

**Georgia Projects STP-3213(1) and STP-3213(3)/BRMLB-  
3213(5)**

**Bibb County**

**P.I. Nos. 350520 and 351130/351135**

**Forest Hill Road EA**

**ADDITIONAL APPENDICES**

**APPENDIX F**

**PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS**

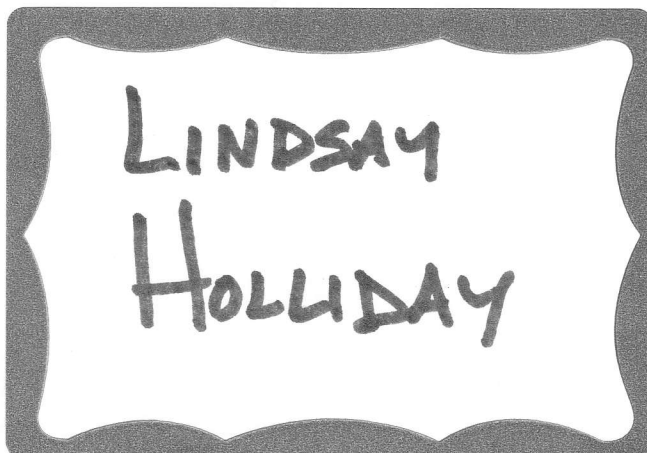
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**APPENDIX G**

**STAKEHOLDER'S MEETING TRANSCRIPT**

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**RELATED CORRESPONDENCE**



Lindsay Holliday  
360 Spring St  
Macon, GA 31201-6739

**Forest Hill Road**

**Public Hearing**

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**Comments**

Elected official Sign In Sheet

CALDER CLAY COUNTY COMMISSION

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Tommy Oldstead - Co. Comm.  
Chairman.

Bob Fountain - County  
Engineer

Bill Causey  
City Engineer

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# Georgia Department of Transportation Public Meeting Comment Card

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Name  
Address

R. W. ADELSTONE  
272 RIVERDALE DR  
MACON 31204

Do you support the project? NO! NO! NO!

Comments <sup>(1)</sup> WILL INCREASE TRAFFIC, NOISE + POLLUTION IN THIS AREA.  
(2) WILL DESTROY THE RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER OF FOREST HILL  
(3) SIDEWALKS UNNECESSARY - (NOT USED ON NORTHSIDE AFTER IT WAS CHANGED  
(4) THE PROPOSED CHANGES WILL THROW MUCH EXTRA TRAFFIC ONTO OTHER STREETS  
(5) EMERGENCY VEHICLES WILL BE HAZARDED IN REACHING BENEDETTI + RIVERDALE, ETC  
(6) THERE MUST BE LESS EXPENSIVE + LESS DAMAGING WAYS OF CORRECTING ANY  
NECESSARY PROBLEMS ON FOREST HILL + WIMBISH -

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

Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_  
 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

GENERAL ORAL PRESENTATION - QUESTION + ANSWER FOLLOWING

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Public Meeting Comment Card

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Name  
Address

Hoyt S. Bailey  
275 Riverdale Dr  
Macon GA

Do you support the project?

~~with severe limitations~~ <sup>not in dream</sup>

Comments

I am opposed to the closing of  
certain spaces of General & The Prado. It  
closing these streets will significantly increase  
the traffic on streets leading off Ridge Ave  
such as Riverdale, Oberlin, & Selwyn.  
More consideration should be given for  
a viable bypass than such widening of Front St.

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? Not directly

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? partially

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

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Name  
Address

KAREN BARLOW  
4201 WOOD FOREST PLACE  
MACON, GA 31210

Do you support the project? YES/NO

Comments YES BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THAT ASSISTANCE AND REDESIGN IS NEEDED AT BOTH THE RIDGE AVE AND WIMBISH RD. INTERSECTIONS. SIDEWALKS NEEDED ALSO.

NO, BECAUSE I DO NOT SEE THE NEED FOR FOUR LANES, I DREAD THE INCREASED SPEEDS WHICH WILL RESULT, THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH COMMERCIALIZATION OF PROPERTIES, AND THE LOSS OF MORE NATURAL STREETS.

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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BETTER SIGN LOCATION - SIGN ON WIMBISH RD. WAS OBSCURED BY TREES - PLACE SIGN ~~AT~~ BEFORE INTERSECTION RATHER THAN AFTER.

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Name  
Address

David Baskette  
3594 Ridge Ave  
Macon, GA 31204

912-476-0719

Do you support the project? NO

Comments Most concerning is the closing of The Prado, Drury,  
and overlook.

This closing moves all traffic onto Ridge Ave  
that would access overlook area, and the Skinsville area

A less intrusive plan would be greatly appreciated

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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Name  
Address

Edwina Beall  
3404 Ridge Ave  
Macon

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Do you support the project?

NO!

Comments

Need turn lane on Forest Hill + Ridge  
do not need side walk on Forest Hill -  
Kasa Taylor School Traffic needs to go out onto  
road to Wimbish not use North Minister - must  
not necessitate ~~more~~ acquiring full property  
already traffic moves too fast on Ridge

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

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Name James Beall  
Address 3845 Ridge Avenue  
Macon, GA 31204

Do you support the project? No - not in its present form

Comments 1. No Bike Paths  
2. The Increase in traffic & noise along Ridge Avenue  
is unacceptable for a neighborhood with as many kids  
that walk along it  
3 Block off Ridge & combine with Drury Col de Sac  
4 ~~with~~ Make Vineville 6 lanes and just keep Forest Hill  
As a 3 lane residential road with Added turn lanes, bike paths  
& sidewalks

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

Signs \_\_\_\_\_ Word of Mouth X

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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

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Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? no

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

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Have a 1 hour Question & Answer session after a 30 minute presentation  
of the proposal then breakout into small review discussion groups

like to

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June 12, 2001

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

Re: Widening of Forest Hill Road/Macon, GA

Dear Mr. Keepler:

I am extremely concerned about the widening of Forest Hill Road. My grandchildren live on Marshall Drive, which as you can see from the attached map is in between Forest Hill and Wimbish. This street is already being used as a cut through for people who speed through their neighborhood with absolutely no regard for children or pets. We are afraid for our grandchildren to play in their own yard because this is already a tragedy just waiting to happen. The Macon Police have been called to this street several times to enforce the speed limit but it does no good whatsoever.

The safety of children should be more important than trying to move as many cars as rapidly as possible through Macon. I beg of you to take into consider the dangers of more high speed traffic and please come up with a way to close off this area so it will not become worse. At the very least, could speed breakers be installed?

Sincerely,



Kay Beliveau  
165 Brandon Way  
Macon, GA 31210

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Name  
Address

Christopher J. Black

3872 The Prado

Macon GA 31204

Do you support the project? If it has to happen, I approve as shown.

Comments I do not agree on four-laning Forest Hill Road at all. The reasons given in the Need & Purpose Statement are valid, but can be addressed by altering the Ridge Avenue intersection (widening) & widening F Hill Rd at neighborhood entrances, using deceleration lanes. Forest Hill Rd is a neighborhood collector street. But, knowing that "we the people" have little affect on bureaucracies & govt agencies, I feel no one will listen to any alternatives to the actual widening... only alternatives involving the widening. In other words, many of us feel that this is already a "done deal". But, with my background as a Transportation Planner

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

Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Signs ✓

Word of Mouth ✓

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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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+ under no circumstances  
should one street be "cul-de-sac" &  
the other not. Either both Prado  
& Overlook should be closed  
left open (prefer), or should be  
left open (horrible).  
Drury must  
be closed for  
sake of the  
Ridge Ave.  
inter-  
sect.

I offer the following advice:

If the road is indeed coming, your plan suits me personally. I live on The Prado, I know many people on Overlook & Drury & Prado all proposed cul-de-sacs. These cul-de-sacs are imperative to the protection of our neighborhoods/streets and are the only reason I approve of the plan. ~~Without~~ Without the cul-de-sacs I vehemently disapprove! But, there's a bigger problem.

Belvedere, Albemarle, & Riverdale Streets will bear a bigger traffic burden w/ the closing of Prado & Overlook. Most of your opposition will come <sup>subsequently</sup> ~~from~~ <sup>subsequently</sup> Residents of those 3 streets. Give them some protection in all this & your opposition decreases. How? Several ways, ~~at the following~~

- ① Close Stinsonville Rd. That will keep the Malvern Hill, Stinsonville, Overlook traffic from ~~being~~ being used as a cut through from Ridge to Stinsonville & Stinsonville to Ridge (right through Belvedere, Albemarle, & Riverdale)
- ② One-way Riverdale out toward Ridge. One-way Albemarle in from Ridge & leave Belvedere two-way.
- ③ Put speed reducers on all 3 streets.

Consider Belvedere, Albemarle, & Riverdale with all of these ~~3~~ 3 suggestions & you'll have tremendous support. Consider any two out of the three will get you some support but not like all three would.

I will send a more formal explanation by June 21, maps included  
Thanks, M. K.

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Name  
Address

Vicki Boatwright  
122 Brandon Way  
Macon Ga 31210

Do you support the project? NO!

Comments This is a Residential Street. the large Number of Rear-end accidents could be controlled with turn lanes at Newport, Wimbish or Ridge. a Residential Street speed of 35 mph consistent on the Road would also lesson the accident #'s. This Road only connects to two or three lane Roads after Northside in the area Needs to Remain a Residential area not a highway. I-75, Riverside Drive, Mercer & Eisenhower Pkwy were built to get traffic to the Mall. There is an alternative way to handle this.

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Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Signs \_\_\_\_\_

Word of Mouth ✓

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Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? NO -

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

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

Need a question & answer session