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GDOT ANNOUNCES OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS ON WIDENING US 78/SR 10 IN CLARKE AND OGLETHORPE COUNTIES

Athens, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces a public information open house meeting to discuss the proposed widening of the US 78/State Route 10 and proposed construction of the Crawford Lexington Bypass. Georgia DOT has 2 projects along this corridor.

The western project proposes widening US 78/SR 10 to a 4 lane divided highway from Whit Davis Road in Oconee County to Walter Sams Road in Oglethorpe County.

The eastern project is all in Oglethorpe County and proposes a four lane divided highway that bypasses Crawford and Lexington. This project begins along US 78/SR 10 at Walter Sams Road and goes north of Crawford and Lexington and reconnects to US 78/SR 10 just east of Smokey Road.

There will be two open house meetings, one in each county. Each meeting will have information on both projects. Tuesday, July 27 the first open house meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Gaines Elementary School located at 900 Gaines School Road in Athens.

The second open house meeting will be held Thursday, July 29 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners Office located at 341 West Main Street in Lexington.

At both meetings, Georgia DOT engineers will be available to discuss the proposed projects. There will be no formal presentation.

Anyone unable to attend the public information open house may send comments on the project to Glenn Bowman, Georgia DOT – Office of Environmental Services, One Georgia Center, 600

Peachtree Street – 16th floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. All comments will be considered in the development of the final project design and must be received by August 12, 2010.

After the open house, you can view the displays of the project at the Georgia DOT District Office located at 2505 Athens Highway in Gainesville. The phone number at the DOT District office is 770-532-5526. Plans will also be available at the Georgia DOT Area Office located at 450 Old Hull Road in Athens. The phone number at the Athens office is 706-369-5627. Please call and make an appointment to ensure that someone is there to show you the project information.

The plans will also be available online at the DOT website at www.dot.ga.gov. On the home page choose “Public Outreach” and select the project’s county and choose go. A list of DOT projects in that county will appear and you can select the one you’d like to view.

Everyone is invited to attend the open house.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia’s economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

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EDITOR’S NOTE:

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For information on the Crawford and Lexington Bypass in Oglethorpe County please contact Cissy McNure at 478-552-4656.