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Public Encouraged to Attend Meeting

GEORGIA DOT WANTS YOUR TWO CENTS IN EXTENDING AND IMPROVING STATE ROUTE 382 IN GILMER COUNTY

ELLIJAY, Ga. - A public information open house to discuss the Georgia DOT's proposed improvements to State Route (SR) 382 in Gilmer County is scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2014 from 5 until 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Gilmer County Courthouse, located at 1 Broad Street in the city of Ellijay, Georgia.

Gilmer 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 Gilmer 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 realigning SR382 on new location for 0.35 miles from MP 9.72, on existing SR382 to meet sight distance requirement at its intersection with Old Highway 5; extending it from MP 10.13, on existing SR382 east for 0.44 mile on new location; and finally terminating it at its junction with SR5/SR515. The project will also include the construction of a right turn lane and acceleration lane on SR 515 at its intersection with the proposed SR382 extension. The typical section of SR382 extension will be two 12 ft. lanes with 10 ft. shoulders, of which 6.5 feet will be paved to accommodate bike traffic.

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 September 2, 2014. 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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