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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House (PIOH) for the Interstate 16 (I-16) Widening from Interstate 95 (I-95) to Interstate 516 (I-516) (P.I. No. 0012757) and the I-16 at I-95 Interchange Reconstruction (P.I. No. 0012758) projects, which have been branded the 16@95 Improvement Projects. Our goal is to provide you with information related to the engineering design changes that have occurred since the original PIOH was held on June 28, 2016. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project displays (there are two sets of identical displays to allow for easier viewing). Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, wearing nametags, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. There will be no formal presentation.

We hope you will take this opportunity to meet with representatives of GDOT, and ask any questions you may have about the project. We would also like to obtain feedback from you regarding the current project design. Listed below are several ways to provide us with your comments. Your comments are important to us and, should you provide comments by one of the methods noted below, we will respond to you in writing, usually within 30 days of the close of the comment period. All comments will become part of the project's official record.

While you are attending the open house, you can provide your comments today by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box, or you may choose to provide your verbal comments to the court reporter who will transcribe your comments.

You can also provide your comments by **June 17, 2019**, by using any of the following methods:

- Online at: www.dot.ga.gov/BS/Projects/SpecialProjects/1695Improvement.
- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 1. From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Go*;
 2. Then select *I-16 Widening and I-16 at I-95 Interchange Reconstruction*;
 3. Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Ron Nelson, GDOT Project Manager, Savannah Mobility Contractors – Project Office, 20 Martin Court, Savannah, Georgia 31419.

The project displays and plans will be available for review until **June 17, 2019** at the websites noted above. Hard copies will also be available for viewing at the Savannah Mobility Contractors – Project Office at the address listed above. Following the 10-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received at this PIOH will be made available upon request at the address listed above.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project-level environmental planner, Paul Condit, at (912) 405-2330 or the GDOT project manager, Ron Nelson, at (912) 424-9112.

Why We Are Here: The need to improve I-16 and the interchange of I-16 and I-95 was identified by the GDOT Office of Planning's Chatham County Interstate Needs and Prioritization Plan, completed in 2008, and as part of Georgia DOT's Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP) to enhance traffic flow and improve safety along the gateway to Savannah and coastal Georgia; which is one of Georgia's busiest freight corridors.

The purpose of tonight's open house is to display the project design changes that have occurred since the last PIOH was held on June 28, 2016, and to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the design changes before construction activities commence later this year.

What has changed about the project's concept/design since the June 28, 2016 PIOH?

At the June 28, 2016 PIOH, the concept presented the following improvements:

- The addition of one general purpose lane along I-16 eastbound and westbound between I-95 and I-516. Widening for the new lane in each direction is proposed towards the inside median to the extent possible.
- I-16 and I-95 interchange improvements included reconstructing two of the high-volume loop ramps serving I-95 southbound to eastbound and I-16 westbound to southbound into fly-over ramps. The two lower-volume ramps serving I-95 northbound to westbound and I-16 eastbound to northbound would be reconstructed and separated from the I-95 mainline thus, eliminating the mainline weaving along I-95.

Since the 2016 PIOH, concept changes have occurred to some components of the project. Those changes include:

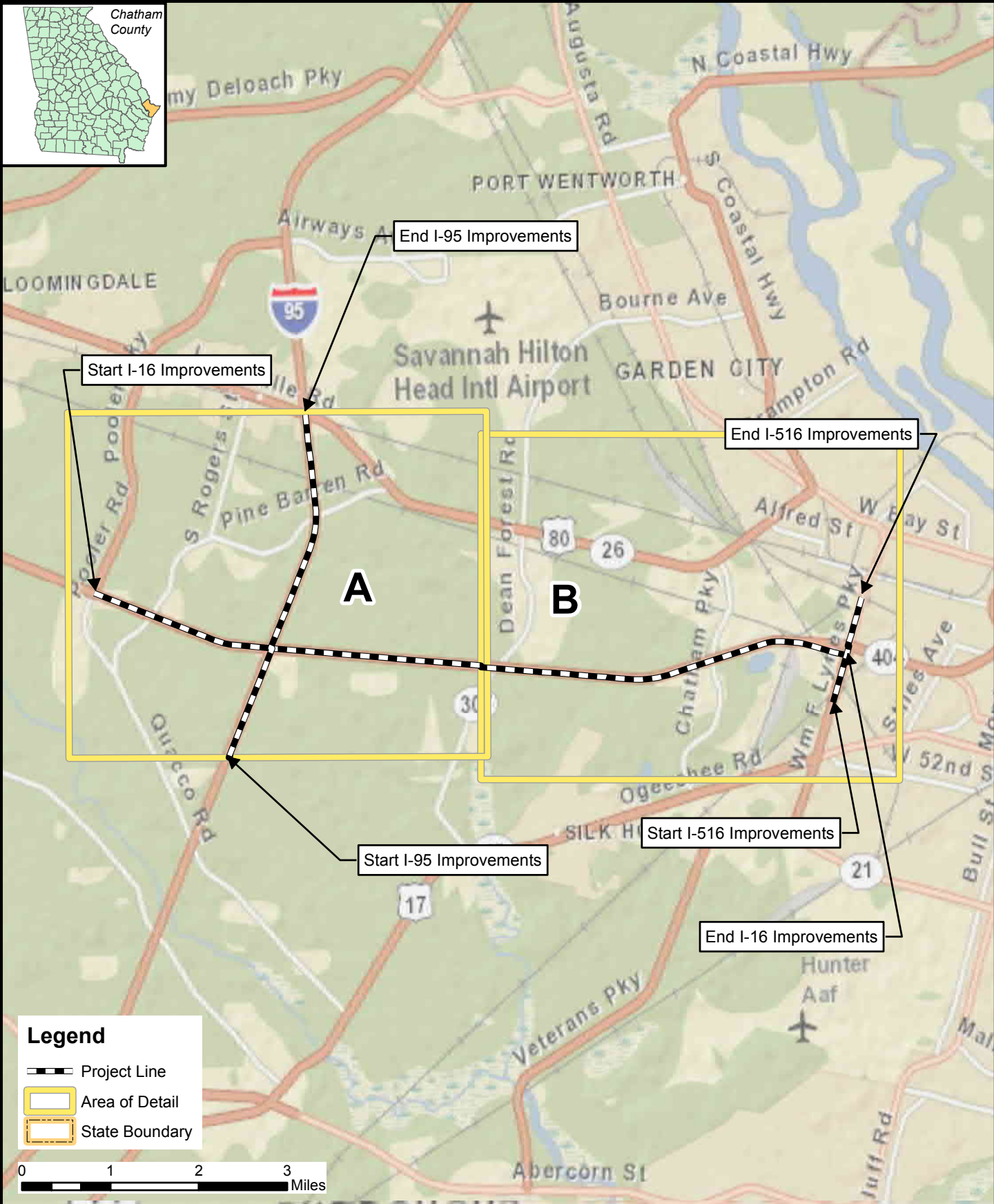
- The I-95 southbound to I-16 eastbound and I-16 westbound to I-95 southbound high-volume loop ramps were modified from fly-over ramps to directional turbine ramps. The I-95 southbound to I-16 eastbound ramp would be lowered by approximately 25 feet and shifted to the southwest approximately 1,115 feet. The I-16 westbound to I-95 southbound ramp would be lowered by 9 feet and shifted approximately 1,040 feet to the northwest.
- Other revisions include refinements to the medians, bridge structures, culverts, and retaining walls, as needed, to further minimize impacts and enhance the constructability of the project.

When will construction start, and how long will it last?

The project was let as a Design-Build project in 2018 and awarded to the Savannah Mobility Contractors (SMC). Design-Build is a project delivery process that combines design engineering and other preconstruction-related services with construction services into a single contract. When compared to the traditional design-bid-build process, design-build projects benefit the public by:

- Accelerating project delivery and
- Reducing costs through contractor-engineering interaction simulating value engineering analysis throughout project development.

Construction activities are anticipated to begin later in 2019, with all of the improvements to be completed in 2022.



Legend

- Project Line
- Area of Detail
- State Boundary



I-16 Widening and I-16 at I-95 Interchange Improvements
 GDOT P.I. No. 0012757 & 0012758
 Chatham County, Georgia

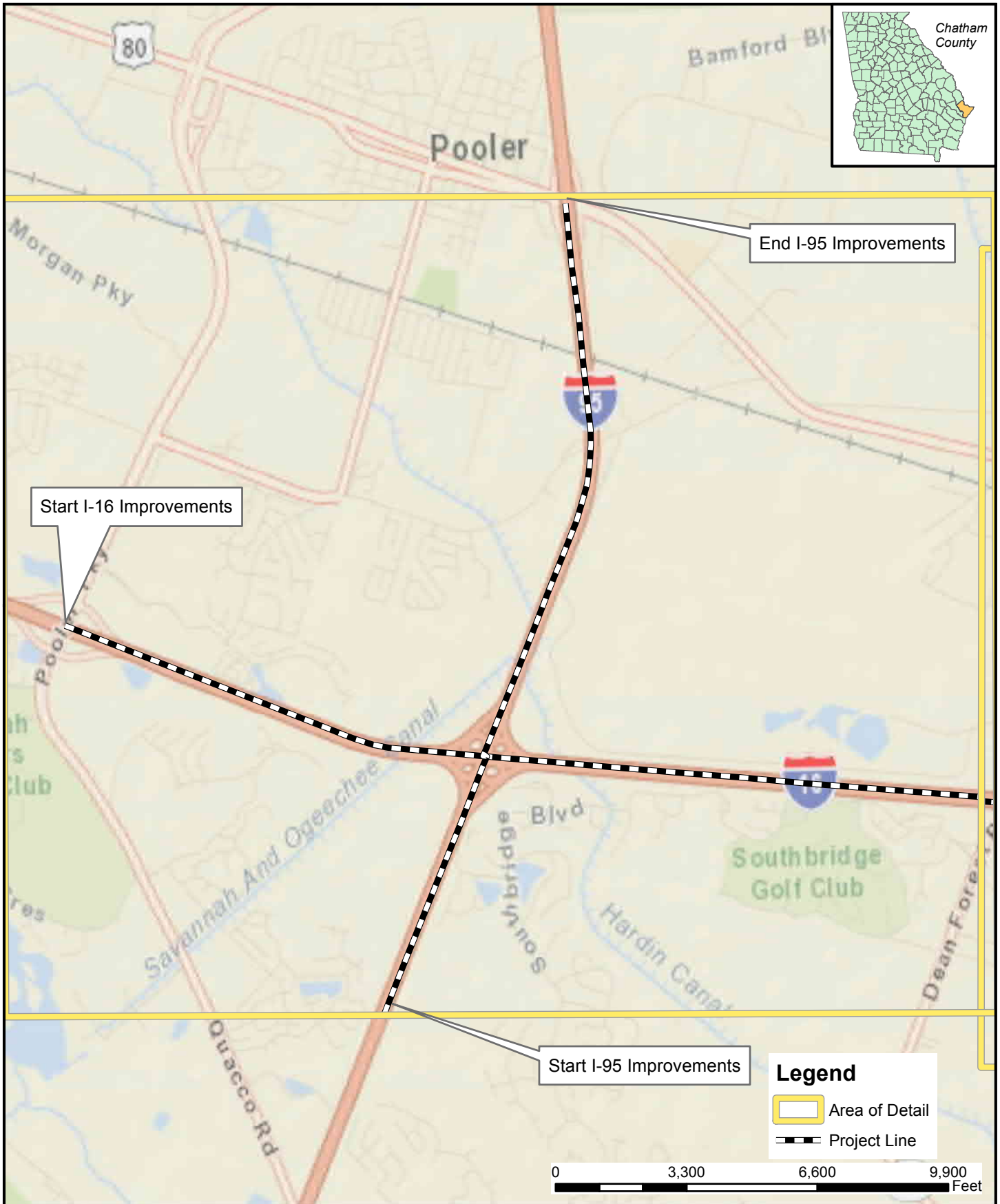
Project Location Map



Date: April 2019
 Scale: 1" = 1 mile

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Source: ESRI USA Topo Map, StreetMap World



Chatham County

End I-95 Improvements

Start I-16 Improvements

Start I-95 Improvements

Legend

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- Project Line



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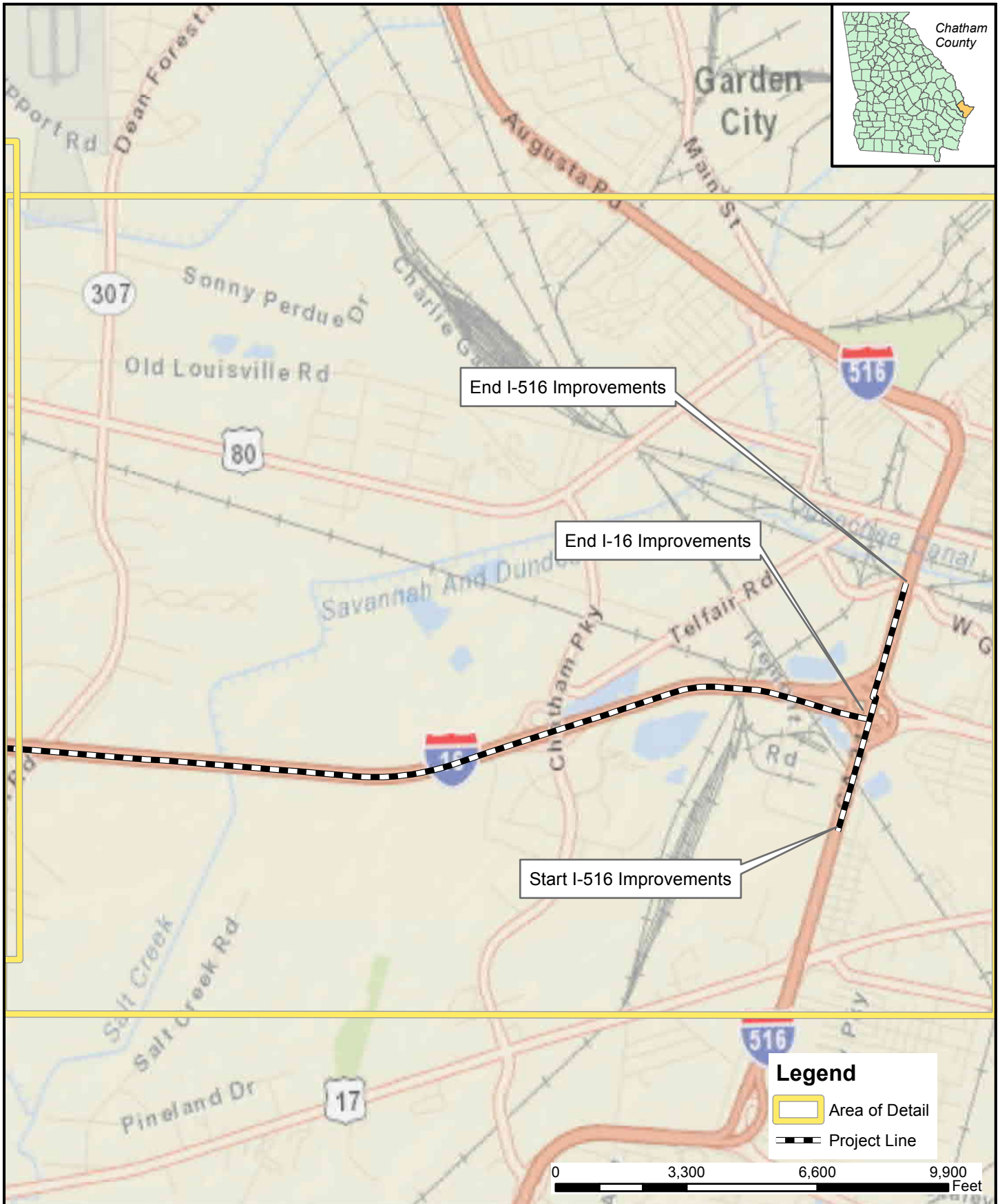


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Project Location Map

Figure 1A

Source: ESRI USA Topo Map, StreetMap World



Chatham County

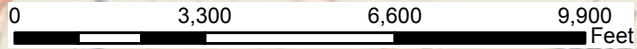
End I-516 Improvements

End I-16 Improvements

Start I-516 Improvements

Legend

- Area of Detail
- Project Line



I-16 Widening and I-16 at I-516 Interchange Improvements
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Project Location Map

Figure 1B

Source: ESRI USA Topo Map, StreetMap World

Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Did the information provided today make you feel like you have a better understanding of the project design and schedule? (check your response)

Yes **No**

General Comments _____

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) **Newspaper** **Signs** **GDOT Website** **Radio**

Word of Mouth **Social Media** **Other** _____

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**

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

Mail to:
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