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Georgia DOT holding Open House for US 441 widening project

DUBLIN- The Georgia Department of Transportation is hosting a Public Information Open House (PIOH) Monday, Oct. 3 at the Dubose Porter Business and Industry Training Center on its proposed plans to widen State Route (SR) 31/US 441 from south of SR 117 at Emily Currie Road to just south of Interstate 16 at Pinehill Road.

The PIOH at the Dublin Oconee Fall Line Technical College campus at 560 Pinehill Road runs from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., offering the public an opportunity to view project displays, ask questions and comment. It will be informal with no presentation.

Established purposes and needs of the Laurens County project include continuing the completion of the US 441 Governor's Road Improvement Program corridor; reducing the frequency and severity of crashes by addressing unsafe driving conditions; accommodating future traffic growth and the need for mobility, access and goods movement; and maintaining an acceptable level-of-service in accordance with statewide performance measures.

Widening the highway in this area represents a total transportation investment near \$30 million. Anticipated construction would begin in summer 2019.

The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Accommodations can be arranged with advance notice by calling 478.553.3407.

Written statements will be accepted concerning this project until **Thursday, October 13**. Individuals may submit/mail statements to:

Eric Duff, State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street, NW – 16th Floor

Atlanta, Georgia 30308

You can also provide comments by **Thursday, October 13** using the Department website:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 1. From the menu, select *Laurens County* and click *Go*;
 2. Then select: *Widening and Reconstruction of US 441/SR 31*;
 3. Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.

The project displays and plans will be available for review 10 days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available for viewing at the Georgia DOT Dublin Office, 2003 US Hwy 441 S. Following the 10-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta address listed above.