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Public Encouraged to Attend Meeting
GDOT SEEKING INPUT FOR PROJECT TO REPLACE BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY 369 IN CHEROKEE COUNTY

BALL GROUND, Ga. - A public information open house to discuss the Georgia DOT’s proposed project to replace the bridge on State Route (SR) 369 over Board Tree Creek in Cherokee County is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 4 until 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Hightower Baptist Church, located at 3444, Hightower Road in Ball Ground.

Cherokee County’s residents interested in learning more about the proposed project are encouraged to attend the meeting and express their thoughts, preferences and concerns.

“We would like to hear the viewpoints and concerns of all area residents,” says DeWayne Comer, district engineer at the Georgia DOT office in Cartersville.

The proposed plans call for the replacement of the existing bridge on SR 369 over Board Tree Creek, located between Creighton Road and Yellow Creek Road in Cherokee County. The new bridge will be constructed in stages, allowing traffic to continue to use the existing bridge while a portion of the proposed bridge is built south of existing bridge. Traffic will then be shifted to the newly constructed portion of the bridge to work on the removal of the old bridge and completing the remaining portion of the new bridge. This will allow SR 369 at this location to remain open during bridge construction.

The existing bridge was built in 1960. It has been classified as functionally obsolete and recommended for replacement.

“The Georgia DOT strongly believes that since this project is intended to serve the people of Cherokee County, the ideas and preferences of these people are important,” Comer explains. “This meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to review the proposed project, ask questions, and express their preferences as well as their concerns.”

The Open House will be informal and the public is invited to attend anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by calling Cherie Marsh at (678) 721-5257.

Written statements will be accepted concerning this project until February 20, 2017. Written statements may be submitted to:

Eric Duff, State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
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