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Public Encouraged to Attend Meeting

GEORGIA DOT UNVEILS PLANS FOR LAFAYETTE ROAD CORRIDOR IN CATOOSA COUNTY

RINGGOLD, Ga. - A public information open house to discuss the Georgia DOT's proposed project for streetscape improvements along LaFayette Road corridor in Catoosa County is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2015 from 5 until 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Colonnade Center, located at 264 Catoosa Circle in Ringgold, Georgia.

Catoosa County's residents interested in learning more about the proposed project are encouraged to attend the meeting and express their thoughts and preferences.

"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 streetscape improvements along the LaFayette Road corridor. The project limits along LaFayette Road are from Harker Road to SR 2 / Battlefield Parkway. The proposed typical section for LaFayette Road is a 60-foot wide roadway consisting of two lanes in each direction separated by a raised median. The inside travel lanes would be 11-foot wide and the outside travel lanes would be 14-foot wide and utilized as shared use bicycle lanes. The raised median would be 10-foot wide and incorporate left turn lanes at selected locations. The shoulder typical section would be 14-foot wide with 2.5-foot curb and gutter, a 5-foot sidewalk and a 5.5-foot landscape strip between the curb and sidewalk. Existing driveways and curb cut ramps would be reconstructed to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Pedestrian amenities would be proposed that include benches, trash receptacles, and pedestrian lighting. All amenities would be located in front of the sidewalk in the landscape strip. Decorative crosswalks would be proposed at intersections with Harker Road, Forrest Road/West Forrest Avenue, Gilbert Drive, SR 2/Battlefield Parkway, and at a mid-block crossing. The decorative crosswalk would be red concrete with a stamped brick pattern. Landscaping would be proposed within the raised median and in the landscape strip provided behind the sidewalk. The landscaping would consist of trees, shrubbery, and mulching.

"The Georgia DOT strongly believes that since this project is intended to serve the people of Catoosa 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."

The Open House will be informal and the public is invited to attend anytime between 5 and 7 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 December 13, 2013. Written statements may be submitted to:

Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E.
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Georgia Department of Transportation
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