

- High Point North Condominium Association
 - 526 High Point North Road
 - Macon, Georgia
 - 31210

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

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Re: STP - 3213 (1), STP - 3213 (3)
June 12, 2001

Gentlemen:

As members of the Board of Directors of High Point North Condominium Association, we had representatives attend the Location and Design Public Hearing on June 11, 2001 at Springdale Elementary School, Macon, Ga. We have reviewed the design proposal for "the Preferred alterations" and strongly disagree with the plan.

We can find no logical reason to widen Forest Hill Road to a 100 ft. right of way to include a 15 ft. median with grass, shrubs and trees. While we do not deny that a wider, straighter road will be an improvement, the concept as presented is best described as total overkill. Building a median in which to plant trees will make it necessary to destroy many beautiful older trees to clear the oversized right of way required by the plan.

Our most direct impact is the Wimbish Road construction. We have several objections to this plan:

1) The relocation of Northminster Drive into Wimbish Road will require a vast amount of landfill into an area of natural woods. This will severely impact the natural beauty of this area and create a noisier roadway due to the destruction of sound absorbing growth.

2) While the proposed new 90 degree intersection of Wimbish and Forest Hill will slightly lessen traffic flow, the straighter pathway will doubtless increase speed, making entrance and exit into and from High Point North Road more difficult and more dangerous. Further problems will be created by

bringing the Northminster Drive entrance so much closer to the High Point North Road entrance.

If, in spite of the many objections voiced by the residents who live in the affected area, you still must continue with the program, we would like to suggest the straightening of Wimbish Road northward to its intersection with Old Lundy Road. This would provide a clearer view of the oncoming traffic when exiting High Point North Road and a greater visibility to traffic approaching toward Forest Hill Road.

It is the opinion of this Board that the 45 residents of High Point North Condominiums will be much better served by a scaled down version of the present plan.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Walter C. Watson, Chairman
High Point North Board of Directors

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CC Mr. Larry R. Dreihaupt, P.E.
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth St. S.W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Mr. Robert Riechert

Mr. Calder Clay

Georgia Department of Transportation

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Name
Address

Alice (Lally) Weaver
552 Forest Hill Rd.
Macon 31210

Do you support the project?

NO

Comments

I have 2 small children & I do not want
traffics increased in front of my house. We have just
finished restoring & adding on to our home & we don't want
the value of the property to be decreased. We don't want
to live on a busy highway & we are opposed to cut-de-
sacs on Overlook and White Prado. We love our trees &
curving roads. Just give us a turning lane at Forest Hill &
Wentworth and leave us alone.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____

Newspaper ☒ _____

Signs _____

Word of Mouth _____

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

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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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We have been residents here for nearly 30 years. The traffic has increased, but not that much. Part of the problem is that parents drive children to school instead of letting them walk. 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.

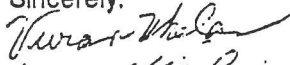
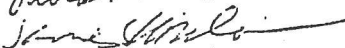
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Why does Macon / Bibb County need all of these new massive roads? The rest of Northside will be 5 lanes and Log Cabin that has been changed once will be redone again to make it 5 lanes. This gives one the impression that Macon's growth is such that these improvements are necessary. **Macon IS NOT GROWING** and hasn't in many years.

We feel that the design for this project needs to be rethought. This project is a waste of our tax dollars and an intrusion on our freedom to live in a residential neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Vivian P. and James S. Whelan
1181 Normandy RD.
Macon, GA 31210
(478) 477-3787

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745, Forest Hill Road,
Macon, GA 31210

14th June, 2001

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

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Re: The proposed Widening and Reconstruction of Forest Hill Road, Macon, GA.

Dear Sir,

A resounding "NO, NO, NO" to this proposal. It is both unnecessary and costly, and a total waste of taxpayers' money.

Yours truly,

Frances M. Whittle

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1481, Forest Hill Road, Apt. 902
Macon, GA 31210

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.R. Whittle". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "S" and "R", and a distinct "W" and "H".

Steven R. Whittle

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Name
Address

TAL Wilbur Jr.

682 Woodridge Dr.
Macon, GA 31204

Do you support the project?

Yes

Comments

Good project - Should have been

Constructed 1/2 hrs Ago.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio

Signs

X

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
Address

M.T. Wilcher SR.

990 AVE. OF PINES
MACON, GA 31204

Do you support the project?

yes

Comments

GOOD project - needs to be completed.

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Signs

Newspaper

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Name
Address

W. Scott Wilson Jr (I own the property at)
3 River Trace
Macon, Ga. 31210 380 Forest Hill

Do you support the project?

Yes I support the project.

Comments

But I do not support the ^{proposed} median in front of my property that will limit my access. This limited access will greatly reduce the value of my property to the point that I will be forced to oppose the project as a whole. A ~~the~~ center turn lane is an equal safety measure but does nothing to adversely effect property 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?

I did not attend meeting but
went and looked over
the plans at office

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

with Joe Johnson Moreland
Altibel

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Mail Comments By June 22, 2001 To:

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W. Scott Wilson
6/25/01

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Name
Address

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Linda D Wingate
948 Hill Pl
Macon
GA 31210

Do you support the project? On a limited bases!

Comments We know that super roads split a neighborhood into many pieces At this day - We need all the unity we can get. Please do not destroy the neighborhood feel we have now - We all moved to this area for the above reasons -

I want to know my neighbors, at this time a strange car is recognized in an drive way. The added traffic will keep us from being able to cross the street comfortably as well as safely.

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Newspaper _____

Signs ☒ _____

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I was not able to attend meeting

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? _____

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Kindly use as little pavement as possible. Please do not place a red light @ the corner of Forest Hill Rd and Hill Place. Two streets use this exit now - We have an

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Name
Address

John C. Wood
210 RIVERDALE DR
MAKON GA 31204

Do you support the project?

~~No~~ Yes to Forest Hill Rd. widening

Comments

No to any AND ALL CULDEBAG OPTIONS

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Name
Address

Candy Wood
210 Riverdale Drive
Macon, GA 31204

Do you support the project? I support the widening of Forest Hill - but

Comments I am opposed to the cul-de-sac-ing of the Prado and Overlook -

The traffic on Riverdale Dr., Albermarle Place, Belvedere - all strictly residential is already incredible, but cul de sac-ing the Prado and Overlook this problem would be unbearable. Our streets are home to a large number of walkers, runners and bikers - the increase in traffic would make it an unsafe place to exercise.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____

Newspaper _____

Signs _____

Word of Mouth ☒ _____

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William D. Yancey
Joan M. Yancey
1186 Normandy Rd
Macon, Ga 31210

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Name _____
Address _____

Do you support the project? Some not 7 it

Comments I think streets around Lane School
should be resurfaced before this project
takes place.
Some one should be responsible for
keeping side walls free from grass
& litter

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Newspaper _____

Signs ✓

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