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### **Georgia DOT Proposes to Replace the Courtland Street Bridge and Implement a Detour**

**ATLANTA** – The Georgia Department of Transportation invites Atlanta commuters to give their input on the Georgia DOT’s plan to replace the Courtland Street Bridge and the detour route proposed for the project.

The informal open house will take place from **11 a.m., until 5 p.m., Thursday, October 20 in the James H. (Sloppy) Floyd Building Lobby, 1 Martin Luther King Jr., Drive Atlanta, Georgia 30334.**

The proposed project will replace all 28 spans of the Courtland Street Bridge over the MARTA rail lines, CSX rail lines and Decatur Street. The project limits extend on Courtland Street from Gilmer Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

“The Courtland Street Bridge has shown signs of major deterioration. Minor repairs helped maintain the bridges structural integrity, however it is time to replace the entire structure,” said Xavier James, Georgia DOT Project Manager. “Construction for the bridge will require it to close between Gilmer Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, requiring an offsite detour for commuters and transit.”

Georgia DOT staff and engineers will be on hand to answer questions about the project. Residents who cannot attend the open house on October 20 can submit a written statement. All written statements should be submitted by **Monday, October 31** to:

Mr. Eric Duff  
State Environmental Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
600 West Peachtree Street, NW – 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Residents can also view the project and submit comments online. Visit the Georgia DOT website <http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach>. From the menu, select the county where the proposed project is located; select *Courtland Street Bridge Replacement*; click *Comment* and follow instructions to leave a comment.

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