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Public Encouraged to Attend Meeting

GEORGIA DOT WANTS YOUR TWO CENTS IN A PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD TO CARBONDALE BUSINESS PARK IN WHITFIELD COUNTY

DALTON, Ga. - A public hearing open house to discuss the Georgia DOT-Whitfield County's proposed project to construct an access road to the planned Carbondale Business Park in Whitfield County is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2015 from 5 until 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Valley Point Middle School, located at 3796 South Dixie Highway in Dalton, Georgia.

Whitfield 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 Georgia DOT strongly believes that since this project is intended to serve the people of Whitfield County, the ideas and preferences of these people are important and can make a difference in our planning process," 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 proposed plans call for the construction of a 24-foot heavy duty asphalt roadway with concrete curb and gutter, beginning at Carbondale Road and extending to Nexus Drive for a distance of 0.77 mile. The land bordered by Interstate 75 and Carbondale Road is owned by the Dalton-Whitfield Joint Development Authority and has been zoned for industrial/commercial use. The proposed access road will help develop the planned Carbondale Business Park, and the development of the park will benefit the community by providing increased employment opportunities and increased tax revenues for government services.

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 Kent Benson, Whitfield County Engineer at (706) 275-7552.

Written statements will be accepted concerning this project until April 24, 2015. Written statements may be submitted to:

Ms. Hiral Patel, P.E.
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Environmental Services
600 West Peachtree Street, NW – 16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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