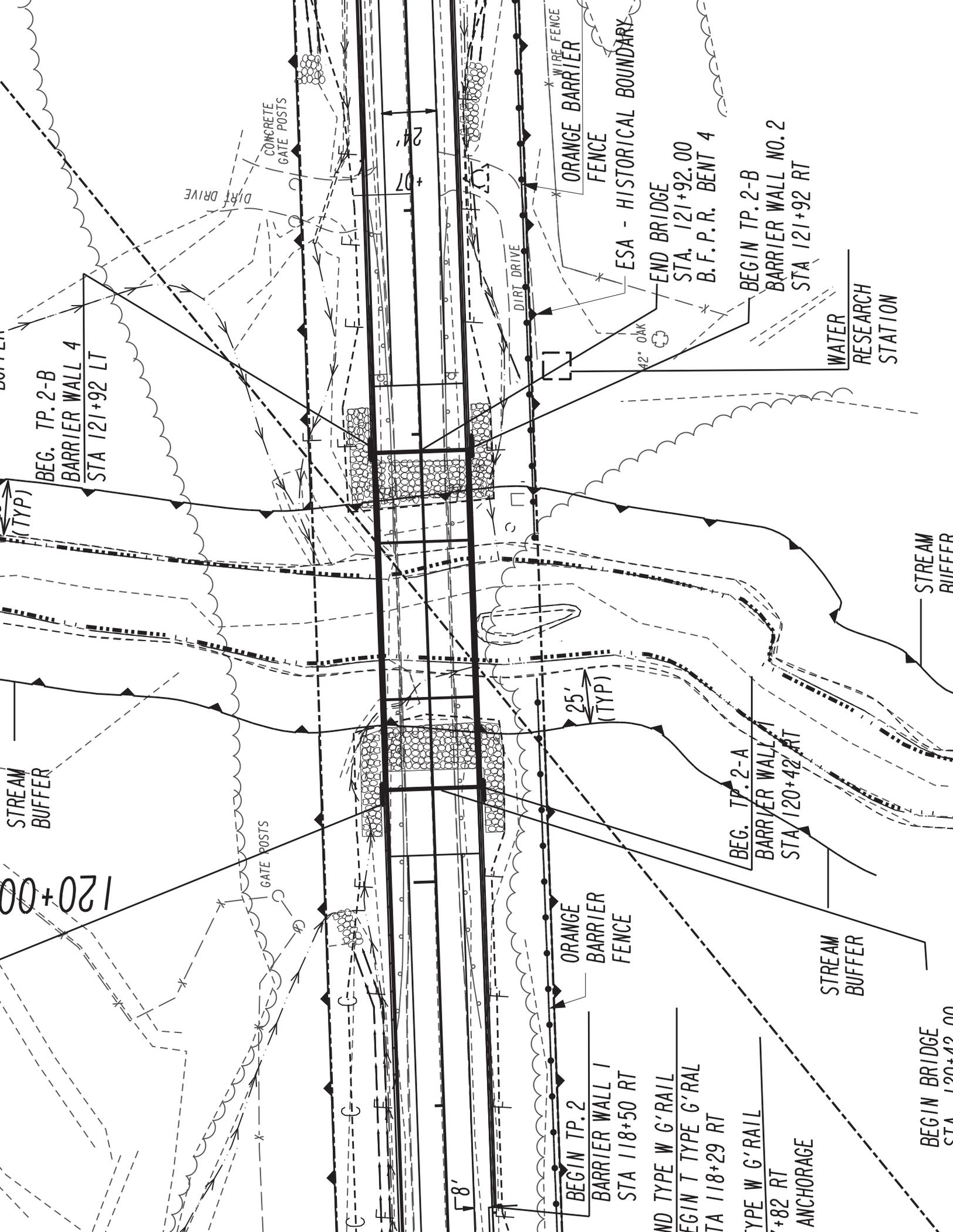


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**TANGENT SECTION**

TYPE 2 BARRIER WALL  
 STA 118+50 TO 120+42 RT.  
 STA 121+92 TO 124+00 RT.  
 (SEE DETAIL)

THE ABOVE SECTIONS APPLY FROM STA 117+01 TO STA 120+42  
 AND FROM STA 121+92 TO STA 125+50





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BARRIER WALL 4  
STA 121+92 LT

(TYP)

DIRT DRIVE

CONCRETE  
GATE POSTS

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+07

ORANGE BARRIER  
FENCE

DIRT DRIVE

ESA - HISTORICAL BOUNDARY

END BRIDGE

STA. 121+92.00  
B.F.P.R. BENT 4

BEGIN TP. 2-B  
BARRIER WALL NO. 2  
STA 121+92 RT

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STREAM  
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GATE POSTS

ORANGE  
BARRIER  
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# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA

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## INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

FILE: P. I. No. 742980 OFFICE: Environmental Services  
DATE: May 9, 2014

FROM *HP/ps*  
Hiral Patel, P.E., State Environmental Administrator  
TO Distribution Below  
SUBJECT PUBLIC DETOUR OPEN HOUSE SYNOPSIS

PROJECT No. & COUNTY: BRST0-9438-00(010), Rockdale  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: SR 212 at Honey Creek Bridge Replacement  
DATE: May 8, 2014  
NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE: 9  
FOR: 8  
CONDITIONAL: 1  
UNCOMMITTED: 0  
AGAINST: 0  
OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: 0  
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Support for project but on-site detour preferred.  
PREPARED BY: Paul Alimia  
TELEPHONE No.: (404) 631-1353

cc: Russell McMurry, P.E.  
Rachel Brown  
Jeff Simmons  
Albert Shelby  
Mac Cranford

Mark McKinnon

Comment Card

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Please print responses.

Name Fr. METHODIUS TELNACK

Address MONASTERY of the HOLY SPIRIT  
2625 HWY 212 SW  
CONYERS, GA 30094

Email address ~~me~~ methodt2002@yahoo.com

Do you support the proposal and the detour as presented? (check your response)

- For
- Against
- Conditional
- Uncommitted

General Comments I would like to have the concrete  
block with the date 1949. It would be relocated  
on the monastery property as an historic artifact  
and treated with great respect.

How did you hear about this Open House? (check)  Radio  Newspaper  Signs  Word of Mouth

Other We visited the DOT

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend?  Yes  No

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?  Yes  No

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you.

Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel?  Yes  No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?  Yes  No

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

Everyone representing the DOT and the court reporter  
could not have been more cordial.

Mail to:  
Ms. Hiral Patel, P.E., State Environmental Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
600 West Peachtree Street, NW - 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Comment Card

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Please print responses.

Name FLOYD MOORE

Address

Email address FLOYD.AMOORE@BELLSOUTH.NET

Do you support the proposal and the detour as presented? (check your response)

- For Against Conditional Uncommitted

General Comments

STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSED PROJECT. WOULD PREFER AN ON-SITE DETOUR, BUT UNDERSTAND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS.

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) Radio Newspaper Signs Word of Mouth

Other

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- Yes No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

- Yes No

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Mail to: Ms. Hiral Patel, P.E., State Environmental Administrator Georgia Department of Transportation 600 West Peachtree Street, NW - 16th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Comment Card **3**

Please print responses.

Name Michael Lunsford

Address 4617 Lynnwood Ct. SE  
Conyers, Ga 30094

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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- For
- Against
- Conditional
- Uncommitted

General Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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The way this was handled was very informative

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Comment Card

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Please print responses.

Name R m Rowan

Address 3295 Mill Forest Dr.  
CONYERS GA 30094-3346

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you support the proposal and the detour as presented? (check your response)

- For
- Against
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- Uncommitted

General Comments Bridge widening needed.  
Full closure Detour not acceptable.

Bridge can be widened one-half at  
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212. Too much traffic for such  
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May 27, 2014

Fr Methodius Telnack  
Monastery of The Holy Spirit  
2625 Hwy 212 SW  
Conyers, GA 30094

Re: Responses to Open House Comments for PI#(s): 742980, Rockdale County, SR 212 Honey Creek Bridge Replacement

Dear Fr Telnack:

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Sincerely,

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Hiral Patel, P.E.  
State Environmental Administrator

HP/pa

cc: Jeff Simmons, GDOT Project Manager (via email)  
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Conyers, GA 30094

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R. M. Rowan  
3295 Mill Forest Drive  
Conyers, GA 30094

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State Environmental Administrator

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**NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL**  
**ROCKDALE COUNTY**  
**P. I. NUMBER: 742980-**

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: April 23, 2015

The proposed project will replace a structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridge on SR 212 over Honey creek in Rockdale County with a concrete bridge 40 feet wide and 150 feet long, consisting of two 12'-0" travel lanes and 10'-0" shoulders (6.5 foot paved). S.R. 212 will be closed to traffic during the proposed construction. Traffic on S.R. 212 is to be maintained by using an off-site detour. The total project length is approximately 0.251 miles.

SR 212 will be detoured while the bridge over Honey Creek is being reconstructed along SR 20 & SR 138 from the intersection of SR 212 @ SR 138 to the north and SR 212 @ SR 20 & Brown Bridge Rd to the south in Newton County.

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:

Jeff Simmons, GDOT Project Manager  
jesimmons@dot.ga.gov  
600 West Peachtree St.  
Atlanta, GA 30308  
404-631-1525