

Georgia Department of Transportation
Public Meeting Comment Card

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PLEASE PRINT

Name MARTHA A. SAULS
Address 901 HILL PLACE
MACON, GA 31210

Do you support the project? No

Comments To do all that is planned would take too long to
complete and we who live in these designated areas
would be greatly inconvenienced for months and months.

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? I was unable to attend

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? I understand it after

making about it. The
material a neighbor brought me.

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

Martha A. Sauls
901 Hill Place
Macon, Ga. 31210

June 17, 2001

Harvey D. Keepler
State Environmental/Location Engineer
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Larry R. Dreihaupt, P.E.
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Atlanta Federal Center,
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Re: STP-3213(1), STP-3213(3), & BRMLB-3215(5) Bibb County
PI Numbers-350520, 351130, and 351135

Gentlemen:

I am opposed to this project to widen Forest Hill Road. This will require residents to lose frontage on lots leaving insufficient depth. It will increase traffic and the speed of traffic to an unacceptable level.

I oppose the project.

Sincerely,

Martha A. Sauls

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June 15, 2001

Mr. Harvey D. Keeper
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Atlanta, GA 30336-1593

Dear Mr. Keeper:

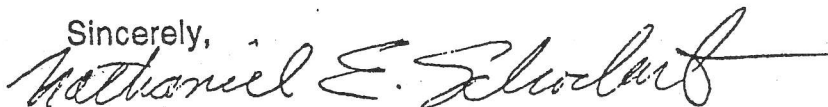
I am writing this letter to urge you to not allow the proposed widening of Forest Hill Road in Macon, Ga. to take place. I am 91 years old and have lived at 620 Forest Hill Road for 50 years.

The proposed changes would be harmful to me in several ways. First, the increased traffic and high driving speeds would make it very dangerous for me to pull out of my driveway into traffic. In addition, I need to cross Forest Hill Road on foot to get to my mailbox. That would be almost impossible with the increased number of lanes.

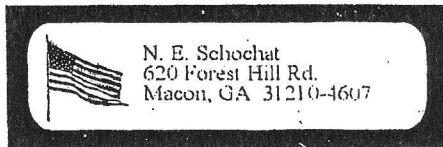
The noise and pollution created by the constant traffic would greatly harm my quality of life, making it hard to sleep or even spend a quiet evening at home. And of course, the commercialization of what is now an attractive residential road would cause my property value to drop dramatically.

There is nothing to be gained by converting the attractive residential section of Forest Hill Road into another dangerous high-speed thoroughfare.

Sincerely,



Nathaniel E. Schochat



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Should the plan relating to Forest Hill Road be considered I would suggest very strongly that! -

First! - The Speed limit be reduced from 45 mph to 30 mph. Presently at 45 mph speeding has no limit but rather speeds of 45 mph to 60 mph or greater have been reached.

Secondly! - That head lights be used day and night

Even now cars, trucks, SUV's cannot be seen due to hills + curves in the road. "Day time running lights will be a must to reduce loss of life to pedestrians + passengers in vehicles racing to get to their destinations."

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Forest Hills Road

Public Response to the Environmental Assessment by:
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June, 2001

Traffic Volumes:

Non GDOT traffic volume information?--The EA lists traffic volumes for six sites along Forest Hills Road. The GDOT only takes yearly volumes for three sites in the project area and publishes them on the internet along with the date of the count. The EA should identify their source of this traffic count information and since it contains more data than the GDOT provides. (The consultants and/or Moreland Altobelli were found to invent traffic volumes on Houston Road, another project in the road program, and then swear to them in court! Complete documentation of this is available; contact me.) Any differences from the GDOT in the method of data collection or adjustment to the numbers should be explained fully.

EA traffic volumes in error--When comparing the EA 1999 volumes with the three nearest sites which the GDOT monitors, the EA numbers are exaggerated: 14,900 where the GDOT finds 14,422--a 3% inflation of the volume. 100 where the GDOT volume is 8665--a 17% inflation of the number. And 11,400 where the GDOT volume is 10,938 for a 4% inflation of the GDOT volume.

Source: <http://www.dot.state.ga.us/>

Source: *Traffic Counts Macon-Bibb County 1990-1999, DOT data published by Planning & Zoning*

When the actual count is in error, it casts serious doubt on their forecasted volumes. The limitations of all forecasted values should be noted, as well.

For a decade the volumes on Forest Hills Road have remained stable--The historic GDOT traffic volumes since 1990 reveal that the volumes go up and down each year; and when considering the decade the volumes have mostly remained the same. The up and down volume changes can easily be explained by differences in weather conditions on the day the count was taken. The area is completely developed and predicted increases to the traffic appear only caused by new design/construction of the road, despite officials promises that the construction will not induce new traffic. Given the stable volumes over the last 10 years and the lack of any apparent nearby real estate able to be developed, the EA should explain why traffic is expected to nearly triple over the next 15 years. Since many engineers question the ability of computer programs to make such accurate forecasts, additional evidence supporting any computer conclusions should be included. The EA inadequately explains and justifies traffic projections. **For a closer examination of the historic growth rates compared to the incredible volume forecasts in the EA for Forest Hills Road see the section at the end of this document.**

If there is nothing built, the EA predicts the highest count on Forest Hills Road will be 16,200. If the road is built, as is proposed, the EA predicts this count will rise to 28,400! The 16,200 figure is not that high a count, when comparing it to a two lane road like West Paces Ferry Road in Atlanta, which easily carries 30,000 cars a day because it has good intersection design.

Source: *Traffic Counts Macon-Bibb County 1990-1999, DOT data published by Planning & Zoning*

Officials later argued that the 16,200 figure represents the capacity of the road rather than a realistic assessment of traffic volume. They insist the figure in comparison, 28,400, does represent a realistic traffic volume. Evidently the figures compare apples to oranges and yet most of the engineers present couldn't explain the difference. Later, when I asked officials why two figures representing two different categories were offered as a

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comparison I was told this was a technical document for engineers only. (Remember most engineers at the public meeting could not explain these figures.) I wonder why the public is asked to respond to a document they are not expected to understand and is not intended to inform them of the realities of their road. I believe the attitude reveals that *public input is not valued* or sought and the public meeting is pro forma only. I believe the public deserves better information at these meetings and in documents to which they are asked to respond.

More on public input--MATS voted to use a "project development team" made up of citizens to secure proper public input on controversial projects. This commitment is published on page 1-9 of the Long Range Transportation Plan for 2025, Vol 1. Now that the GDOT has taken over this project, even though they use SPLOST funds and the project is part of the local road program and is listed in the MATS plan--which was shown to voters when they voted for the SPLOST--GDOT abandoned the "project development team" for Forest Hills Road. This breaks a commitment to the public from the road program by a bureaucratic shuffling of a few papers and once again reveals a hostile attitude toward public input. GDOT should maintain the commitments made to the public by the road program and MATS for all projects within their program and using SPLOST funds. If MATS money is being used on a MATS project, then MATS guidelines and commitments should be followed.

When the Citizens Advisory Committee refused to approve the 2025 Land Use and Transportation Plan, GDOT official Cora Cook responded at a public meeting, "They are only advisory, anyway." On page 1-1 of the MATS 2025 Transportation Plan they boast "From the inception, the MATS has always had a Citizens Advisory Committee . . . the CAC is used to gauge community values and public attitudes in the planning process." Yet Ms Cook's comment was the only comment made about the CAC refusal to approve the 2025 Land Use and Transportation Plan. The CAC was given inaccurate and limited information on the Forest Hills Road design. Without strong backing from FHwy public input will never be important, held in contempt even, here in Macon.

Accidents:

Problems with accident statistics-- For 1997 the EA lists 57 accidents and 28 injuries for 1997, however 7 (12%) are attributed to the 1500 block which has commercial and shopping center entrances. This area has recently been improved/widened and falls outside the project area. The remaining small section of the 1500 block is residential without any intersections. These 7 accidents, most certainly, should not be included in the accident totals for the project area.

Source: Macon-Bibb County Traffic Engineering

For 1998 the EA lists 55 accidents and 31 injuries in the project area. The actual count from the GDOT is 54 accidents with 2 of these occurring in the 1500 block; these two accidents should be excluded for the same reasons cited in the above paragraph. The EA totals are then reduced by three or by 5 ½ %.

Source: Macon-Bibb County Traffic Engineering

The 1999 accident statistics are in error by claiming 26 injuries when the actual number is 22--an 18% overstatement. Thus, the comparisons with statewide statistics in all these categories should be adjusted appropriately.

Source: Macon-Bibb County Traffic Engineering

Address the problems!--If five intersections south of Wimbish Road are addressed, Vineville, Ridge, Overlook, Charter and Wimbish, as well as one north of Wimbish, Old Lundy, then fully half of the accidents are accounted for. The accidents south of Wimbish should not be used to justify construction north of Wimbish, which actually represents 75% of the length of the project. Addressing these intersections would bring the accident totals well under the statewide average. Given that 50% of the accidents occur on the short stretch south of Wimbish, the section of Forest Hills north of Wimbish may already be under the statewide average.

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unnecessary widening will promote faster speeds causing louder noise levels to neighborhood houses beyond those facing Forest Hills. In 2024, there will be 28,000 cars speeding through the neighborhood the EA predicts. Can the neighborhood survive? Will the tax basis for the area be preserved? In my version of the EA, (abbreviated versions of the EA are never identified as such) noise is not addressed. I have heard that other, fuller versions admit to an excessive noise problem without a solution. This is a *significant impact!* Other alternatives which might address the noise levels deserve consideration!

West Paces Ferry represents how careful engineers can design roads to carry additional traffic safely without compromising a neighborhood. The EA should, but does not, consider an alternative which improves intersection design for increased volume and safety without making all the proposed widening changes. Since these types of alternatives are never considered by the road program, it appears these skills are not within the abilities of our engineers and outside consultants need to be brought in.

No conclusions should be drawn from the two fatalities cited given the data provided. The EA points out that in two of the years considered there was a fatality. This is too small a statistic to draw any significant conclusions; the GDOT describes the cause of both fatalities as "other." Thus, it is unclear road design would even address the causes of these fatalities. (Residents and an official from City Engineering remember these accidents were due to excessive speed—over 80 mph and alcohol.) It is improper, given the data offered and that available from the GDOT, to use the fatalities as a justification for the proposed design or construction of the road. Proper attention to the limited number of intersections would be an efficient, practical, and reasonable solution to meet safety concerns on Forest Hills Road.

Final Word

One man one vote?—GDOT officials insist they consider only engineering and other practical benefits of each project. However, when Calder Clay, a county commissioner and candidate for the US Senate, asks that the Forest Hills project cul-de-sac his road, it is done. And when Robert Reichert, a Georgia legislator, asks that an intersection near his home receive special attention, new designs are quickly incorporated into the plan. This pandering to the personal needs of elected officials is insulting to the public whose voices are largely ignored. It also compromises the credibility of the quality of the engineering and values behind the proposed designs. When questioned about this, Joseph Palladi, GDOT official, said "I will not deny political concerns went into the design." Wrong answer!

Flooding—A local creek bed flooded a few years back according to property owners, damaging Forest Hills Road and closing it for several weeks. This is not even addressed in the EA.

Lack of alternatives considered—Unfortunately, a two lane road with well designed intersections¹ is not considered as an alternative, nor is the possibility of 11 foot lanes addressed. Adding additional lanes and making each one 12 to 14 feet wide is the only remedy considered. These neighborhood unfriendly solutions need to yield to creative and competent designs engineers are offering to other cities. Traffic claming for a extra wide noisy neighborhood road? Not considered. Nationally reknown engineer Walter Kulash offered a proposal for Forest Hills Road which was not considered. Also, there has been a credible plan proposed to make Northside Drive the arterial carrying the traffic Forest Hills is being designed to carry; this alternative is not addressed. A problem of major concern to officials and residents alike is the affect of Forest Hills dumping traffic on Vineville which cannot tolerate more volume. All solutions for Vineville to date are tremendously expensive. It would be helpful to do a study to determine exactly where and when traffic using Forest Hills Road is coming from and where it is heading to see what other routes might be improved to encourage traffic.

The road program is spending millions on a new traffic light control center. Yet the abilities of this center is never considered in the designs of any of the projects. If the control center is so important and needed, why do we design roads as if we will not have the capabilities of the traffic light control center? Will this control center not improve traffic flow and improve our intersections?

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ay from Vineville. In any case it is irresponsible to proceed with the Forest Hills construction without first analyzing and addressing the Vineville problem, especially when there is at least one other alternative which reduces the Vineville volumes (the Northside Drive alternative.) There are win/win solutions to Forest Hills Road and most of our other roads but our engineers appear unable/unwilling to discover them. Since construction for this road would be several years away, there is not any need to rush the approval of this EA. There is plenty of time to address the concerns contain herein and those among other concerned residents, and to be certain that what we build is truly the best and most appropriate option for our community.

Historic Growth Rates for Forest Hills Road

ID#	LOCATION	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
445	Forest Hills Rd S of Wimbish Rd	12,524	10,689	11,834	12,928	12,467	12,495	12,789	13,118	13,349	14,114	13,278	12,776	14,422*
447	Forest Hills Rd S of Forest Hills Ter	6360	6,264	6339	7588	6711	7483	7523	7820	8387	8531	7918	7679	8668*
449	Forest Hills Rd S of Newport Rd	7316	7835	5552	8705	6244	9372	9912	10164	10357	11008	10089	9690	10938*
452	Forest Hills Rd N of Northside Dr	1865	2185	2134	2207	2326	3085	3758	3063	3046	2977	3481	3278	3384

Source: Traffic Counts Macon-Bibb County 1990-1999, DOT data published by Planning & Zoning

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* indicates an estimated volume. Almost all volumes for 1999 are estimated, and as such shouldn't carry the same credibility as historic counts.

Comparing 13 years from 1987 to 1998 (the last year an actual count was recorded)

- #445 S of Wimbish Rd-- 1/10 of 1 % annual growth from 1987 to 1998
- 47 S of Forest Hills Ter-- 1.8 % annual growth from 1987 to 1998
- ..49 S of Newport Rd-- 3% S of Newport Rd annual growth from 1987 to 1998

The one section which section which experienced a significant growth (#449) would be noteworthy except when one considers that its growth was early, probably due to development now completed. The annual growth on this section has been 1/2 of 1 % since 1992. This same flat growth rate is found on all the sections counted by the GDOT for at least the last six years. By using estimated volumes for 1999, Traffic Counts Macon-Bibb County 1990-1999 finds, from 1995 to 1999, total growth rates of 7 %, 3 % and 5% (annualized growth of 1.75 %, 3/4 of 1% and 1.25%) for the three sections of Forest Hills within the project area. However, if one examines the last five years for which we know an actual count was taken (1994-1998) one finds negative growth on all three sections!!

These growth rates would indicate a well designed two-lane facility north of Wimbish could be adequate for years to come and would make any reasonable person consider the scale of the design needed north of Wimbish. The EA forecasts of traffic volumes are in serious conflict with the historical growth rate for Forest Hills Road without any justification offered for their validity. Incredibly, from 1998 to 2024 the EA predicts 4.6 % (from 12,776 to 27,600 cars per day) and 4 % (from 7679 to 15,500) and 3.8 % (from 9690 to 18,900) annual growth for the three sections of Forest Hills Road GDOT records volumes. Even if one uses the EA's inflated 1999 volume estimates (from 14,600 to 28,400, etc.) the EA boldly predicts 4% annual growth for sections of Forest Hills Road. This growth bends credibility beyond the breaking point.

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RE: Project Nos. 5240-8&9

Gentlemen:

I write to object to the planned widening of Forest Hill Road (Macon, Georgia) and the conversion of Overlook Avenue, The Prado, and Drury Drive to cul-du-sacs.

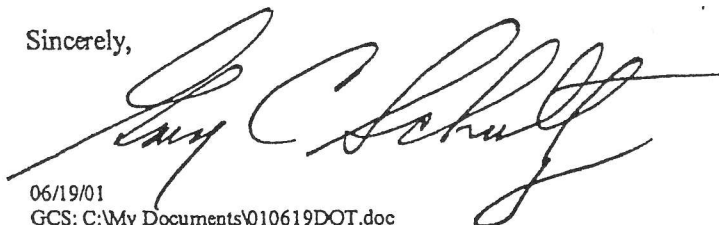
This project will seriously degrade the in-town neighborhood character of what we know as the Ingleside area. I have lived in North Macon for twenty-three years and have driven on Forest Hill Road and Wimbish Road almost daily during my residence. Traffic slows slightly in the early morning and late afternoon hours, but never to the point requiring the scope of work proposed. This project will inalterably change the home life and neighborhood appeal of our area and certainly make it less family-friendly. The only benefit I see is speeding access through our once-quiet residential neighborhood for people living outside the area. The closing of Overlook Avenue and the Prado will funnel all the traffic to\from the Stinsonville area to Riverdale Road, Albermarle Place, Belvidere, and Ridge Avenue. Traffic on Albermarle (and Riverdale and Belvidere) is already heavy, the 25mph speed limit is not enforced, several pets have already been killed, and we are waiting with dread for the first child to be hit.

Much is said about urban sprawl and how to avoid it. The best remedy is to maintain the neighborhood appeal of urban areas. If the only objective of government road builders becomes the fastest possible flow of traffic from one side of town to the other, urban neighborhoods suffer, and young families with children wanting a safe place to play look for a sub-division likely built on ever-diminishing green space. If Forest Hill Road becomes another Vineville Avenue or Northside Drive, the character of one of the oldest, and most appealing, Macon neighborhoods will be lost forever.

The few traffic problems that exist on Forest Hill Road could be solved by the simple construction of left-turn lanes at the busier intersections. The Prado and Overlook Avenue could be left open, insuring easier access for emergency vehicles and maintaining a better balance of traffic to/from the Stinsonville area.

If state agencies insist on completion of this project, the least they could offer is agreement to erect speed bumps on Albermarle, Riverdale, and Belvidere to give some protection from the already-heavy 40 mph traffic.

Sincerely,



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PLEASE PRINT

Name Gary C Schultz
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Macon GA 31204-1307
478-477-7661 gcschultz99@yahoo.com

Do you support the project? No

Comments The best means of reducing urban sprawl is finding ways to keep in-town living an attractive alternative to suburban sub-developments that gobble up rural land and greenspace. Project Nos 5290-819 are not neighborhood friendly, will alter irreversibly the character of the area, will funnel even more traffic to the once quiet side-streets of Riverside, Abernethy & Belvedere, and are unnecessarily expensive vs. the simple addition of turn lanes to Forest Hill Rd.

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? After 5⁰⁰ PM would be better

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you After 5⁰⁰ PM

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? A brief presentation with slides explaining the alternatives w/ a Q/A session would be helpful.

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PLEASE PRINT

Name Mary Schultz
Address 253 Albermarle Pl
Macon, GA 31204

Do you support the project? NO

Comments Making Forest Hill a 4 lane with median will
have a great negative effect on the neighborhoods
- MORE Traffic will be diverted through
Riverdale and Albermarle to the Prado and
Overlook, should the Prado and Overlook be made
Cul-de-Sacs - This would increase speeding & noise
and endanger the children on these streets

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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 - anytime ~~after~~
5:00 PM or after

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel? Never saw anyone
identified as a DOT Rep.

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

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? _____
a more organized agenda

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PLEASE PRINT

Name Richard Scherer + Brenda Scherer
Address 231 Riverdale Dr
Macon GA 31204

Do you support the project? NO NO NO !!

Comments We are AGAINST closing The
P R A D O + Over look DR. This
would ruin the TRAFFIC
DISTRIBUTION Through Riverdale Dr.
Beverly + Alber Mare

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That is what's going to happen to my house. About one-third of my lawn will be gone and automobile traffic will be much nearer my front door. Ambulances and fire department conveyances (which already use this route on a regular basis) will sound as if they are coming in the house. Dust and air pollution will be the norm for this street and ultimately no one will want to buy my house if I should want to sell.

The people who live on this street are mostly of retirement age and therefore are trapped by this situation if plans are carried out as presented recently. We wonder why we were not contacted earlier in the game to give our input. That would have been the sensible thing to do. We also wonder if there are not alternatives to this massive infusion of concrete in this road widening effort.

I am particularly opposed to placing sidewalks on one side of the "improvement". In the other areas of town where these sidewalks have been laid, I very rarely see anyone walking. It seems to me that there has been an extraordinary expenditure of funds (tax monies) with very little payback.

Although I am not a traffic engineer, I would like to make these suggestions:

- . Eliminate some of the traffic by prohibiting large trucks from using Forest Hill as a through route. Atlanta makes big trucks use I-285 instead of going through downtown.
- . Use traffic lights to slowdown traffic at the critical times of the day (going to work, coming home from work)
- . Post speed signs for 35 miles per hour speed limit.
- . Restrict left hand turns to certain locations.

It would seem feasible also, to conduct a campaign to encourage use of four and five lane roads for downtown

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When Bibb county voted for the 1 cent sales tax, I thought road improvement was for repaving badly deteriorating roads and for paving dirt roads, replacing dangerous bridges, and for upgrading traffic signs and signals. The present use of these funds seem to me to be wasteful and unnecessary. I hope we can make improvements without waste and only with full input of the people who are going to be most affected by these changes.

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June 16, 2001

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Sincerely,
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JUNE 11, 2001

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TO WHOM IT ~~MY~~ CONCERN

RE: PROPOSED WIDENING OF FOREST HILL RD.

Forest Hill Rd is a street designed to be a neighborhood connector, not a superhighway. Except for certain times of day (in the a. m., at lunchtime, and in the evening) this is a relatively quiet street. There are plenty of other roads which serve (or could serve) as thoroughfares--Riverside Dr, Northside Dr, and Vineville, Foreyth Rd.

There is no need to "promote" Forest Hill Rd as a major conduit for excessive traffic. Although I am sure that tempers flare when there is momentary slowdown, what is everyone racing to? Will seconds and minutes matter, when we know that widening streets induces more speed and less caution?

There must be some alternative solutions to reducing traffic slowdowns in the morning, noon and evening when people are coming home from work. I'm not a traffic or roads engineer, but I'm sure someone with experience could find solutions.

I'm most particularly opposed to sidewalks-- feel that they are unnecessary. Where they have been installed in Macon, I have yet to see more than one or two people using them. Very poor use of tax money, I think

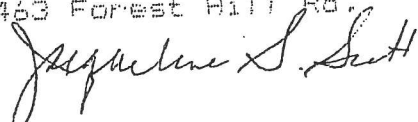
When the 1 cent sales tax was proposed, I voted for it. I wanted to see some of the pot holes filled and some major streets repaved. More than anything I wanted to see lights (traffic) synchronized.

Instead, neighborhoods have been threatened, and some invaded with extensive and long term "improvements". Some neighborhoods have had yards reduced to the extent that roads are practically running through their porches and front rooms.

Forest Hill Rd is a neighborhood of mostly older people who moved here years ago. Most of us feel trapped by the proposed changes WE'll lose yards, plants and shrubbery. There will be increased noise and pollution.

We just don't want it and see it as an unnecessary expenditure of local, state and federal funds..

Mrs Jacqueline S. Scott
1463 Forest Hill Rd.



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PLEASE PRINT

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William R Skinner

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Macon, GA 31210

Do you support the project?

NO

Comments

Some Lane Widening and Turn lanes
are needed but nothing more (!)

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?

NO

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

No

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

Do something on the level of what
I mentioned in comments above and
that should be adequate. Far too many
home owners will be adversely affected

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06-11-01

MACON-Bibb County Road Committee

Sirs:

I still protest this turning Forest Hill Road into a speedway.

I have heard so many rumors as to what is planned that I don't know what to ask anymore, so I plan to attend your meeting to try to understand some of the puzzle.

Thank you for allowing questions & hopefully - answers.

Margaret Skipper
1430 Forest Hill Rd 31211
Ph. 474-8665

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06-18-01

MR. HARVEY D. KEEPLER

STATE ENVIRONMENT AND LOCATION ENGINEER, DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

3993 AVIATION CIRCLE

ATLANTA, GA. 30336-1593

SIR:

RE: TIP MCN 25

I live AT 1430 FOREST HILL ROAD, MACON, GA. 31210

I have ATTENDED EVERY open meeting CONCERNING OUR STREET, STRONGLY ^{OBJECTING} TO THE ORIGINAL PLANS FOR 5 LANES

I thank you for your REDESIGN TO 3 LANES, however

Why do we need a sidewalk ALONG this speedway?

Who uses sidewalks ANYMORE? especially close to

heavy TRAFFIC = going TOO FAST for walkers?

So now, I ask THAT you lower the speed limit

TO help keep pedestrians safe! This could make

Forest Hill Rd. less DANGEROUS.

Also, please put a stoplight where Locchoppee meets Forest Hill Rd.

Well, I've had my SAY, Now you have yours,

Respectfully,

Marjorie M. Skipper

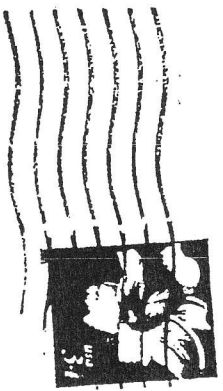
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Ms. Marjorie Skipper
1430 Forest Hill Rd
Macon GA 31210-2332

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JUN 20 2001



MR. HARVEY D. KEEPLER
STATE ENVIRONMENT AND LOCATION ENGINEER
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
3993 AVIATION CIRCLE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30336-1593

Re: TIP MEN 25

30336/1593



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PLEASE PRINT

Name
Address

REBECCA W SHIVER
3831 THE PRADO
MACON GA 31204

Do you support the project? _____

Comments IF THIS PROJECT IS APPROVED I WOULD
LIKE TO SEE THE PRADO CUL DE SAC. I
WOULD LIKE FOR SPEED BUMPS ALSO TO BE
CONSIDERED ON THOSE STREETS THAT
TRAFFIC WILL HAVE TO OVERTAKE.

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? _____

Comments re: Forest Hill Road, Bibb County, Georgia
STP - 3213(1) and STP 3213(3)/BRMLB - 3213(5),
P.I. Nos. 350520 and 351130/351135

Public Hearing, Monday, June 11, 2001, Springdale Elementary, Macon, Ga.

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I oppose the Forest Hill Road projects cited above.

1. I currently reside at 777 Forest Hill Road and have for the past 25 years. Needless to say I have had first hand experience with the traffic flow and changes over the years. There has not been a significant increase in the traffic flow on Forest Hill. I go in and out of my driveway several times a day and experience no real problem in integrating into traffic. On Forest Hill I very seldom if ever experience any traffic delays. As for implementing sidewalks I think it's a waste of tax dollars. Forest Hill is not the type of neighborhood where people will access sidewalks. Certainly it makes sense around a school zone like McKibbin Lane but not the length of Forest Hill Rd.
2. With the widening of Forest Hill four lanes above Wimbish and three lanes for the rest of the road you will create a situation where you will have more cars, more speed, and more noise. In essence you will be on the road to destroying another neighborhood by putting in a thoroughfare and changing the landscape from residential to commercial. To prove my point all you have to do is look at the transition of Vineville Ave. from residential to commercial since it has been widened and turned into a thoroughfare.
3. At the above public hearing I had the opportunity to look at plans for my house and my vacant lot next door. The plans are to fill in most of my yard leaving approx. 20 ft. to my front porch. This will obviously destroy my property value and due to increased noise levels above the projected 70 dba range will make my property unlivable. In addition by filling in my front yard drainage problem will be created. In my mind this is a totally unacceptable plan for property that I have owned for over 25 years.

Respectfully submitted by Ray Smith, 777 Forest Hill Rd. Macon Ga. 31210

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Ray Smith

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PLEASE PRINT

Name
Address

777 FOREST Rd Plus additional
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Do you support the project?

NO

Comments

My house is located in a bottom area. According to the representative there will be a landfill area within 20 FT OF MY FRONT YARD. This will destroy the value of my house it will make living conditions totally unacceptable. My vacant lot next to my house lot will be almost completely taken upon Old Linden & Forest Hill.

I'm totally against this project, I have been on Forest Hill for 5 yrs & traffic is not a problem. If this project goes thru my house property needs to be purchased @ the new tax assessment value!

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?

NO

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

5:30 P.M.

Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel?

Yes

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

Part that impacts me

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

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PLEASE PRINT

Name
Address

Raymond H. Smith
4933 Wesleyan Woods Rd
Macon Ga 31210
Corner of Forest Hill + Vauxville Ceme

Do you support the project?

yes

Comments

great

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____

Newspaper _____

Signs _____

Word of Mouth

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

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? yes

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

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

"Make it easier now" (Road)
have more information as to time + progress

Gentlemen:

I am opposed to the Forest Hill widening as proposed. Improving Forest Hill to a four-lane road with 15' median, from Vineville to Wimburk is completely out of character for that neighborhood and will destroy the residential nature of all the affected houses on and around Forest Hill Rd. Those houses will be forced to turn commercial, further destroying our neighborhood.

Forest Hill, as proposed, will draw additional traffic, pushing more cars thru ~~soo~~ surrounding streets.

I feel improving Forest Hill to a three-lane road similar to the southern Forest Hill improvement. Intersections at Wimburk Ridge and Vineville can be improved to alleviate congestion.

The proposal to Cul-de-sac Overlook, and Prado is unacceptable. Taking that action increases the traffic on connecting streets by 4 or 5 fold. Riverdale, Albermarle, and Belvedere will be effectively extended to the end of Prado and Overlook.

I'm also opposed to a Cul-de-sac of one or the other. To do that would double or triple traffic on the other thru street

Please don't destroy our beautiful neighborhood
by turning Forest Hill into an Eisenhower
Parkway. I understand you must address
increasing traffic. Your proposal will
attract even more traffic to our area.

Our neighborhood, started in the 1920's
should remain residential. Surely alternate
solutions can be found.

Jaughan Smith

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Name W Vaughan Smith
Address 252 Albermarle Place
Macon GA 31204

Do you support the project? No

Comments See attached comments

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

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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? _____

JULIAN N. SPARROW
729 Forest Hill Road
Macon, Georgia 31210

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June 17, 2001

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

Re: STP-3213(1), STP-3213(3) & BRMLB-3213(5), Bibb County
PI Numbers-350520, 351130, and 351135

Dear Sir:

I am opposed to the plan which was presented on June 11, 2001 for the following reasons;

1. The 1 mile of Forest Hill Road from its' intersection with Wimbish Road northward to its' intersection with Old Lundy Road does not appear to be the most logical choice because of topography..Lots are on both hills and valleys on the East and West sides of the street which will unreasonably increase costs.
2. Driveways are steep and the taking of frontage will render ingress and egress to residences impossible. We already have problems of this nature and this project is an accident waiting to happen. There have been several accidents with residents being "rear ended" when attempting to enter their driveways. This problem will be worse with this proposed project.
3. It would be far more logical to Use Wimbish and Old Lundy for the following reasons;
 - a. Topography is approximately level with the right of way
 - b. Homes are set well back from the right of way which indicates that someone anticipated a widening 50 years ago when this property was developed.
4. The one mile of Forest Hill which should be **ELIMINATED FROM THIS PROJECT** should be a limited access road from Wimbish to Old Lundy This will save both money and lives.

Enclosed is the map presented to property owners at the meeting. I have highlighted the more logical route for this project.

Sincerely ,

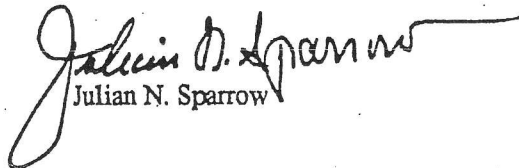
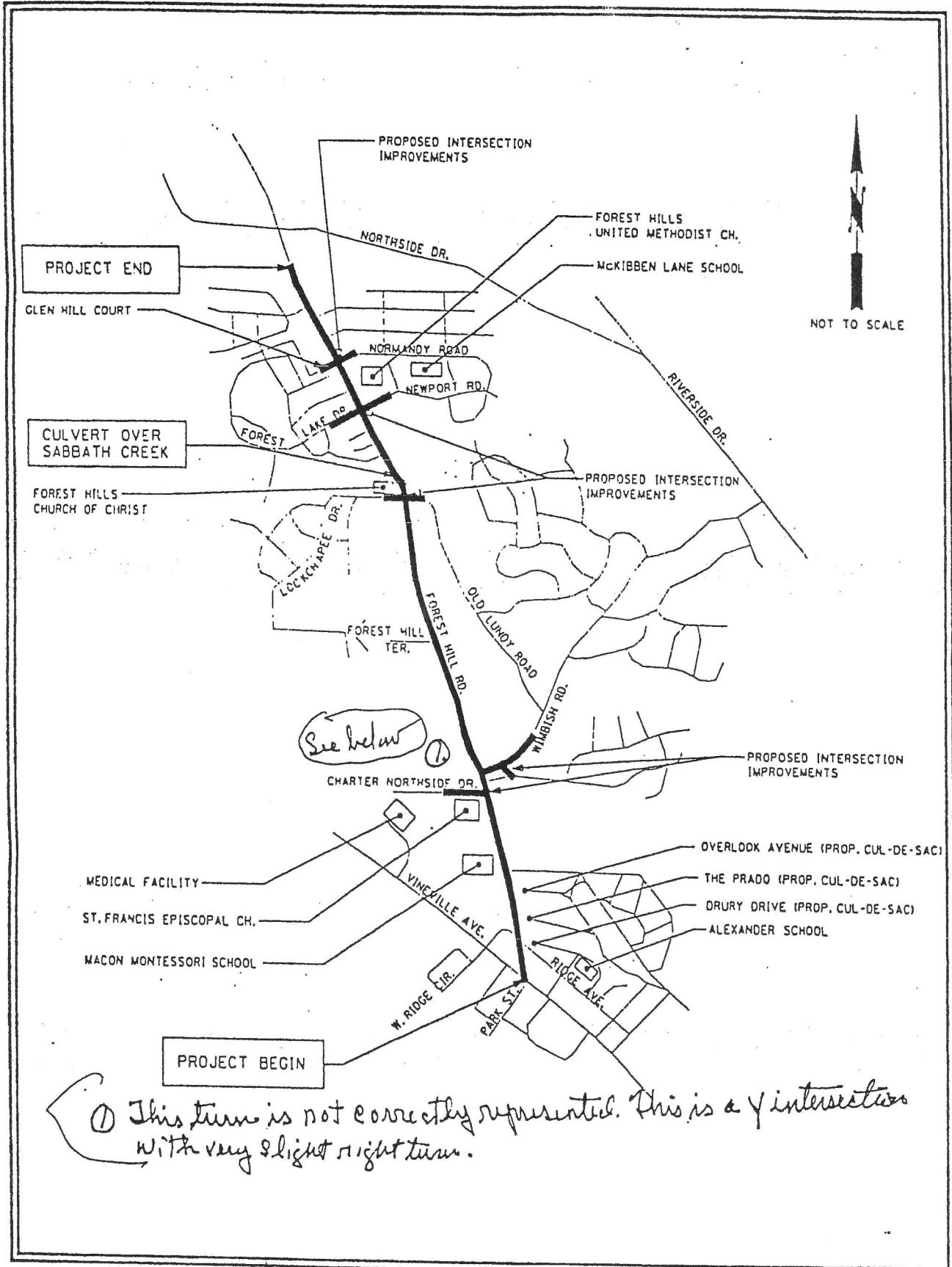

Julian N. Sparrow

FIGURE 1 Project Location Map

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STP-3213(1), & STP-3213(3)/BRMLB-3213(5), Bibb County, Georgia
P.I. No. 350520 & 351130/351135



Not to Scale

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PLEASE PRINT

Name Julian N. & GRACE M. SPARROW & GRACE N. POOLE
Address 729 + 723 FOREST HILL ROAD
TEL 477-3690

Do you support the project? MAYBE

Comments We have unusually steep driveways on both properties which are adjacent.
My concerns are; ① what will construction do to affect ingress to the properties.
② Speed of motorists is and has been a problem for the past 30 years. Speed control will be essential to allow residents safe entrance + exit from driveways.

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?
NO problem - Employees were courteous and helpful

JULIAN N. SPARROW
729 Forest Hill Road
Macon, Georgia 31210

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June 17, 2001

Mr. 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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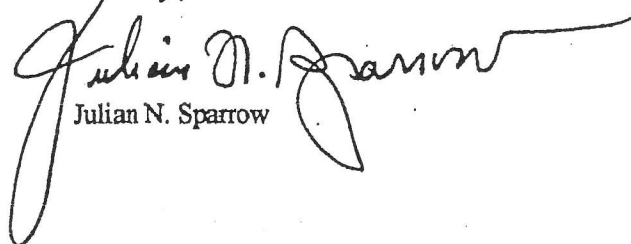
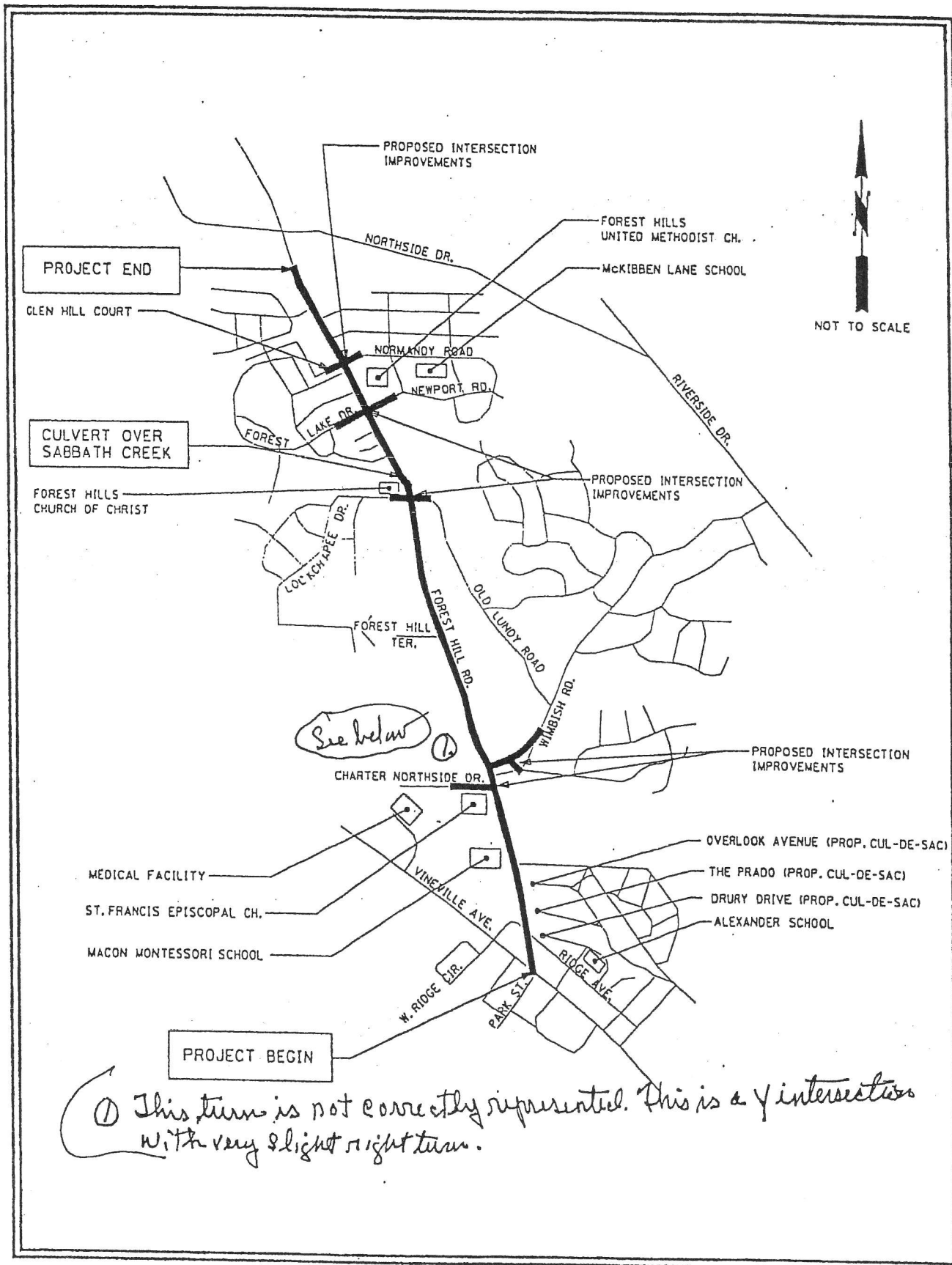

Julian N. Sparrow

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P.I. No. 350520 & 351130/351135



Not to Scale

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PLEASE PRINT

Name Jacki Spivey
Address 213 Riverdale Drive
Macon, Georgia 31204

Do you !!!

Com 205 and the ~~the~~ Prado, Overlook
all the traffic to these areas,
will be routed down Riverdale,
people already race down these
area to our children. Please,
our neighborhood. I would rather
I love it if it is. Please choose
Overlook and Drury are left open.

Radio _____ Newspaper _____
Bus 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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PLEASE PRINT

Name
Address

Gary Stroup
2981 Claridge Court (off Winbisk Road)
Macon, GA 31204

Do you support the project?

yes

Comments

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?

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Name
Address

HAROLD J. AUSEINE STRONG
3896 BERKLEY DR.
MADON 31204

Do you support the project?

NO

Comments

WE ARE IN THE HISTORIC
WEIGH BOB HOOD 52 VRS.
OBJECT TO TERMINATION OF ACCESS FROM
FOREST HILL ROAD TO OVERLOOK, THE PRADO,
DRURY DRIVE (ALL OF WHICH WILL BE
'CUL-DE-SAC') STOPPING EMERGENCY
SERVICES. ~~THESE~~
TURNING LANE WOULD BE ALRIGHT

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?

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

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Name Gene Tapley
Address 5309 Northside Dr
Macon, GA 31210

Do you support the project? yes

Comments _____

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 - Mr. VAN Etherige

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

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

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PLEASE PRINT

Name PHILIP AND RHONDA TAYLOR
Address 252 RIVERDALE DR.
MACON, GA 31204

Do you support the project? NO

Comments THE TRAFFIC FLOW DOES NOT NEED TO COME
THROUGH THESE NEIGHBORHOODS.

IF FORREST HILL IS WIDENED, YOU CERTAINLY
DO NOT NEED TO CUL-DE-SAC PRADO AND
OVERLOOK I THAT MAKES "CUT THROUGHS" OFF
RIDGE AVE. EVEN WORSE THAN AT PRESENT -

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 KENNETH B-Taylor
Address 574 HIGH POINT N. RD
MAUN, GA 31210

Do you support the project? NO

Comments DO NOT BURN THE TREES AFTER YOU CUT THEM DOWN
ON THE RIGHT OF WAYS
RETURN WITH A LESS INTENSIVE PROPOSAL - FOREST HILL ROAD
WILL BE JUST LIKE NORTH SIDE DRIVE - A SPEEDWAY
IF YOU DO THIS PLEASE MAKE A TURN LANE IN TO HIGH POINT
N. RD ON WIMBISH RD

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? 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

Mr & Mrs. CLIFFORD THOMPSON
774 DAK High COURT
MADON GA 31210
WIFE - ESTHER A. THOMPSON

Do you support the project? yes

Comments _____

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?
None Needed

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Name
Address

TIM THORNTON
4136 FOREST HILL TER
MACON 31210

Do you support the project?

YES

Comments

MAJOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
BADLY NEEDED. TURN LANES VERY MUCH NEEDED.
OVERALL DESIGN VERY GOOD.

MY HOME IS 2 DOORS OFF FOREST HILL RD. APPROX.
MID-WAY OF PROJECT.

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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PLEASE PRINT

Name Martha Tisdale
Address 465 Oxford Circle
Macon GA 31210

Do you support the project? Not in its entirety

Comments I object to the treatment of Forest Hill Road as an arterial road and the noise and amount of traffic that it will bring.

Roads may be curbed + guttered + improved without adding 5 lanes width.

We selected our residence for the quiet of the area, Northside Dr. is not so close to us to be noisy but any wider any further would be so. And Forest Hill would bring the noise + traffic increase too close to our neighborhood. We would also lose the aesthetics of

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio the natural beauty of the area 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, after work

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

Blaire K Train
250 Merritt Ave.
Macon, GA 31204

Do you support the project? in part

Comments

turn lane on Ridge to Forest Hill is needed -
that's the main thing - unsure of closing off
the roads & Overlook - hate to see the loss of trees
& the increase of traffic & noise all along the way.

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? 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

ISAIA, STEWART

Address

494 NORTHMINSTER DR
MACON GA 31201

Do you support the project?

NO

Comments

Forest is NOT an urban arterial consequently the
premises for widening diminish

- ① This widening is really to be a leg of the Northwest plug of the
interstate that will result in rendering the surrounding neighbor-
hoods totally blighted
- ② The argument about congestion is dependant on other parts of
the rd. program - if several rd pathways are available -
(e.g. Peace Northside) then no special extreme widening is needed
- ③ Macon is already a U.M. attainment area - we do not need to create further

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 explain why it was not convenient to your community _____

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? No

If no, please explain why it was not convenient for you 5:30 pm

Were the staff and personnel? N/A

Do you recommend this meeting? No

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

Would have achieved greater public input if a formal
meeting had been held for public comments to the forum
& replies

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Name RAY WALKER
Address 650 COMMANCHER DR
MACON, GA 31210

Do you support the project? YES

Comments We voted for this project, so let's get started

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____ Newspaper _____
Signs X 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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PLEASE PRINT

Name
Address

HENRY Y. WARNOCK
621 Forest Hill Rd
MACON, GA 31210

Do you support the project? No!

Comments The Time has come to address the MORAL aspects of this whole matter. Where do the road builders obtain the MORAL authority to work for the ease and comfort of the automobile and the driver with his telephone. I know of no legal or theological doctrine that the family and home-builders are less worthy than the auto. It is time to make some fair judgements.

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? No

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

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A further consideration is the stated prospect of streets leading into Forest Hill Rd. becoming cul de sacs. Such closures makes access by fire department, police, ambulance extremely difficult & dangerous. The closest access would be Riverdale, a street now subject to very little traffic. Again a totally residential street would be subject to heavy traffic trying to get to The Prado and adjoining properties. Riverdale is aware of the encroachment.

Southern Bell, ^{and Gen. Power} have very recently been at considerable expense to replace poles and lines on a large section of Forest Hill. Are Forest Hill Rd. residents and Southern Bell, ^{+ Gen. Power} naive enough to believe dangerous inconveniences will ^{not} exist as these poles and lines are again moved? Indeed not!

Is the firm doing over the road prepared to move and/or replace all mail boxes, repair all driveways at their entrance to individual houses, restore grass and shrubbery? Most residences have planted shrubbery, trees, etc. to protect their frontage. Surely, the great number so affected by destruction will expect and ask for replacement or funds to allow such replacement. It is also evident that "replacement" is a misnomer. Loss will have happened in any event!

A large number of the people on this stretch of road have owned their homes for 15-20 years - or more - 42 years for us and some around us longer. Does the City of Macon have no moral commitment to this portion of its long-term citizens and taxpayers? Are these citizens' primary properties like trash paper to be thrown out like trash paper with neither voice nor legal recourse. Does the City realize the inequient loss of tax dollars? Tax increase? 30 to 40% for what?

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2. Mr. Patterson states irrefutable facts in his comments on noise and traffic in the expanded area - Vineville and its dependent properties and the Vinevilles to Northside neighborhoods. Forest Hill Rd. is not a well policed road and the average speed is well above the speed limits. Most drivers pay no attention to the posted school zone crossing. The traffic noise level lowers or lessens about 1 AM to resume at 6 AM.

Mail boxes must be replaced frequently as drivers choose to destroy mail boxes rather than have accidents due to speed. An easy prediction is that 55-65 M.P.H. would be the speed of enough autos to make Forest Hill Rd. a real speed hazard. The broadening of Zebulon Rd. is a perfect example of increased speed due to added lane/lanes.

Projects 8 and 9 are disaster plans for the not only immediate residents but for those whose properties adjoin the area. Lockchapee, Old Lundy and others would be cut off from safe entry. We wish there were planners with moral concerns for those on whom they force their demolition - this portion of the citizenry of Macon. Property taxes would indeed need lowering for those effected.

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A further consideration is the stated prospect of streets leading into Forest Hill Rd. becoming cul de sacs. Such closures makes access by fire department, police, ambulance extremely difficult & and dangerous. The closest access would be Riverdale, a street now subject to very little traffic. Again a totally residential street would be subject to heavy traffic trying to get to The Prado and adjoining properties. Riverdale is aware of the encroachment.

Southern Bell, ^{and Gen. Power} have very recently been at considerable expense to replace poles and lines on a large section of Forest Hill. Are Forest Hill Rd. residents and Southern Bell, ^{+ Gen. Power} naive enough to believe dangerous inconveniences will ^{not} exist as these poles and lines are again moved? Indeed not!

Is the firm doing over the road prepared to move and/or replace all mail boxes, repair all driveways at their entrance to individual houses, restore grass and shrubbery? Most residences have planted shrubbery, trees, etc. to protect their frontage. Surely, the great number so affected by destruction will expect and ask for replacement or funds to allow such replacement. It is also evident that "replacement" is a misnomer. Loss will have happened in any event!

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Name Mr. & Mrs. Henry V. Warnack
Address 1021 Forest Hill Rd
Macon, Ga. 31210

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

Comments 43 years at the above address. The plan would
destroy our 40 year hedge wall screening us from the road.
45-50 houses would open their door and step on to the road.
Property values would fall 45-50%. The speed which is now
50-60 would become 60 or more. People are afraid to get mail
from their mail boxes now. Most between Wimbish & N side have
owned their property 25-30 years and are not young! You have
no moral interest in what becomes of this stable grp. of residents.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____ Newspaper
Traffic too fast to read signs Signs _____ Word of Mouth

Was the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? Yes - why not McKibben Lane
If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community. Probably
because they are opposed, Jon. How about the Methodist Church?
Same reason?

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, but they were polite and
made a good try.
The meeting had nothing to do

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? With understanding.

Please share your suggestions on improving the way Georgia DOT conducts public meetings? The
meeting was well planned. If the plan that is really
frightening to property owners not only on Forest Hill but
what is now a neighborhood (surrounding area) would no longer
exist! And how about property values.

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Name Nat Watkins
Address 3860 Overlook Ave.
MACON, GA 31204

Do you support the project? YES option 1 - (Cul-de-sac overlook

Comments I am in full support of placing a
Cul-de-sac at the end of Overlook Ave. I feel
that an increase of traffic flow will result
on Overlook Ave over the lanes of Forest Hill
Ave widened.

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? _____

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

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Name Susan Watkins
Address 3860 Overlook Avenue
Macon, GA
31204

Do you support the project? yes

Comments Please make overlook Avenue a dead end street where it connects to Forest Hill. We have alot of small children on our street and too many cars speed through from Forest Hill. I feel like this would increase when Forest Hill is widened, so a dead end would decrease the amount of cars that cut through all the streets instead in our neighborhood.

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? _____

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

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Name Ken & Akretha Watson
Address 830 Forest Hill Ct
Macon Ga

Do you support the project? No

Comments Turn lanes at major intersections would
be a enormous help - Sidewalks added would
improve the entire area and make this a
"family friendly" approach -
The current plan turns a neighborhood into
a new business district

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? _____