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Public Encouraged to Attend Meeting

GDOT SEEKING INPUT FOR PROJECT TO EXTEND AND IMPROVE HIGHWAY 382 IN GILMER COUNTY

ELLIJAY, Ga. - A public information open house to discuss the Georgia DOT's proposed project to extend and improve State Route (SR) 382 in Gilmer County is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2017 from 5 until 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Gilmer County Public Library, located at 268 Calvin Jackson Drive in Ellijay.

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

"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 extending SR 382 on a new location from Old SR 5 to SR 515 just south of Ellijay. The project will also include intersection improvements at the intersections of SR 382 with Old SR 5 and SR 515. The total proposed project length will be 1.08 miles. The typical section of SR 382 extension will be two 12-foot travel lanes with 10-foot shoulders, of which 6.5 feet will be paved to accommodate bike traffic.

"The Georgia DOT strongly believes that since this project is intended to serve the people of Gilmer 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 as well as their concerns."

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 April 11, 2017. Written statements may be submitted to:

Eric Duff, State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Environmental Services
16th Floor, One Georgia Center
600 West Peachtree Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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