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Public Encouraged to Attend Meeting..

GDOT Proposes Safety and Operational Improvements to SR 9/US 19/Peachtree Road

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation invites residents and commuters of SR 9/ US 19/Peachtree Road to attend a public information open house about proposed safety and operational improvements from Pharr Road to Deering Road.

Residents and commuters can attend the open house anytime from **5 p.m., until 7 p.m., on Thursday, October 29 at the Shepard Center, 2020 Peachtree Road NW Atlanta, Georgia 30309**. There will not be a formal presentation.

The proposed safety and operational improvement project includes installing a two-way left turn lane from Pharr Road to Deering Road, adding dedicated bike lanes from Deering Road to Peachtree Battle Avenue, resurfacing, and restriping. The two-way left turn lanes can help reduce the amount of rear-end and side swipe crashes by removing left-turning vehicles from the travel lanes and providing left-turn bays and protected left-turn signal phases at some intersections. The proposed dedicated bike lanes can also increase safety for motorists, bikers, and pedestrians. The bike lanes can provide a buffer between the sidewalk and travel lanes and increase multimodal connectivity.

“Over 800 vehicle crashes occurred on Peachtree Road from 2009 to 2013 between the Midtown and Buckhead areas. The corridor has been shown to have a higher crash rate than other comparable routes. Most of the crashes appear to be attributed to significant operational challenges on the roadway,” said Andrew Heath, State Traffic Operations Engineer. “The proposed Peachtree Road project is expected to reduce the crash rates and improve the efficiency of traffic flow. We encourage those who are interested to learn more about the proposed project to attend the open house and give their input.”

Georgia DOT staff and engineers will be on hand to answer questions about the Peachtree Road project. Residents who cannot attend the open house on October 29 can submit a written statement. All written statements should be submitted by **Monday, November 9** to:

Ms. Hiral Patel, P.E.
State Environmental Administrator

Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street, NW – 16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

The public can also view the project and submit comments online. Visit the Georgia DOT website <http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach>. From the menu, select the county where the proposed project is located; select *SR 9/US 19 Safety and Operational Improvements*; click *Comment* and follow instructions to leave a comment. The public can also email their comments to peachtreeproject@dot.ga.gov.

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