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Proposed SR 92 Relocation & Widening from Pine Drive to North Malone Road

Projects CSSTP-006-00(900), CSSTP-0006-00(901), STP00-0186-01(011)

P.I. Nos. 006900, 0006901, 720970-, Douglas County

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/BS/Projects/SpecialProjects/SR92>

Honorable Rochelle Robinson
Mayor, City of Douglasville
6695 Church Street
Douglasville, Georgia 30134

Re: Responses to October 29, 2018 Public Meeting Comments

Dear Mayor Robinson:

Thank you for inviting the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to the October 29, 2018 Public Meeting on the Construction of the proposed project to relocate and widen State Route (SR) 92 from Pine Drive (south of I-20 Interchange at SR 92) to Malone Road in Douglas County. The GDOT appreciates your concerns and has compiled and rephrased all input received during and after the meeting to help the project team better understand the issues and to provide solutions.

This response letter addresses all comments received so that everyone who has expressed interest in the process can be informed regarding all concerns raised and the responses provided. This response letter is organized by category with a paraphrased citizen's comment or question included in **bold**, followed by our response.

Q1: If the project completion is realistically beyond November 2020, what is the new estimated completion date?

A1: The contractor has submitted a schedule that proposes completion in early 2021, but that schedule has not been approved by GDOT. GDOT is still discussing an incentivized completion as early as feasible.

Q2: How far will the sound barriers extend on SR 92? Will they go east to Strickland? Will they be installed on the north side of the RR tracks?

A2: The sound walls will go as far as Cooper Street. There are two sound walls on the south side and three sound walls on the north side of the RR tracks to be installed. Locations of sound barriers are determined during the design phase after traffic noise analysis is conducted. This analysis tells us if/where additional traffic noise from the project will impact homes or businesses.

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- Q3: Since SR 92 will become a six-lane road, will GDOT work with the schools to help ensure crossing safety in advance?**
- A3:** GDOT will be glad to coordinate with the school. The intersection at the school will have a traffic signal. The signal timing can be programmed for slower pedestrians, like children and the elderly, and to accommodate left turns for school buses. We will put the school in touch with GDOT's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) coordinator, who can assist with resources and information on walking and biking to school, and may also assist with special striping and other markers designed to keep pedestrians safe in school zones. Please refer to the Georgia Safe Routes to School Guidebook at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/SRTS>, or contact Jay Anninos at (404) 635-2834 or janninos@dot.ga.gov.
- Q4: At the last meeting, we talked about Brown Street, which is now closed to traffic. How do we get ambulances and emergency help from the park to residents of the apartments? GDOT needs to turn over the street to the City to get access for emergency vehicles.**
- A4:** Putting traffic on that street is unsafe at this time. The drainage pipe underneath is not located deep enough to carry traffic. Plan revision is in works right now to address the issue.
- Q5: Comment on need to get additional sidewalks near the local elementary and middle schools.**
- A5:** The comment was not related to this project. This was a general comment about providing sidewalks near schools in Lithia Springs.
- Q6: Complaint from resident whose property is located on a steep hill where the sidewalks end and grading was done. His home is being impacted by water draining on his front yard from a water main burst, limited access and damage to his driveway, overgrown weeds and trees in the area. When will work re-start so these issues can be fixed?**
- A6:** The GDOT construction Project Engineer went to the location and observed that there were no issues as stated. The work there was properly performed and installed, and no land disturbance was observed. The Project Engineer also called the property owner twice, with no answer and was not able to leave a voicemail. We will continue to monitor the area during and after rain events.

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Q7: At the project start, was GDOT aware of the train schedule and other things that could delay the project?

A7: Yes, at the project start, we confirmed with Norfolk Southern RR where the new location of the track should be for us to do the work. Unfortunately, they relocated the temporary track 3 to 5 feet south of the location for which we planned and designed. That has created a grade separation that trucks could not navigate, which caused the closure of the Mozley Street rail road crossing. Due to the shift in the track location the project lost 9 months and additional funds were spent reconfiguring the design.

Q8: Concern about traffic back-ups, left turn access and safety in front of Mitchell Appliances location. Will construction affect my business?

A8: Douglasville police officer responded to the first part of this question. The GDOT construction Project Engineer also spoke with the business owner and explained to him that no work will be conducted near his business.

Q9: Concern raised about speed limits on Hillard Street.

A9: The City responded with information about how to secure speed bumps and speed limit signs in their neighborhood.

Q10: Could we get a 4-way stop at SR 92/Dallas Highway and Parker Street? Currently there is a "Do Not Block Intersection" sign, which no one pays attention to.

A10: GDOT responded that a stop sign is not appropriate for SR 92/Dallas Hwy because of its functional classification, but we will evaluate whether a larger "Do Not Block Intersection" sign which may help.

Q11: Concern raised about traffic backups and left turn at McCauley, cannot make right turn due to parked trailer, creating blind spot.

A11: City police officer responded to this concern.

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Q12: Why is the contractor drilling through the rock the reason for the delayed project completion?

A12: Excavation of the rock underneath the existing location of rail track is the pivotal work to get us to completion. There is 35 to 40 feet of solid granite under the tracks that must be excavated and blasted before we can begin building the three bridges above.

Q13: Did you know of the obstacles before project start?

A13: Yes, we knew the granite was there, but when Norfolk Southern RR moved their track to an alternate location, it changed the wall design and location and our entire work plan.

Q14: Congressman David Scott would like to receive regular updates on this project.

A14: GDOT will ensure the Congressman receives updates.

Q15: Concerns about left turns out of Cedar Place subdivision on West Strickland.

A15: The City will evaluate the left turn issues at that location.

Q16: Can monthly project updates be added to the project website?

Q 16: Yes, GDOT will provide monthly project updates on its project website.

The GDOT values each comment received for this project. We hope you will continue to stay engaged throughout the construction process and continue to provide feedback so we can develop the best solution for addressing the needs of this important state route while trying to fit into your local community. Our next opportunity for input is anticipated in Spring of 2019. This will provide another opportunity to comment as the construction advances. Should you have any further questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the GDOT project manager, Oluchukwu Anyaebosi, at oanyaebosi@dot.ga.gov or the GDOT Area Engineer, Lankston Johnson, at lajohnson@dot.ga.gov. For project status updates, schedule information, information about our process, and other additional information, please visit the project website at: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/BS/Projects/SpecialProjects/SR92>.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Albert Shelby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Albert V. Shelby, III
Director of Program Delivery

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cc: Dana Lemon, 13th Congressional District Board Member
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