

GDOT Project Update

US 441 Maintenance Project

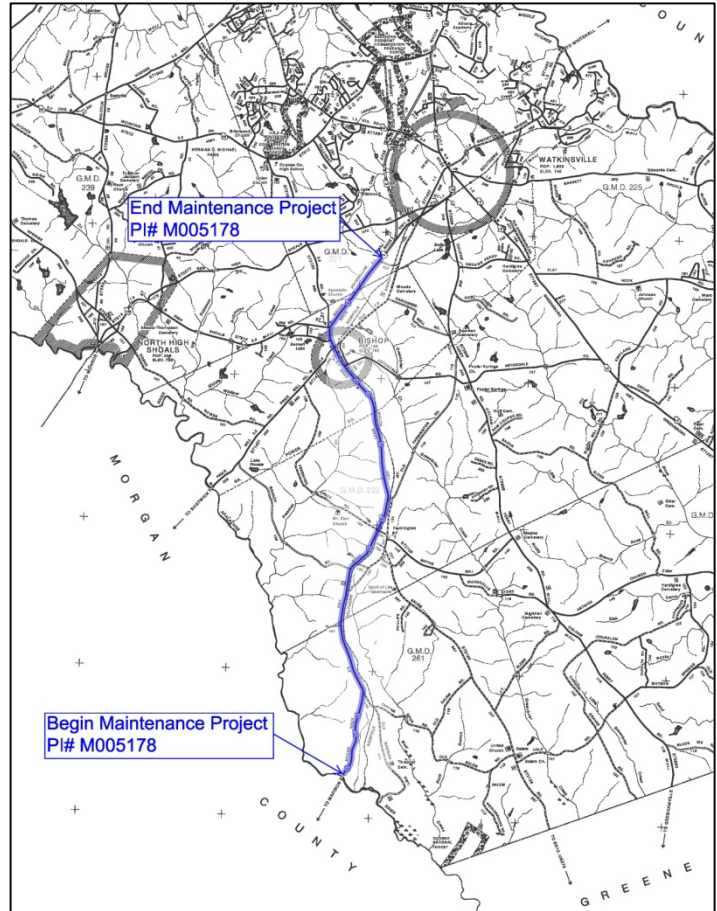
Oconee County

US 441 Maintenance Project Kicking Off in June!

In an effort to keep you informed and aware of developments pertaining to the roadway maintenance on State Route 24/US 441 in Oconee County, we are reaching out to you to provide you some information on PI# M005178 that is scheduled to be let to construction this month. Georgia DOT will be letting a maintenance project on SR 24/US 441 that will consist of milling, resurfacing, and restriping SR 24/US 441 from the Morgan County line to just north of Thomas Farm Road. The road hasn't been resurfaced since 2004. This project is an example of GDOT's commitment to improving deteriorating infrastructure in a timely fashion to ensure safety of the traveling public and to provide efficient mobility.

Once the contractor is announced, we will move quickly to issue the notice to proceed and expect construction to be completed within 12 months following the issuance of the notice to proceed. The typical paving season is from March through November.

Project Location Map - PI M005178 (Oconee County)



US 441 Improvements from Madison Bypass to Watkinsville Bypass – Get Involved this summer!

Please be aware that the roadway maintenance project is a separate effort from PI#s 0013613 (Bishop Bypass) and 0013617 that include the corridor from the Madison Bypass to the Watkinsville Bypass (Morgan and Oconee Counties) that are determining what improvements are needed on SR 24/US 441 in the same area. These projects are just beginning the concept development phase and are not scheduled to be let to construction until sometime around 2021.

There will be opportunities to get involved in this effort beginning in June. Despite efforts to schedule a meeting in May, we had difficulty finding a time convenient for the majority of the Sounding Board to attend. Therefore, we are in the process of identifying a date in early to mid-June for a meeting to discuss fully developing a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for the project by expanding membership to represent interests that may not currently have a voice on the Sounding Board. A CAC is a

representative group of stakeholders that will meet during the course of the project to discuss issues of common concern. A CAC has five basic features:

1. Interest groups from throughout the project area or region are represented,
2. Meetings are regularly held,
3. Participant comments are recorded,
4. Consensus on issues is sought but not required, and
5. A CAC is part of the planning process and project development process.

A CAC acts primarily in an advisory role, studying issues and presenting a mosaic of opinions which helps the Department ensure that the best solution moves forward. At the meeting in June, we will further discuss the role and responsibility of CAC members and discuss the anticipated meeting schedule for the duration of the project.

We had anticipated that consultants for both of the US 441 Improvement Projects would be under contract by now, but we are still in negotiations with KCI on the concept development and environmental screenings for 0013613. Therefore, as soon as KCI is under contract, we will hold a meeting to get your input on priority issues and potential solutions. Stay tuned for upcoming information on meeting times and opportunities to provide your ideas.

Stay Informed

Please forward this on to your neighbors so they too will be informed of GDOT activities, and stay tuned for updated information on the status and construction schedule for the roadway maintenance as that information becomes available as well as information on when the next meetings for the 0013613 and 0013617 will be held. If you have questions regarding this or the US 441 Improvements effort, contact Bruce Anderson, GDOT Project Manager, at 478-538-8595 or contact the project team via email at US441Improvements@dot.ga.gov.