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Baker County...

GDOT Seeks Comment on Proposed Bridge Construction Detour

NEWTON, GA – The Georgia Department of Transportation is asking for public input on a dual bridge construction project on state Route 216 over Ichawaynochaway Creek that would require a detour.

GDOT proposes to replace the existing bridge that was built in 1952 and to build an overflow bridge west of the mainline bridge. Construction would close SR 216 to thru traffic for approximately 18 months, requiring motorists to use an off-site detour.

The construction site is about 12 miles northwest of Newton. The total length of the detour is 24 miles and would add eight miles to the distance motorists would have to travel from Newton to Arlington. GDOT utilizes existing state routes for detours and typically defines a detour length as the distance to travel from one departure point to the point of return back onto the same state route.

The proposed detour routes are:

Eastbound traffic

SR 216 to SR 45 in Arlington

North on SR 45 to SR 62 in Arlington, continue approximately 1.1 miles

Northeast on SR 62 to Leary for approximately 12.9 miles

South onto SR 37 in Leary

Continue approximately 10 miles to SR 216

Westbound traffic

SR 216 to SR 37

North on SR 37 to Leary, continue approximately 10 miles

Southwest onto SR 62 to Arlington, continue approximately 12.9 miles

Southeast onto SR 45 to SR 216

For questions or additional information, contact Project Manager Sonja Thompson at SThompson@dot.ga.gov or 229-529-5300, or Environmental Analyst Aaron Burgess at ABurgess@dot.ga.gov or 404-631-1159. Project plans can be reviewed at the Baker County Commission Office, 167 Baker Place in Newton and at the GDOT Albany area office at 2060 Newton Road.

Written comments on the project and proposed detour will be accepted until April 30 and should be mailed to:

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State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
600 W. Peachtree Street NW – 16th Floor
Atlanta, Ga. 30308

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