COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Jeremy Busby, Georgia DOT
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 26, 2013	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Presentation by the Georgia Department of Transportation concerning the department's project to widen McDonough Road.

Background/History/Details:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is the in public comment phase of a proposed project to widen McDonough Road from State Route 54 to US 19/State Route 3; consisting of approximately 6 miles.

This presentation to the Fayette County Board of Commissioners will be part of GDOT's outreach to stakeholders and constituents in the project area during this public comment period.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Presentation by the Georgia Department of Transportation concerning the department's project to widen McDonough Road. No action is requested or required.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	Yes	Backup Provided with Request?	

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

Proposed Widening Project: McDonough Road

Fayette and Clayton Counties – PI 742870

Jeremy Busby, Project Manager

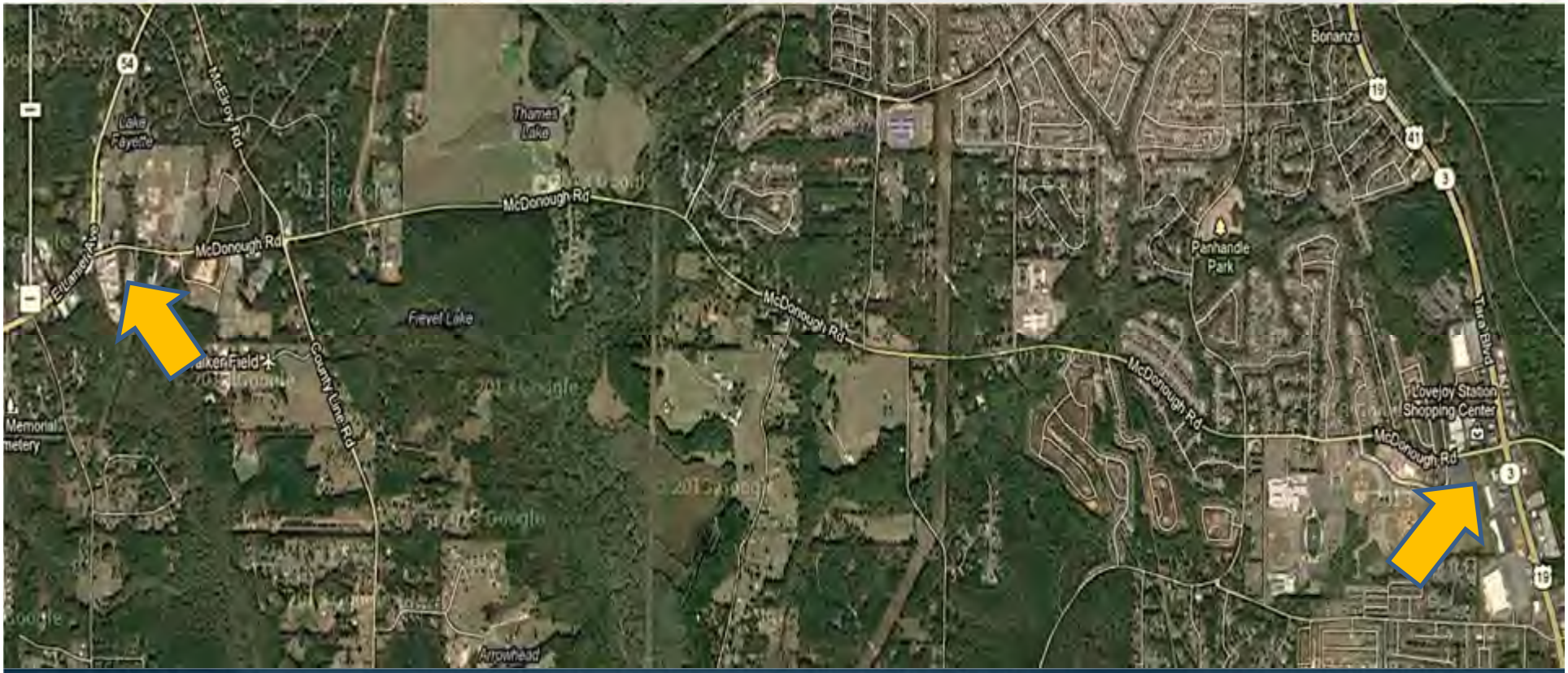
Georgia DOT

Georgia Department of Transportation

Proposed McDonough Rd Widening

Approximately 6 miles

McDonough Rd/SR 920 (temp) from SR 54 in Fayette to Tara Blvd./SR 3/US 19 in Clayton



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Proposed McDonough Rd Widening

Why is this Project Proposed/Needed?

1. SAFETY

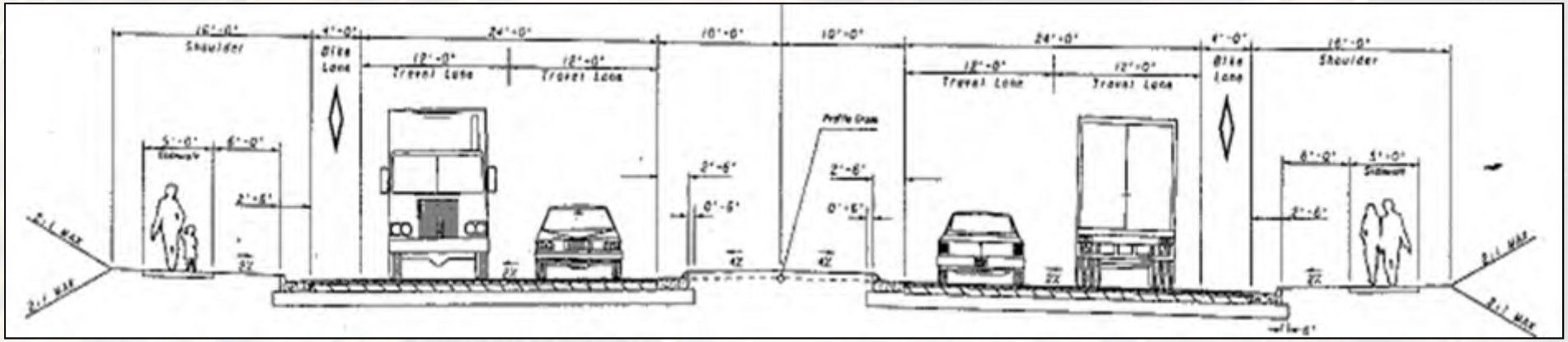
- Improve sight distances, eliminate blind curves.
- Address this road's high accident, fatality rates.

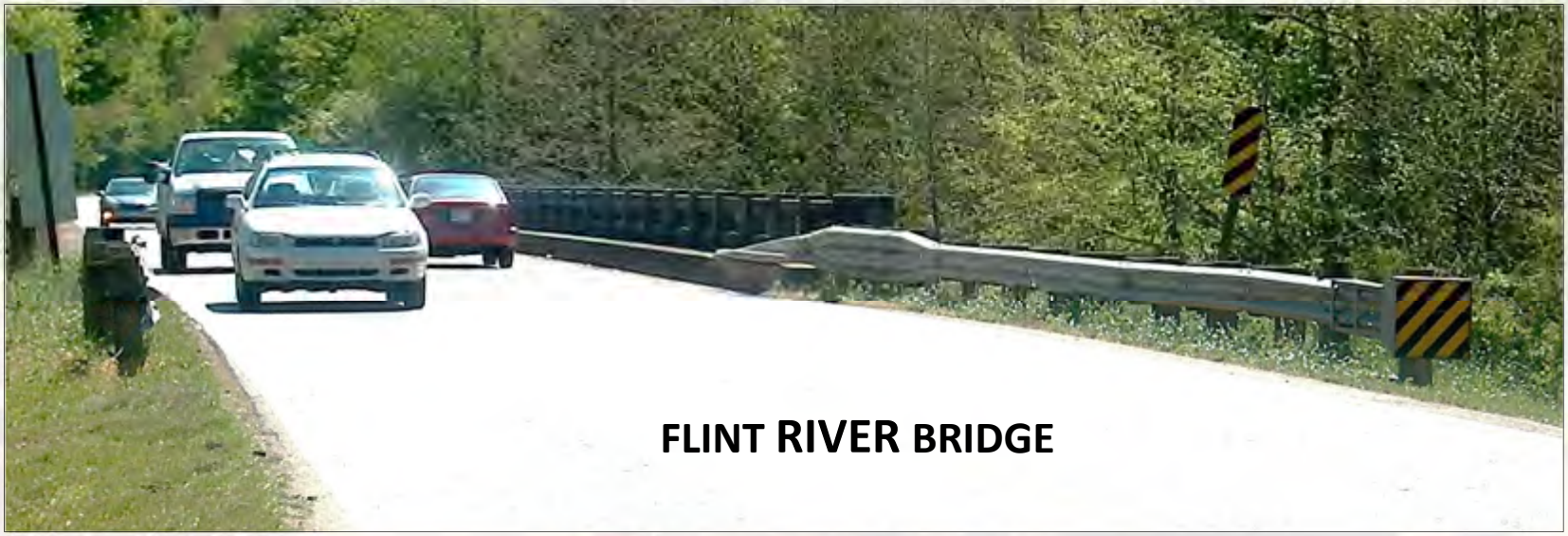
2. EASE CONGESTION

- Provide additional capacity on this congested roadway.
- Enhance pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow from surrounding neighborhoods.

Proposed McDonough Rd Widening

- Widen existing 2 lanes to 4 lanes (2 in each direction).
- 20-foot wide raised concrete median.
- Bike lanes both directions and 5-foot sidewalks along each side.
- 3 new traffic signals in addition to 3 existing signals.
- Replace bridges at Flint River and Hurricane Creek.





FLINT RIVER BRIDGE

HURRICANE CREEK BRIDGE

Proposed McDonough Rd Widening

Where are we in the decision-making process?

- Utility relocations:
  - Gathering information regarding utility facilities on corridor.
- Right of Way determinations:
  - Changes in design reduced residential displacements from 50 to 8.
  - No right of way acquisitions until 2016.

Proposed McDonough Rd Widening

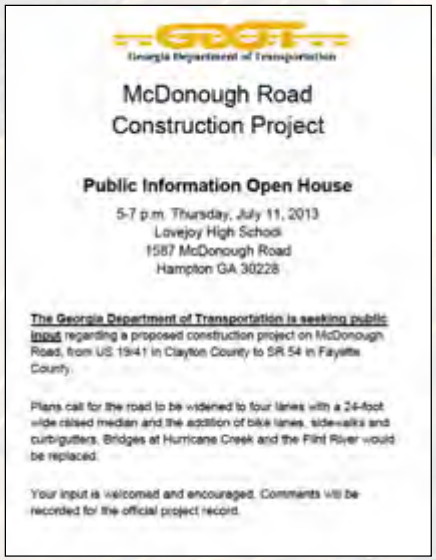
Where are we in the decision-making process?

- Environmental studies –
  - 4F impacts to school, churches
  - Impacts to stream at South Woods Drive.
  - Impacts to Flint Woods Farm.
  - Historical impacts to and mitigation of Civil War cemetery and remnants near Lovejoy Battlefield

Proposed McDonough Rd Widening

Where are we in the decision-making process?

- Public Involvement –
  - Public Information Open House held July 11, 2013 at Lovejoy High School.
  - In addition to standard outreach, we distributed 3500 flyers to area homeowners, businesses and emailed Clayton, Fayette officials to announce PIOH.
  - 199 attendees, 107 comments received and reviewed.
  - Plans for another PIOH and public comment period late September/early October 2013.



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McDonough Road
Construction Project

Public Information Open House

5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 11, 2013
Lovejoy High School
1587 McDonough Road
Hampton GA 30228

The Georgia Department of Transportation is seeking public input regarding a proposed construction project on McDonough Road, from US 19/41 in Clayton County to SR 54 in Fayette County.

Plans call for the road to be widened to four lanes with a 24-foot wide raised median and the addition of bike lanes, side-walks and curb/gutters. Bridges at Hurricane Creek and the Flint River would be replaced.

Your input is welcomed and encouraged. Comments will be recorded for the official project record.

Proposed McDonough Rd Widening

Anticipated Next Steps:

- Next PIOH – September, October 2013.
- Careful consideration of the public comments.
  - Responses to be prepared and distributed by GDOT.
- Right of Way activities in 2016, 2017 (tentative).
- Project to let, contract award.
- Begin construction in 2019 (tentative)
  - Information to residents, businesses in project area on any traffic interruptions related to construction.

Thank you.

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