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Proposed SR 92 Relocation & Widening from Pine Drive to North Malone Road
Projects CSSTP-0006-00(900), CSSTP-0006-00(901), STP00-0186-01(011)
P.I. Nos. 0006900, 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 June 11, 2018 Public Meeting Comments

Dear Mayor Robinson:

Thank you for inviting the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to the June 11, 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 questions and comments received during and after the meeting to help the project team and the community better understand the issues and possible solutions.

This response letter addresses all comments and questions raised and our responses. In some cases, we have paraphrased comments or questions; comments and questions are shown in **bold**, followed by our response.

Q: When will the traffic signal near the Shell station be operational?

A: As of July 1, 2018, it is fully operational.

Q: Why isn't a Norfolk Southern rep here?

A: The City of Douglasville organized the meeting and panel invitations. The GDOT was unaware that Norfolk Southern was not invited.

Q: I have concerns about safety and access at/near Cousins Street. How long will it take for an ambulance to get through to Cousins Street if there is a train on the track?

A: Cousins Street is outside of the project limits. However, since the main at-grade Mozley Street railroad crossing is closed, the detours in place have been established to ensure ambulance, and all emergency services have access to the public roads such, as Cousins Street, in the same amount of travel time as before.

Q: With the new 6 lane roadway, are we looking at safe crossings for school buses, and the elderly?

A: Safety is always factored into our project designs. This project uses State and National standards for pedestrian crossings, including beacon traffic signals, signal timing, and medians/pedestrian refuge islands. Examples of 6-lane pedestrian crossings on a State Route can be viewed at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/BS/Projects/SpecialProjects/SR92>.

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Q: Business owners are concerned about truck access and safety at Odessa Industrial Park; how access to I-20 has been restricted; and negative impacts of the detour on businesses?

A: Georgia DOT (GDOT) Staff contacted Industrial Park business owners to discuss this concern, and to identify the most direct route for trucks in order to erect signs to help direct in-bound trucks. The current detours in place are the best options approved by the City of Douglasville and Douglas County due to the Mozley Street railroad crossing closure.

Q: Roadways have been damaged from increased truck traffic near Huey Road @ Malone Road.

A: GDOT has patched the roadways with potholes, and will also be resurfacing after the detour is removed, prior to the project completion.

Q: Can GDOT adjust traffic light timing at SR 92 @ Bankhead?

A: GDOT reviewed the intersection timing and made adjustments.

Q: As a result of the detour, there is increased cut-through traffic at the sub-division, Chicago Avenue to Strickland Street, high traffic speeds, trucks.

A: City of Douglasville will look at speed bumps and enforcement.

Q: Need vegetation maintenance, mowing, trash clean-up at Brown Street and SR 92 @ Malone Road before the fire station and throughout project.

A: GDOT will have its contractor, CW Matthews, mow the area once every 45 days, which is the schedule for all state routes in the metro Atlanta area. In addition, GDOT will ensure that CWM addresses any sight distance concerns in a timely manner.

Q: Suggestions to redo the Mozley Street Crossing, or move it to the west, and move Bankhead Highway and lower the grade.

A: Those changes would alter this project scope, design, budget, and would extend the completion time to achieve all the above.

Q: There is trash and tall grass at Lake Ridge subdivision @ SR 92.

A: GDOT checked the Lake Ridge subdivision and did not observe any trash, but observed a small area with tall grass across the street from the subdivision that the City of Douglasville Sanitation Department (Greg Roberts at 770-920-3005 or sanitation@douglasvillega.gov) will need to address, since the area is outside of the project limits.

Q: Closing Malone Street has limited access from Jesse Davis Park to SR 92. Can we extend Malone Street?

A: The City approached GDOT about this, but there is a 60-inch drainage pipe under this section of Malone Street that precludes putting any traffic on it.

Q: Can we make a railroad crossing at Fairburn Road?

A: The City of Douglasville will need to contact Norfolk Southern Corporation (Jake Watson at 404-529-1225) to determine the feasibility of additional railroad crossings.

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Q: Increased truck traffic is causing drainage issues, mud and flooding, and toppled stop sign on English Drive.

A: English Drive is not in the project limits, the City of Douglasville Sanitation Department (Greg Roberts at 770-920-3005 or sanitation@douglasvillega.gov) will need to address the toppled stop sign concerns. GDOT and CW Matthews are monitoring the project site daily, and have been addressing drainage issues within the project limits as construction progresses, to ensure erosion control devices are properly installed, and to reduce and/or eliminate debris and tracking mud on the roadway. Additional measures are also put in place to ensure CW Matthews and utility companies working on the project are cleaning mud/debris out of the road.

Q: Can we have a pedestrian bridge over the road to Jesse Davis Park?

A: A study performed by the City of Douglasville during the project concept and environmental phases indicated that most residents would not utilize a pedestrian bridge. Therefore, a pedestrian bridge was not included in this project scope and design. The City resolution on this issue can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/BuildSmart/Projects/Documents/SR92/Overview/Douglasville%20Upgraded%20Mitigation%20for%20Pedestrians%20RES-2010-36.pdf>.

Q: How can we control truck speeds on detour?

A: The City of Douglasville indicated they are looking into additional enforcement.

Q: Witnessed high truck speeds near Providence Walk @ SR 92, near Shell station, and there is no traffic light.

A: Providence Walk at SR 92 is included in Phase IV of the SR 92 projects, PI#0007691. This concern has been forwarded to the appropriate GDOT personnel to address during construction of that phase.

Q: Can we provide students' access to the apartments behind school?

A: Providing that access is not part of this project, and to add on now will extend the project time and budget. The City of Douglasville may go through the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and/or seek private funding to program another project.

The GDOT values each comment received for this project. We hope you will continue to stay engaged throughout the construction process. Our next opportunity for input is anticipated late Fall of 2018. This will provide another opportunity to comment as the project construction advances. Should you have any further questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the GDOT project manager, Peter Emmanuel at pemmanuel@dot.ga.gov or GDOT Area Engineer, Lankston Johnson at ljohnson@dot.ga.gov.

Again, thank you for your observations and remarks. 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>.

Sincerely,



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