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McDuffie County...

DOT Holding Detour Open House for Cobbham Road Bridge Project

THOMSON- On Tuesday, September 29, the Georgia Department of Transportation will hold a Detour Open House (DOH) and invites the public to review and comment on its proposed plans for an off-site detour of the State Route (SR) 150/Cobbham Road Bridge over SR 402/Interstate 20. The DOH is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church, 1424 Cobbham Road, Thomson, Ga.

This project proposes to rehabilitate and repair the Cobbham Road Bridge over I-20, which would require an off-site detour because the bridge would be closed to all traffic. The proposed bridge closure and detour route would be limited to weekends and only be used for a maximum of four weekends during the project's construction. This McDuffie County bridge structure will be strengthening to increase the carrying capacity, current postings will be removed and the beams and bearings will be zone painted, among other maintenance items.

The informal DOH will provide the public an opportunity to view the proposed detour route, ask questions and comment on the project and the detour. Citizens are invited to attend anytime during the 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. timeframe. There won't be a formal presentation. A court reporter will be available to allow the public an opportunity to make verbal comments about the project.

The New Hope Baptist Church meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by calling Cissy McNure at 478.553.3407.

Written statements will be accepted concerning this project until **Saturday, October 10, 2015**. Individuals may submit/mail statements to:

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

You can also provide your comments by Friday, October 09, 2015 by using either of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.

1. From the menu, select McDuffie and click *Go*;
 2. Then select: *SR 22 over SR 402/I-20 – Bridge Rehabilitation*;
 3. Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Ms. Hiral Patel, P.E., Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

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