

Georgia Department of Transportation Public Meeting Comment Card

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101

Name

Address

Margie C. King
651 Forest Hill Rd
Macon, GA 31210

Do you support the project?

No

Comments

What will this do to people who is 83 yrs old -
also 80 yrs old. We built this house approx 15+ yrs.
ago. We can hardly get at of our driveway now.
Traffic is our main concern. How much or
many years do we have.
What do we have to give up after working so many
years to beautifying our property?

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio

Newspaper

Signs

Word of Mouth

Was the

attend?

If no, please

convenient to your community

Was the

attend?

If no, please

convenient for you

Were

enough?

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

Not really

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

Leave it as it is now.

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Name
Address

Jesse T KING
651 Forest Hill Road
Macon GA 31210

Do you support the project?

NO!

Comments

The street as it is now is sufficient.
We do have speeding in a 45 MPH zone. With
a North & South Lane plus a Turn Lane this
opens the traffic up with nothing to block
they speeding the road for police to control
speeding is really hard.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio

Newspaper

✓

Word of Mouth

Was the location of the meeting

If no, please suggest a general l

unity

Was the time of the meeting

If no, please suggest a time for

Were your questions answered

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

(OVER)

King-2-
 WITH THE TRAFFIC PATTERN AS IT IS AT
 THE PRESENT, FOREST HILL ROAD HAS TRACTOR-
 TRAILERS ON OUR STREET ALL TIMES OF THE
 DAY. AUTO TRAFFIC IS TOO HEAVY FOR THIS.

ALSO, THE SPEED LIMIT ON FOREST HILL RD
 IS 45 M.P.H. VERY FEW TRAVEL THIS SLOW.
 WE NEED POLICE PROTECTION.

ANOTHER COMPLAINT IS ENTERING FOREST
 HILL RD. FROM OUR DRIVEWAYS. THERE ARE
 PERIODS WHEN IT TAKES 5-TO 10 MIN.
 TO ENTER THE STREET.

ANOTHER THING IS SIDE-WALKS. THE
 ONES ON NORTH ST. ARE USED VERY LITTLE
 WE DO NOT NEED THEM.

PLEASE TAKE THE ABOVE IN CONSIDERATION
 WHEN YOU BEGIN TO WORK ON THIS.

G. E. Knapp
661 Forest Hill Rd
Macon, GA 31210

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To whom it may concern:

In my eyes there is certainly no need to make any part of Forest Hill Road a 4-lane road. By widening this road there will be increased noise, an increased number of health problems due to air pollution not to mention there will be a decrease in property values,.

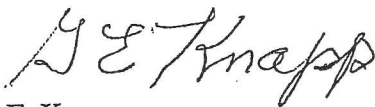
On a road that has higher speed limits than most residential areas with road widening there will an increase of speed which will lead to more accidents. There will be reduced safety for the residents of Forest Hill on an already dangerous road.

By putting a median on the section between Vineville and Wimbish it will put the ambulance business in a difficult position if they need to go down Vineville. They will be forced to drive against traffic or over the median.

As a retired forester I am also against the cutting down of the big trees that would be necessary if this plan goes forward. Many of these trees have been here for a very long time and we would not want to lose them.

Forest Hill Road is made up of single family homes. There are no business between Wimbish and Northside. This is a family street. This road does not need to become a through fare with extra lanes. I am not interested in making Forest Hill a super highway all the way acrosss the City of Macon to the mall.

Yes, traffic is bad on this road and yes something needs to be done. It is my opion that widening the road will only increase the problems not solve them.



G. E. Knapp

June 15, 2001

To: Harvey D. Keepler,
State Environmental/Location Engineer
3993 Aviation Circle
Atlanta GA, 30336-1593

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From: Nancy L. Knapp, Ed.D.,
c/o 661 Forest Hill Road,
Macon GA 31210



I urge immediate termination of the proposed road-widening project for Forest Hill Road, Macon, Georgia. This project would inflict major harm to habitat, neighborhood, residents, and property. Citizens have voiced serious concern regarding Moreland Altobelli's and Department of Transportation's handling of public information and public input. Pursuance of the project would further waste public resources.

(1) The wooded residential area includes habitat for varied wildlife, with creeks and lakes used by local and migrating creatures. Disruption of flora and fauna is neither necessary nor acceptable, and could be successfully challenged legally and politically as necessary.

(2) The large private lots represent lifetime investments of labor, love, and money by longtime residents, including my father. Such residents are entitled to complete, and enjoy, their lives in the homes and neighborhood they helped create. The road project should be challenged as actionable taking of private property, through harm to: fiscal values; safe and satisfactory use of homes, land, valuable trees; sound and air pollution levels, et al. (EPA pollution indicators must be carefully considered.)

One example: On the day of my mother's funeral, after over fifty-four years of marriage, a major comfort for my father was his reunion with a pilot/forester colleague, who, over fifty years ago, had planted a young oak on my parents' property. My father and his colleague stood admiring the oak's growth, as only two foresters could. As they enjoyed the magnificent tree, which reflected both their cherished vocations and their decades of friendship, my father smiled, in a way he had not since my mother entered the hospital weeks before. Asphalt is no substitute for that oak's many continuing contributions.

(3) Residents' safety could be imperiled, and possible civil liability entailed, by increasing, or failing to deter, speeding vehicles in the area. Both a sidewalk

feature and a wider highway are ill-advised and dangerous. Since clear notice of these problems has already been given, persistence with such plans is appropriately challengeable, and the costs thereof could be documented, publicized, and potentially recovered, through media scrutiny, citizen action, and, if necessary, court intervention.

(4) It is not in the community interest, nor in the interest of public tax authorities, to instigate deterioration of neighborhood quality and property values.

(5) Strong opposition by residents has been consistently voiced, and submitted in writing, for years, despite procedurally erroneous attempts to limit public information and input. Such opposition greatly outweighs the very questionable justifications given for the project. Any special interests involved, by private entrepreneurs and/or public officials, would inevitably receive thorough scrutiny during continuing, appropriate challenges to proposed use of public funds against the will of affected citizens.

(6) Feasible, cost-effective, environmentally preferable alternatives are available. Through traffic should be routed onto existing multi-lane highways, for safety and efficient flow. Forest Hill Road needs three simple interventions: (1) Improve safety of light placement and lane use at Forest Hill and Wimbish: (2) Install traffic light at Forest Hill and Old Lundy: (3) Install strategic speed signs, and, if necessary, speed bumps, appropriate to a residential neighborhood on the Cherry Blossom Festival tour route. (Tour vehicles presumably come at limited times, with necessarily limited speeds.)

Bringing intelligence and wisdom to consideration of these concerns can give this project the immediate and permanent termination it so richly deserves. Please be our good steward of scarce---and vital---natural, cultural, and fiscal resources, by stopping this waste of public funds needed elsewhere. Thank you.

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Name

John F. KRAUS

Address

1211 Timberlake Drive
Macon 31210Do you support the project? No! not as presented

Comments The road work suggested is way overdesigned.
It is suggested that a turn lane is needed on Forest Hill
because of rear ending accidents - these occur at the
Wimbish and Ridge and Lundy intersections. The only
traffic slowdowns are at those intersections and if
they were fixed there would be no need for adding
a turn lane.

Also, this project was not approved by the C.I.A.C.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____

Newspaper ☒

Word of Mouth _____

Was

you to attend?

McKibben Lane would have
made more sense

If not

more convenient to your community _____

Was

you to attend?

Yes

If not

more convenient for you _____

Personnel?

Not satisfactorily

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

Yes

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? _____

Needed more than one court reporter.

105 ent

1211 Timberlane Drive
Macon, Georgia 31210

June 12, 2001

Harvey D. Keepler, State Environmental/Location Engineer
Georgia Department of Transportation
3993 Aviation Circle
Atlanta, GA 30336

Subject: Forest Hill Road proposed alterations.

I oppose the project as it was presented on June 11, 2001 at Springdale Elementary School. I judge it to be heavily overdesigned and strongly believe this was done not due to need but in order to qualify for federal highway funds.

I have lived at my present address since 1965 so I am familiar with the road and the traffic. I have been a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for MATS for 20 years. I know this project was not approved by the CAC. I also know that there are techniques that can be used to study and evaluate congestion and that congestion has not been properly studied on Forest Hill Road.

The "Need and Purpose Statement" for this project cites accident data but fails to show that the majority of these accidents have occurred at intersections which if properly designed would eliminate almost all the need for widening portions of the road. Specifically, if the intersections of Forest Hill Road with Wimbish Road and with Ridge Ave had legitimate lanes for traffic heading toward Vineville Ave to pass on the right cars waiting to turn left the accident rate would drop dramatically. Cars are presently making illegal passes despite appeals to city engineer Bill Wikle for relief. If the turning problems at those two intersections were corrected the road section from Vineville to Wimbish would need only straightening and three lanes, one a center turn lane, would be more than sufficient.

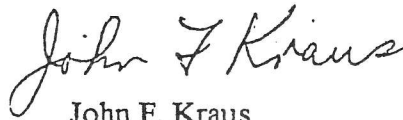
The section of Forest Hill Road from Northside Drive to Wimbish Road is a suburban residential arterial. The proposed changes would drastically change its character and it would evolve into a commercial/office strip with even greater problems than now exist. The only real change needed is at the intersection with Old Lundy where again there is a problem with cars turning left slowing down cars heading toward Vineville. Fix that intersection and the whole section from Wimbish Road to Northside can be left as a two lane residential road. Do a proper congestion study and you'll see I am correct.

105 ent.

I am also concerned that at the Public Hearing there were no alternative plans presented. Surely, some of the Georgia traffic engineers must have been aware of the possibilities I have suggested above. Again, I have to suspect that this project was over designed in order to qualify for federal highway funds.

Please understand that I am aware that Forest Hill Road needs some improvements, but not on the scale presently proposed.

Sincerely,



John F. Kraus

Copy: Larry R. Dreihaupt, P.E.
Division Administrator,
Federal Highway Administration,
Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth St., SW,
Suite 17T100
Atlanta, GA. 30303

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Name

Jan Rice Kunzelmann

Address

3419 Ridge Ave

Macon

GA 31204

Do you support the project?

NO, I DO NOT!!

Comments

The Ridge Ave. neighborhood will be adversely affected by this project. Our historic residential neighborhood will see increases in traffic and pollution/noise as a result. Our quality of life and property values are sure to go DOWN. At the same time, our property taxes have gone UP with the most recent assessment - as much as 30-40%. Alternative, less intrusive measures should be utilized to deal w/ traffic. I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS PROJECT!!

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio

Signs

Newspaper

Word of Mouth

CAUTION Macon

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

Yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community

Could

have been closer to affected areas to encourage participation of elderly - Alexander IV School, Rosa Taylor School, Churches along Forest Hill/Wimbish.

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

Yes.

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you

DOT personnel?

No. None asked.

ending this meeting?

Yes.

oving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

neighborhoods to be affected by have been fairer.

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Name
AddressBrian P. Kunzelmann
3419 Ridge Ave
Macon
GA 31204Do you support the project? NO

Comments

It is unnecessary; Waste of Money, there are better alternatives.
Please do not proceed. It will do more harm than good for the people. The developers may support you but the vast majority of people do not.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio

Newspaper

Signs

Word of Mouth

Caution Macon

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community

Rosa Taylor, Alexander IV, or a church along the WimlishWas the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yesIf no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you NoWere your questions answered by the DOT personnel? NoDo you understand the project after attending this meeting? Yes

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

They Need more local dissemination of information
by using signs placed along the route 1 or 2 months
prior to the meeting.

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Name
Address

Jelly Sweet Ladson
3827 Overlook Ave
Macon, GA 31204

Do you support the project?

Not really - But if. could be

Comments

Draw #1 Overlook and some protest
sacs are set up at The Prado,
If would not

It's things like this that endanger
some of the city's older viable
neighborhoods - making people
want to move to the country

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio

Newspaper

Signs

Word of Mouth

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel?

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

yes

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

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Name
Address

WILLIAM STEPHENS CAMB, JR.
243 RIVERDALE DRIVE
MACON, GA 31204

Do you support the project?

NO

Comments

- Project will place ^{burden} ~~burden~~ on Riverdale Drive, Albermarle Pl. and Belvedere as all residents of Overlook Avenue, Bonita Place, The Prado and El Dorado will have no other option to reach Ridge Avenue, Vineville Avenue, Forest Hill Rd or Forsyth Rd.
- Riverdale Dr, Albermarle and Belvedere are all narrow, short residential streets where majority of residents park on the street. These streets (Riverdale, Albermarle + Belvedere) are not designed for an increase in traffic. Riverdale Drive already feels the burden of 50mph (yes, 50mph) cut-through traffic from Ingleside Woods + North ~~woods~~ ^{woods}.
How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____ Newspaper _____
- Majority of residents have young children on these streets. Word of Mouth X ^{subdivision}

Was the

to attend? Yes.

If no, please

convenient to your community _____

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Was the

tend? Yes

If no, please

venient for you _____

Were

anel? No - Clearly the design engineers

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of such a change would have on

Do you understand

is meeting? Yes - but not the DOTs.

position on Riverdale Dr.

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? _____

Have personnel be familiar with the surrounding neighborhoods.

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Name
AddressCAMILLE LASSETER
560 HIGH POINT NORTH
MADON GA 31210

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Do you support the project?

No

Comments

NOT IN FAVOR OF MOVING
NORTH MINISTER
IF ITS DONE, PLEASE PUT A
TRAFFIC LIGHT

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio

Newspaper ☒

Signs

Word of Mouth

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

YES

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

YES

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you

OK

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel?

YES

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

SOMEWHAT

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

HAVE SOME TIME WITH SPEAKER & QUESTIONS
FROM THE FLOOR

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Name Andy Lawson
Address 516 High Point N. Rd.
Macon, Ga 31210

Do you support the project? No, No, No!

Comments 3 lane (w/ turning lane at intersections)
is my solution to Forest Hill Rd.

You must please redesign the "new" entrance
proposed for Northminster Rd. It will destroy the
wooded property of Mr. Cloyd Hall + will put the entrance
too close to High Point North Condos where many older
people live!! This was Rep. Robert Reichert's idea +
it stinks! He has admitted to this new entrance

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio TV Newspaper ✓

Noise!!! on the new Signs ✓ Word of Mouth ✓
Forest Hill Rd.

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community _____

Was the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes
If not, please suggest a general location that is more convenient for you _____

Were you satisfied with the personnel? No

Do you have any comments regarding this meeting? _____

Do you have any comments regarding the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? _____

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Name

Address

Anne Lindelow
4156 Wood Forest Pl
Macon 31210

Do you support the project?

partially

Comments

We do not need nor want
Side walks on Forest Hill Road

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio

Newspaper

Signs

Word of Mouth

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

yes

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel?

yes

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

I understand the
Project - NOT the reasoning.

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

Question - what happens to traffic at
Vineville / Park Ave - ? We need a total
picture!

Jonathan Lindvig
1163 Adams Street
Macon, GA 31201
Home 478-745-8781
Cell 478-361-0727

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June 12, 2001

Harvey Keepler
Georgia Department of Transportation
3993 Aviation Circle
Atlanta, GA 30336-1593

Mr. Keepler,

I am writing in reference to the widening of Forest Hill Road in Macon. (Specifically the section between Vineville and Wimbish) Upon graduation from college I moved to the Brookhaven neighborhood of Atlanta and witnessed firsthand the traffic problems associated with an influx of traffic in residential and commercial areas when road construction is outpaced by growth. I personally believe that by 2006 many residents will welcome the widening project yet protecting homeowners property value, quality of life and safety around Forest Hill must be a top priority. It is my opinion that transforming Overlook, The Prado, and Drury Drive into cul-de-sacs is a fair compromise and I support this decision. It is apparent Forest Hill will be widened regardless of the present objections so the cul-de-sac compromise to eliminate cut-through traffic must be finalized and made a reality.

Regards,

Jonathan Lindvig

(Closing on 3874 Drury Drive on June 29 and would like for the street to remain the quiet, friendly and safe Drury Drive we enjoy now.)

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Name W. H. Long
Address 1348 Normandy Road
Macon, GA 31210

Do you support the project? NO

Comments We have lived on Normandy Road for the past 22 years and find Forest Hill Rd. in its present status to be adequate to handle the traffic flow presently and to allow for future growth, should such occur. Turning lanes would possibly be a benefit, but certainly not worth the projected cost and disruption during construction. This proposal will help to destroy a fine residential neighborhood to create commercial property and create a fast track to shopping centers, such as the Macon Mall, etc.
Under "The Preferred Alternative" shown in your June 11, 2001 publication,
(OVER)

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____ Newspaper _____
Signs xx Word of Mouth _____

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? YES

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community _____

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? Yes

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you _____

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? Somewhat

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? _____

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? _____

Open forum on question and answer period without evasive answers...

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COMMENTS -CONTINUED:

should the implementation of four lanes to Forest Hill Road be considered, it would be a glaring case of poor planning, as to cost versus benefits. Realigning Normandy Road and Glen Hill Court to create a four-way intersection is poor and inefficient, since Glen Hill is a present cul-de-sac.

The proposed changing of The Prado, Overlook Avenue and Drury Drive to Cul-de-sacs will create severe traffic congestion for Forest Hill Road as well as for Emergency Vehicles.

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Name LOUIS LOWERY
Address 1344 Hillridge Dr
Macon, Ga - 31206

Do you support the project? NO

Comments The method of burning trees and causing
health concerns by polluting the air is my
main concern.
The health concerns of smoke from burning
trees in all areas should be seriously
addressed and welcome in Macon.

How did you hear about the project?
Newspaper _____
Word of Mouth ☒

Was the project convenient for you to attend? ☒
If no, what was not convenient to your community _____

Was the project convenient for you to attend? NO
If no, please suggest a time that is more convenient for you after 6

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? ☒

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? ☒

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? _____

* This is my written request that
I receive a WRITTEN/TYPED COPY

STP-3213(1) and STP-3213(3)/BRMLB-3213(5)
Bibb County
P.I. Numbers- 350520 and 351130/351135

of this page, my Georgia Department of Transportation
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Comments, Thank you very much.

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Name
Address

Carol G Lystlund
730 Forest Hill Rd
Macon GA 31210-4202

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Do you support the project? I do not support the theory of the project.

Comments My family had insight many years ago to purchase property & to build a family home on FH Rd. I was raised in that home, & I have raised my family in that home, & it is the home that I hope my family raises their family in the same home. Our home & our neighborhood has served us well during all these years. Now, you DOT developers are wanting to take away that environment, our neighborhood. I feel that we are now being PUNISHED because of your decisions. OVER

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio NO Newspaper NO

Once signs were up NO Signs Too small Word of Mouth YES

to read print. Simplify the wording, make print larger & place at intersections not in 45 mph areas

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? Extend time past 7 PM.

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you I got here from work as soon as I could get here. But did not have enough time to write all I want to say on this comment sheet. Thank you.

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? OK

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? Because I understood the project, does NOT mean that I approve of it.

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

Suggest specific evening hour for a follow up meeting, & have representatives on stage w/ microphone answering questions from audience.

It concerns me that at our current ages, we do not have an opportunity to START OVER, nor do I want to START OVER. I just want us to be able to live where we are without the burden of more traffic, more noise, & more garbage/trash in my yard, & more inconveniences with the traffic patterns. It is a beautiful, tree-lined neighborhood ---- & I prefer that it stays that way.

I fear that one day our neighborhood will become another Pio Nono Ave, Riverside Dr, Mercer Univ Dr, or Eisenhower Parkway. I fear that the folks in the Ridge/Vineville end of the project will eventually sell out --- & their property will go commercial.

My area of the project will be "OK", for which I am very grateful. I don't like the project, but it is "OK". But, as the properties begin going commercial in one area, then it will affect the property of all of us along FHR. Until it eventually is one commercial establishment after another, tearing down homes, replacing with convenience stores / Bars / Fast Food restaurants / liquor stores / Insurance companies / car lots / etc / & on and on like M.U. Dr / Pio Nono / Eisenhower / etc with the end result being another "slum" neighborhood in years to come, instead of the beautiful neighborhood that now exists.

Is there ANY way to reduce the impact on the Ridge / Vineville end so that family homes can remain & so that commercial establishments will not be encouraged.

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Name

Barbara B. Magnan

Address

429 Northminster Dr.

Macon, Ga. 31204

Do you support the project? No.

Comments

- This project is far too great for this area.
1. 4 lanes E. median is too much from Wimber Rd
to Wainville Ave.
Who will take care of the median? Keep it cut & cleared.
2. more traffic - faster traffic - more noise - more pollution -
3. Homes will be abandoned - because the road will
encroach on their property - Tax payers will leave and
4. The car pollution will keep people off the proposed
sidewalks - we do not need one on either side of road -

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio ✓

Newspaper _____

Signs ✓

Word of Mouth ✓

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community _____

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you _____

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? yes

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes -

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? _____

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Name
Address

Karen H. Martlary
206 Albermarle Place
Macon, GA 31204
Corner of Ridge Ave and Albermarle Place

Do you support the project?

Absolutely Not!!

Comments I am told this project is due to ~~address~~ concerns about accidents on Forrest Hill. I have lived in Macon at my listed address for 7 years. I travel Forrest Hill almost every day. I have never seen a wreck on that road. I live at the corner of Ridge Ave. and Albermarle Place. I can't begin to count the number of accidents I have seen occur on Ridge Ave in 7 years. The road is a major thoroughfare in North Macon. Drivers speed along it at rates of 60 to 70 miles an hour. This is by no over

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____

Newspaper ☒Signs ☒Word of Mouth ☒

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Yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community _____

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

Yes

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you _____

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? _____

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

I do not understand the need for this project. It seems a waste of money.

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? _____

means an exaggeration on my part. There is nothing to slow anyone down on Ridge Ave. Now you all want to encourage and force even more traffic in our neighborhood!! When I moved to Macon from Savannah I had no idea what traffic was like on Ridge Ave. If I had, I would never have purchased the home I am in now. I don't even allow my 7 year old daughter to play in our large front and side yards for fear of a car hitting her. I have seen more than ~~one~~ ^{one} car wrecked in a neighbors' front yard.

Please, please, please do not leave Ridge Avenue open at Forrest Hill. We cannot take the increased glut of traffic, pollution and risk to our lives and personal property. It is just not necessary. If this project must be done, I'll never understand why. But, please, consider closing all access to Forrest Hill. The beauty and enjoyment of life in our neighborhood depends on it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John H. Mallory

Mallory-2-

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Name
AddressJ RAY MARKWATER
206 THOMAS COOPER
MILLEDGEVILLE 31061

(3890 OVERLOOK)

Do you support the project?

HECK NO!!!

Comments

THIS IS THE MOST IDIOTIC CONCEPT
I'VE EVER SEEN REMINDS ME OF THE
FALL-LINE FREEWAY. WHY MESS UP FOREST HILL?

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio

Newspaper

Signs

Word of Mouth

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

OK

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

OK

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel?

NOT VERY!

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

NO - WHY DO IT?

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

LET PEOPLE VOTE ON WHAT THEY WANT &
DON'T WANT.

June 11, 2001

Bibb County Road Improvement

Subject: Forest Hill Widening

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I own property at 3890 Overlook Ave. which is on the corner of Overlook and Forest Hill Ave. I have followed the proposed changes to Forest Hill since the start of the program. I now notice the road proposed is four lanes with a turning lane. I am opposed to this. I cannot understand how you can justify this proposal for a residential area.

In this new proposal, since the house is located on a hill and the road will require a sloped bank, most of the yard will be taken leaving no access to the garage. The driveway will also have to be relocated because of the road widening.

The property has been for sale but no offers were received because potential buyers are uncertain of the effects the road will have on the value of the house. As a result I have lost value in the house.

How do I determined how much money will be offered for the infringement of the road? What is the timetable for this part of the road project?

Please provide some feedback to: Ed Markwalter mailing address at: 4533 Rivoli Dr., Macon Ga. 31210.

Again I am opposed to a four lane plus a turning lane road. A three lane road with improvements in some turning lanes is more than adequate.

Signed


Ed Markwalter

R. Robider Markwalter
Attorney At Law
201 Second Street, Suite 540
Macon, Georgia 31201
478-746-2474

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June 19, 2001

Mr. Harvey D. Keepler
State Environment and Location Engineer
Georgia Department of Transportation
3993 Aviation Circle
Atlanta, GA 30336-1593

RE: STP-3213(1) and STP-3213(3)/BRMLB-3215(5)
Bibb County
P.I. Numbers – 350520 and 351130/351135

Dear Sir :

My wife and I attended the Location and Design Hearing for changes to Forest Hill Road that was held on June 11, 2001 at Spring Dale School, Macon, Ga. Over the last few years, we have heard about the potential changes to this road. Seeing the displays of the proposed project clarified the effect this project will have on my childhood home, 3890 Overlook Avenue. In summary,

- The existing drive and off street parking will be lost.
- Turning into the existing garage will not be possible.
- If the cul-de-sac option is approved, a considerable amount of level acreage at the front of the property will be taken.
- The ability to expand the house will be considerably compromised.
- The natural vegetative buffer will be removed.
- The decibel level of noise will increase to an unacceptable degree.
- The properties facing Forest Hill Road will more likely be converted to commercial or rental properties, destroying the flavor of the area.

I am writing today to express my opinions regarding this project.

1. I think this project is unnecessary. Heavy traffic occurs only during the morning and evening rush hours. Even then, no one is kept waiting for an excessive time. Patience and honoring the speed limit is what is needed to ensure that this road is safe.
2. I think this project will destroy the neighborhood. It will result in increased, excessive speeding by vehicles. It will change the "character, feel and look" of the neighborhood. Macon is noted for its two lane winding streets that are bordered by mature trees. This project will create a thoroughfare much like that which has been created on Zebulon Road.
3. If the changes must go forward, I think the following must occur.
 - Add turn lanes only and do not take width of road to 4 lanes and a median.
 - Omit the side walk on one or both sides.
 - The severe curve on Forest Hill should be improved, but eliminating it totally is not necessary. The curve on Forest Hill Road does not have to be straightened to the degree shown on the display. A slight curve is preferable. This will keep the road from coming totally onto our property.
 - Possible designs for a new driveway to our house must be prepared and provided to me for review and approval. The drive must allow access to the existing garage. The design must also include some off street parking for guests and space to allow a car, parked in the garage to exit the property without backing into the street.
 - We prefer that you construct a retaining wall rather than a sloped bank along Forest Hill Road.
 - You must construct a privacy and sound blocking fence along the edge of our property on Forest Hill Road.
 - You must replace landscape materials that are destroyed due to this road project with plant materials that are similar in size and value.
 - You must replace the mail box.
 - You must assign a value to loss of privacy and sound control and other intrinsic losses due to the reduction in size of the lot and compensate the property owners for these losses.
 - You must assess the early acquisition value of the property.

Presently, my three brothers and I own this property. My parents, who are now deceased, purchased this house upon its completion and raised us all here. I have memories of Overlook as a dirt road; I watched its tar and gravel paving. Three generations of Markwalters have fond memories of Easter


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Egg Hunts, Christmas gatherings, and Christening celebrations that occurred here. Some of us wish to keep the property in the family so that future generations of Markwalters may have such memories, too. The ability to expand the house is key to this happening. However, the proposed changes to the road make expansion difficult and unlikely. Thus, these road changes affect my family and me emotionally. They, also, affect us economically. Since my brothers and I own the property jointly and some brothers wish to cash out their portion, we placed the house with a realtor last year. Not one offer was forthcoming. We conclude that uncertainties associated with the road project have negatively affected our ability to market this property. Last Monday, the displays and a reaction to what they show confirmed that our worst imagined fears will probably be realized. The display shows how severely the desirability of our property will be reduced. This effect of the road change was confirmed when I spoke with a person, who had recently expressed interest in purchasing our house. As he exited the meeting, he informed me that he did not wish to purchase the house at any price after he saw what a hit the property is taking.

We are not being fairly treated. Our property will be excessively damaged. As longstanding contributing citizens of this community, we ask that our desires be accommodated. As longstanding, contributing citizens of this community, we ask that this project not go forward as proposed.

Sincerely,



R. Robider Markwalter

cc: Tom Coleman
Chairman,
Department of Transportation

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Name
Address

R. ROBIDER MACKWALTER

367 VISTA CIRCLE OR 201 SECOND STREET
MACON, GA. 31204 SUITE 540
MACON, GA. 30201

Do you support the project? NO, AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED.

Comments SEE ATTACHED LETTER

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____

Newspaper X

Signs X

Word of Mouth X

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? YES

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community _____

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? YES

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you _____

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? YES

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? YES

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? _____

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Forest Hill Road Project
June 11, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

We have concerns about the proposed Forest Hill widening project; it is a waste of money and an intrusion into our neighborhood. We prefer it to remain a neighborhood road. Northside Drive and Zebulon RD both had commercial development **BEFORE** the roads were widened. Other than at the intersection with Northside DR. there is no commercial development on Forest Hill RD.

Some changes do need to be made to make the **EXISTING** traffic flow more smoothly. We do feel that a turn lane at Newport Road is necessary to facilitate school traffic flow. Lanes do not need to be made 13 feet wide; if less than 11 feet is good enough for interstates, it's good enough for our neighborhood. There also need to be turn lanes at Forest Hill / Old Lundy fork and Forest Hill at Wimbish RD. (some have already made one there) The road going into the Northside Hospital needs to be made **ONE WAY**. If I remember the reason a road was put there was because in an emergency our neighborhood needed quick access to the hospital. No one should be allowed to enter Forest Hill Road from that road, especially when a left turn is such a hazard. Then the intersection of Forest Hill and Ridge needs to be redone with directional signals and turn lanes. Log Cabin going into Napier used to back up for blocks, but a simple turn lane and left turn signal light certainly solved that problem.

Our city has other pressing needs for our funds. Making a super highway out of a neighborhood road is not one of them. This is a residential road; if people want to go to the Mall, Riverside Dr., Interstate 75 and Forsyth RD. will take them there quickly. We do not want nor need the speeding, reckless driving that is such a problem on both the superhighways known as Northside Dr. and Zebulon RD.

We feel that the design for this project needs to be rethought.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Mason
1059 Newport Rd.
Macon, GA 31210

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Name
Address

Kate Matthews

3835 Overlook Ave

Macon, Ga 31204

Do you support the project? I support option 1 with Overlook Avenue

Comments

PLEASE ALLOW OVERLOOK TO BE CLOSED. We also
need speed "humps" on all these streets - Riverdale, Abbeville etc...
Overlook etc...

Speed humps on ridge!

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____
Signs _____

Newspaper _____
Word of Mouth _____

Is it for you to attend? yes
Is it more convenient to your community _____

Is it for you to attend? yes
Is it more convenient for you _____

Do you have any questions for personnel? yes

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? _____

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Name

Address

TINSLEY MATTHEWS
3835 OVERLOOK AVENUE MACON, GA.

Do you support the project? YES - THE SECTION FROM RIDGE TO WIMBISH

Comments I SUPPORT THE PROJECT WITH THE CUL-DE-SACS
AT OVERLOOK AND PRADO. THIS ~~WILL~~ WILL ENHANCE OUR
QUALITY OF LIFE & IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BT THE REDUCTION
OF TRAFFIC, NOISE AND POLLUTION.
I WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE PROJECT IF THE OVERLOOK
CUL-DE-SAC IS OMITTED.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio



Newspaper



Word of Mouth



or you to attend? YES

is more convenient to your community

you to attend? YES

re convenient for you

personnel? YES

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? YES

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

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Name
Address

Annette Maxwell
420 Forest Hill Rd.
MACON, GA 31210

Do you support the project? No - I recommend "no build," to leave things as they are. ^{Roads}

Comments If expansion is necessary, proceed with REASONABLE changes. The proposed plan is overkill. (OVER)
SEE BACK OF THIS PAGE

We recommend a perimeter route be developed to encircle Macon (like Athens) and thus relieve traffic without ruining neighborhoods.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____ Newspaper ☒

Signs _____ Word of Mouth ☒

from upset people.

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? Yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community _____

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? Heavens, no. I work until 5:30.

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you 6:00 pm or later

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? I only arrived at 5:15. The DOT official Joe Johnson was helpful.

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? _____

OVER
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The proposed plan would pave too much ground. Let us find a solution that will take care of traffic needs for the immediate future. In 15 years if more widening is needed, look at it then and plan again. The wider the road, the more traffic will follow it.

Our family bought the home at 420 Forest Hill Rd. about twenty years ago. It had been neglected and abused as rental property. Our entire family worked on corrections and improvements until we loved it into being a home. We did all the work ourselves. We love the neighborhood as it is. Please use reason in enlarging the road so as to avoid swallowing up the essential character of the Community. It is the reason we are here.

Our home will be cut off from left turns. We will be forced to drive through a turn-around point to go home. The grassed median is unnecessary. Don't plant stuff in the middle of the road; leave the trees and plants that are already present which give the area its charm. Leave as much as possible of this greenery!

Traffic lights should be added on Forest Hill Rd. in order to handle the increased traffic. Next door to our house is a church and a Montessori school, which is expanding. Traffic has increased at this point due to the school alone. Left Traffic light needed at St. Francis Epis. Church/Montessori School

Access to Overlook and the Prado should be retained.

These neighbors are part of the community and we oppose cutting them off and creating hazards for emergency vehicles trying to reach them. I recommend that only one sidewalk (east side) be paved. That sidewalk would be sufficient and would connect Prado + Overlook for pedestrians. The section of Forest Hill from Kimbush to Vineville (PI 351130) should be treated in the same way as the section from Kimbush to Northside (PI 351130).

Two 4-inch french drains now drain our property and need to be incorporated into the drain system. Worst of all, we would always have to drive home by coming on Riverside Drive since we cannot turn LEFT into our own driveway! This would eliminate the current north and west approaches we have to get home. The fire truck could not get to my house. Any the are located close to my house. since they couldn't turn left!

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Name  
Address

William Maurice Maxwell  
420 Forest Hill Rd  
Macon, GA 31210

Do you support the project?

No - recommend "no build." To leave things  
as they are. Roads

Comments

See back of page. (Over) see BACK of this page

Please work to develop a perimeter route to  
go around our city rather than impacting  
neighborhoods with mammoth paving  
projects.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio

Newspaper

Signs

Word of Mouth

From upset people

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

Need meeting to start  
at 6:00 or later

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel?

I Arrived AT 4:00.  
the DOT official Joe Johnson was helpful.

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

yes

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

OVER



PI-350520 - Forest Hill Rd from Wimbish to Vineville should be treated the same as PI 351130 (from Wimbish to Northside) Wider is not better.

Overlook and the Prado should not be closed. This separates the community like I-75 did in sections it went through. Residents of Prado and Overlook need to have their street ~~closed~~ open for emergency vehicles, for one thing.

Next door to us is the St. Francis Epis. Church and a Montessori school. The school is expanding and recently added another driveway next to ours. It has caused hazards because the traffic is flowing to and from Forest Hill at the curve and on top of the hill. There should be a traffic light here.

We vigorously oppose the median in the proposed street since it would force us to use unsafe driving to get home! We would have to always come only from Quiverville or else go through a turn around to be able to turn left into our driveway.

Let's not take the overkill route. Be reasonable! We don't want to open up a huge highway - this is our neighborhood. My family has invested lots of sweat equity in our property. We love the neighborhood and do not wish to be run out because it is ruined.

The proposed plan is too big. Set down to a reasonable size expansion - one that is sufficient for the immediate future. Don't throw away all that I have worked for during the last 20 years. The proposed plan is senseless. Keep the beauty that is here. Enlarge the road only as far as necessary at this time. The Fire Truck + Ambulance could not get to my house, and they are located close to my house. (since they could not make left turn!)

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Macon, Ga. 31210  
478-474-5536

Harvey S. Keepler  
State Environmental/Location Engineer  
3993 Aviation Circle  
Atlanta, Ga. 30336-1593

Re: Project No. 5240-8+9 Forest Hill Rd.  
Dear Mr. Keepler,

I am opposed to the current plans for widening of Forest Hill Rd. The planned 4-lane with fixed wide median will destroy the character of the neighborhood leading to commercialization of this beautiful neighborhood.

A better solution would be to build a perimeter road around Macon. This has long been recognized as a way to handle large volumes of traffic without sacrificing residential areas. Atlanta has 285 and Athens has its perimeter loop, etc.

If Forest Hill must be widened, I strongly recommend a continuation of the same type road that is proposed from Northside Drive to Wimbush Road (three lanes with one being a turn lane), for the section from Wimbush Road to Vineville. My position is supported by the following concerns. A divided roadway with median (as planned) would prevent my coming and going in my driveway except in one direction. This would result in a tremendous inconvenience for me and my family since we couldn't turn left as we leave or return. Moreover, emergency vehicles would also be limited in the way they could approach my home, because of the median. It is a bad idea and should be eliminated.



The increase in traffic would bring more noise, pollution and danger for residents and for children at the Montessori School next door to my home. The same limitation on left turns would apply to these students of the Montessori School, the members of the church located there and residents of Forest Pointe Apartments and other apartments. This amounts to a considerable inconvenience and danger to a great number of people.

We will appreciate your careful consideration of these concerns. Please find a way to incorporate them into the final plans.

Yours truly,

Annette C. Maxwell  
Maurice Maxwell

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W. M. Maxwell  
420 Forest Hill Road  
Macon, Ga. 31210

Harvey D. Keepler  
State Environmental / Location Engineer  
3993 Aviation Circle  
Atlanta, Georgia 30336-1593



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Name  
AddressAnna Catherine McArthur  
3419 Ridge Ave.  
Macon GA 31204Do you support the project? No!!

Comments I think that if your going to widen this road that it should be the people who live theres decision because they're the ones being affected by it and the roads around them like Ridge where I live and it will make our streets busier and noisier and that might cause some people to move and they might not have that kind of money & stuff

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Signs \_\_\_\_\_

Word of Mouth ✓Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? No 2 farIf no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community Rosa Taylor Alexander 4<sup>th</sup> or Church on forest hill RDWas the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you \_\_\_\_\_

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? NoDo you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

There were no signs on the road just one small one @ the door

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Name Stephen McFarland  
Address 756 Oak Hill Court  
Macon GA 31210

Do you support the project? yes

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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How did you hear about this meeting? Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_  
Signs ✓ Word of Mouth \_\_\_\_\_

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? yes

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

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Name  
Address

MORRIS McLeod  
156 PARK ST  
MACON GA 31210

Do you support the project?

NO

Comments

DAMAGE will be suffered by owners of property  
for Forest Hill & surrounding sub divisions.  
Environmental impact - Health Problems - Air Pollution -  
destruction of home life & peaceful night life -

There are so many common sense alternatives  
without taking people's lives and property -  
So why can't GA DOT see them?

This increases Speed wrecks - People are  
How did you hear about this meeting? Radio Newspaper Moving out of

Signs

Word of Mouth

Why have a free way bigger than I 75? on Forest Hill?

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

NO too early -

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you

5:30 or 6:00

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel?

NO

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

yes

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?



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Name  
Address

T. G. & L. B. Monichan  
616 Forest Hill Rd

Do you support the project? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments we have placed large drains in our yard  
going down Forest Hill Rd. Covered by ditch &  
used for part of our yard.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signs \_\_\_\_\_ Word of Mouth \_\_\_\_\_

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes  
If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community \_\_\_\_\_

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes  
If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you \_\_\_\_\_

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? yes

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? \_\_\_\_\_

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name  
Address

JAMES D. MICHAEL  
878 DOGWOOD CIR.  
MILTON 31210  
478-6083(H) (W) 953-9960

Do you support the project? NO - NOT AS DESIGNED

Comments • I'M CONCERNED ABOUT AESTHETICS OF YOUR PROPOSAL.  
WILL THIS BECOME ANOTHER HOUSTON ROAD FIASCO. WIDENING OF THE  
ROAD WILL INCREASE TRAVELING SPEEDS - NOT GOOD. IF THIS IS STATE FUNDED  
DO THEY NOT ONLY BUILD "5 LANES". MAYBE THE FRAUD/OVERLOOK  
BENEFITS BUT YOU CANNOT LOOK AT ISOLATED AREAS BUT DESIGN  
WITH A WHOLISTIC VIEW. IN CONCLUSION THE OVERALL APPEARANCE  
WOULD SEEM TO DIRECT THIS AREA INTO A DECLINING PATH  
WHICH DOES NOT PROMOTE NEIGHBORHOODS.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio \_\_\_\_\_  
Signs ☒

Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_  
Word of Mouth ☒

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community \_\_\_\_\_

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you \_\_\_\_\_

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? TO A POINT.

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? I UNDERSTOOD THIS PROJECT  
BEFORE I CAME. BASED  
ON HOUSTON ROAD.

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? \_\_\_\_\_



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Name  
Address

Paul Midkiff  
3847 Overlook Ave  
Macon, Ga. 31204

Do you support the project? only if Overlook is cul de saced.  
IF it is not, then I'm not for it.

Comments

OPTION 2 is no good

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio \_\_\_\_\_  
Signs ☒

Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_  
Word of Mouth ☒

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community \_\_\_\_\_

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you \_\_\_\_\_

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name  
Address

Emily Mims  
2595 Engleside Ave  
Macon 31204

Do you support the project? NO

Comments

This project, as designed, will destroy the residential atmosphere of Forest Hill Rd. It will become commercial as all the roads of this design have become (Northside, etc.) A simple two lane road with turning lanes is sufficient. The closing of Overlook, Prado & Durey at Forest Hills is a horrible idea.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper ✓

Signs \_\_\_\_\_

Word of Mouth ✓

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community \_\_\_\_\_

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you \_\_\_\_\_

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? ✓

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name

DAWSON A MIMS JR

Address

2595 INGLESIDE AVE

MAISON GA

31204

Do you support the project?

No

Comments

How appropriate that this meeting was held in an elementary school? IMMATURE, CHILD LIKE PLANNING PUT THIS TOGETHER. THIS IS DESTROYING A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD! IT IS LIKE PUTTING EISENHOWER PARKWAY IN NORTH MAISON. SCRAP THE LINDING & THE MEDIAN! START OVER & PLAN PROPERLY!

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio

Newspaper

Signs

Word of Mouth

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Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

Yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

YES

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel?

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

Yes

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

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Name C S MIZE JR  
Address 5164 IDLEWOOD DRIVE  
MACON, GEORGIA 31210

Do you support the project?

NO!!!

Comments I have

destroyed 5  
would be to  
come into  
down Wagner  
Expressive I  
encourage  
now will be  
an arterial

How did you hear about

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is rather than  
neighborhoods. One  
cross Vireville  
Apartment +  
Wagon Mall  
wood cross sections  
reposed plan you have  
residential collector to

Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Word of Mouth ✓

Was the location of the

If no, please suggest a

yes

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

yes

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel?

no

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

no

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings?

An open meeting seated with discussion from the  
platform.

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11 June 2001

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Mr. Harvey Keepler  
State Environmental/ Location Engineer  
3993 Aviation Circle  
Atlanta, Georgia 30336-1593

Dear Mr. Keepler,

My wife and I are residents of 968 Underwood Drive adjacent to Forest Hill Road in Macon, Georgia. We both attended the Public Hearing held at Springdale School concerning widening and reconstruction of Forest Hill Road.

We feel that the proposed widening and construction of sidewalks on Forest Hill Road would be a disaster for this upscale neighborhood. We foresee the following results of such a project:

1) Heavy traffic such as trucks would be drawn to this artery to move from points north to points south spewing diesel exhaust and noise through several neighborhood areas.

2) The average speed of vehicles would increase from 45 m.p.h. to 60 m.p.h., regardless of speed limits.

3) Construction of sidewalks along this corridor would cause children to play adjacent to speeding truck traffic.

4) The existing residential quality along Forest Hill Road would be destroyed, present residents would move, commercial office use would move in, and the neighborhood would essentially be destroyed.

5) The four-lane segment from Wimbish Road to Vineville (Forsyth Road) would greatly hinder access and emergency services to Overlook Avenue, The Prado, Drury Drive by terminating access from Forest Hill Road.

6) Sacrificing established residential areas to accommodate suburban sprawl is not a good "trade-off".

We think that a better alternative would be to reclassify Forest Hill Road as a residential collector and encourage through traffic (north to south) to use Northside to Riverside/I-75, with a new I-75 interchange at Northside/ Riverside. Dedicated right/ left/ thru lanes from Ridge Avenue to Vineville would relieve traffic at that point.

Well into the future Macon should have a perimeter system to prevent direct through traffic moving north to south or east to west right through the middle of the community.

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Thank you for your consideration on this matter. We will be following this project closely.

*Huel J. Mueller*  
Huel J. Mueller

*Patricia G. Mueller*  
Patricia G. Mueller

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Name  
AddressThomas & Lucy Mobley  
785 Forest Hill Rd.  
Macon, Ga. 31210Do you support the project? yesComments Forest Hill Rd is in need of  
more lanes & the widening of this Road.  
We live right in front of Lockchapee  
and there are accidents there all the  
time and a lot of speeding traffic  
it is dangerous because we are at the  
foot of the Hill from both ways from  
Wimbish Rd. & Northside Drive.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Signs \_\_\_\_\_

Word of Mouth ✓Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community \_\_\_\_\_

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you \_\_\_\_\_

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? yesDo you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? \_\_\_\_\_



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June 18, 2001

Mr. Larry R. Dreihaupt, P.E.  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth Street, Suite 17T100  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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With this in mind, we would ask that additional plans be drawn, keeping in mind the desire to preserve this area as desirable for present and future home owners.

Sincerely,

*M. R. Neal*  
*Gloria W. Neal*

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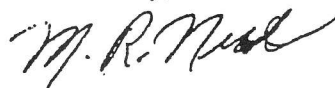
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Atlanta, Georgia 30336

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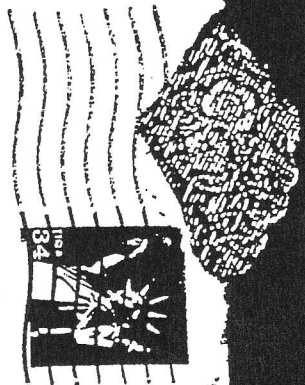
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Mr. Marvin R. Neal  
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# Georgia Department of Transportation Public Meeting Comment Card

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Name  
Address

Gerald & Gina Newman  
798 Afton Court  
Macon Ga 31210

Do you support the project? NO.

Comments

We are concerned w/ increased pollution noise retaining wall, immediate dropoff w/ NO sidewalks on left side. We want (I purchased for this reason) a neighborhood environment. NOT a busy major road. Forest Hill is busy enough as it is. We don't look forward to increased traffic & noise. That should be placed in a nonresidential area.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Signs \_\_\_\_\_

Word of Mouth ☒

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Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yes

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Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? somewhat.

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? more than originally had.

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I would have appreciated if there had been 1 knowledgeable person that would have explained in detail what the plans were - then have DOT people answer & discuss problems. - more