

Date: June 11, 2001
Macon Bibb County Road Improvement Program
DOT
C/O Mr. Steve Duvall

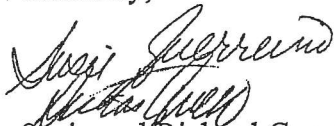
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Dear Mr. Duval,

It saddens me to read about the proposed changes for Forest Hill. This is one of the oldest, most established areas in Macon. These changes would impact the whole area by an increase in traffic, noise, pollution and a loss of property values. We read in the paper of the flight to the suburbs, which will destroy the tax base for the city, and we wonder why it happens. This is just one of the reasons. The people that live in this section of town do so because of their love for an old fashioned neighborhood. A place where neighbors are close and it's safe for their children to play. The houses are older and expensive to upkeep but that is secondary to the beauty of the area.

This expansion and the proposal of cul de sacs will only redirect traffic through all of the side streets in this area. This is not what the people that live in this area want or need. An article written in the Macon Telegraph under "Another View" by Daniel P. Feshin offers an excellent alternative to this proposal and should be considered. Please consider carefully the long-term effect this change would mean for Macon and it's inner city residents and property owners. We need to keep our inner city strong.

Sincerely,



Susie and Richard Guerreiro
3388 Osborne Pl.
Macon, Ga. 31204

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Name
AddressJanis HALEY
148 Oakhaven Ave
Macon, GA 31204

Do you support the project?

No

Comments

There is a compromise - we want to hear
it!! Do NOT tell us all or nothing.

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?

not to my satisfaction

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

yes.

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

Get public input before you cast in stone -
be flexible - go back to school to learn
neighborhood friendly alternatives to slash & burn
road development.

Janis I. Haley
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Macon, GA 31204-2924

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June 9, 2001

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

Dear Mr. Keepler,

I am writing to express my concern over the plans for road improvements and road widening projects in Macon, Georgia including, but not limited to, DOT plans for widening Forest Hill Road.

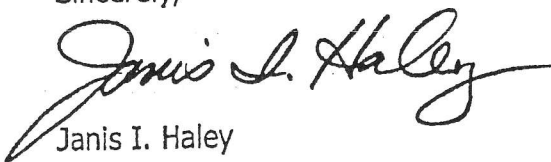
I have spent some time reviewing the alternatives presented and I am very concerned over the fact that you have only offered 2 alternatives; the 4-lane divided option or nothing at all. The 4-lane divided alternative is far too intrusive for this residential neighborhood and is an extreme over-build as far as I and my neighbors are concerned. If the only other choice is nothing, we choose nothing.

Having said that, I encourage you and your engineers to go back to the drawing board and make some effort to find a creative, efficient and neighborhood friendly way of improving this and other road projects in Macon and Bibb County. We are not backward idiots as you seem to think we are. We travel and study and know that many States have mandated less intrusive alternatives to those you are suggesting are the only alternatives.

Please don't make us fight and micro-manage every project down here. The message is this: We value our residential neighborhoods and we are not willing to sacrifice the tranquility of our city for what you or developers might consider to be "progress". We have an opportunity to become a model for controlled and planned growth. We hope that you will use this opportunity to show the people of Georgia and the whole country that DOT is a service to the tax payors of the State. As such, you can listen and learn and evolve - to develop roads that add to, not take away from, the quality of life in Georgia.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Janis I. Haley

Cc: Larry R. Dreihaup, Division Administrator

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FROM SUSAN HANBERRY
4831 GUERIN DR.
MACON, GA 31210
shanberry@stratford.org

TO: HARVEY KEEPER STATE DOT
LARRY DREIHARDT FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

I AM SUBMITTING THESE COMMENTS RE: THE
FOREST HILL ROAD PROJECT IN MACON.

PLEASE EXCUSE THE HANDWRITTEN COMMENTS.
I AM OUT OF TOWN AND AWAY FROM MY
COMPUTER AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE
THEY ARE POSTMARKED BY THE 6/21/01
DEADLINE.

THE SCOPE OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED IS
CLEARLY INADEQUATE. THE EA PRESENTED
ON 6/11/01 IS A FATAALLY FLAWED DOCUMENT.
IF THERE ARE ONLY TWO ALTERNATIVES, THE
"NO BUILD" IS THE OPTION I PREFER TO
THE OVER-BUILT ALTERNATIVE. THERE ARE
MANY OTHER ALTERNATIVES THAT WOULD
MEET THE PURPOSE AND NEED AS STATED
HOWEVER, DOT DID NOT PURSUE ANY OF THEM.
WALTER KULASH WHO IS AN INTERNATIONALLY
RECOGNIZED DESIGNER DREW PLANS SEVERAL
YEARS AGO WITH ALL OF THE PARAMETERS
IN MIND AS SET OUT IN THE EA. THIS
PLAN WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THE NEIGHBORHOODS.
THIS DESIGN WAS NOT CONSIDERED IN

ALTERNATIVES. IF HE DID AN ACCEPTABLE DESIGN ONCE, SURELY HE OR OTHERS CAN DO IT AGAIN.

THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE THAT DID NOT APPEAR WOULD SEE FOREST HILL REMAIN TWO LANES, WITH THE ADDITION OF TURN LANES AT THE 5 INTERSECTIONS THAT NEED THEM. LEFT, RIGHT, AND THROUGH LANES SHOULD BE ADDED AT THE INTERSECTION WITH VINEVILLE AVE. THE LANE WIDTHS ~~AND~~ IN THE EA ARE RIDICULOUSLY OVER-WIDE. THEY SHOULD BE NARROWED TO A MAXIMUM OF 11 FT. ALTERNATIVES TO CURB AND GUTTER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. MANY NON-PAVED SOLUTIONS EXIST.

BECAUSE OF THE INCLUSION OF OVER-BUILT PROJECTS SUCH AS THIS ONE, INCOMPLETE INFORMATION, AND A FAILURE TO INCORPORATE THE VALUES OF THE COMMUNITY, THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF MATS HAS NOT APPROVED THE 2025 LAND USE AND THE 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLANS NOR THE CURRENT TIP. THE FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN CONSISTENT, OVERWHELMING CITIZEN REJECTION OF THESE PLANS SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED BY OFFICIALS. CORA COOK OF GDOT REFERRED TO THE TIP AS A "FUNDING DOCUMENT" IN THE MOST RECENT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MATS,

AND BRUSHED OFF CITIZEN REJECTION, THIS IS NOT THE WAY THE PROCESS IS SUPPOSED TO WORK. GDOT SHOULD NOT RUN ROUGHSHOD OVER COMMUNITIES AND DICTATE HOW THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS SHOULD LOOK, NOR SHOULD THEY FORCE CHANGES THAT WILL INDUCE LAND USE CHANGES. FEDERAL LAW INTENDS THAT THE DESIRES OF CITIZENS AND STAKEHOLDERS ARE INCLUDED IN ROAD PLANS, YET HERE WE SEE A STELLAR EXAMPLE OF A STATE DOT THAT IS OUT OF CONTROL AND OUT OF TOUCH. OBJECTIONS TO THIS PROJECT ARE A PART OF THE RECORD IN EVERY ONE OF THE PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD ON THE 2025 LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN. AS CITIZENS WE HAVE TRIED EVERY WAY WE KNOW TO BE A PART OF THE PLAN BUT WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS. TO HAVE TRUE COMMUNICATION THERE MUST BE A SENDER AND A RECEIVER. THE COMMUNITY IS SENDING A LOUD STRONG MESSAGE, BUT THERE IS NO ONE AT GDOT WHO WILL RECEIVE IT.

THIS PROJECT IS A PART OF THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, YET IT WAS NOT REVIEWED IN THE TAC. THE TAC HAS REVIEWED OTHER PROJECTS THAT

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HAVE DOT INVOLVEMENT, AND ALTERNATIVES WERE PRESENTED PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A DRAFT EA. THIS PROCEDURE WAS NOT FOLLOWED ON FOREST HILL ROAD

THE PURPOSE AND NEED SECTION DOES NOT ADDRESS THE PURPOSE AND NEED OF THE LARGE, DAMAGING PROJECT CALLED THE "NORTHWEST PARKWAY" OF WHICH THIS IS A SEGMENT. THE P & N DOES NOT REFLECT REALITY IN POPULATION AND GROWTH PROJECTIONS. THE 2000 CENSUS AND HISTORIC DATA HAVE SHOWN THAT BIBB COUNTY HAS HAD ALMOST NO GROWTH OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS. DEMOGRAPHIC PREDICTIONS BY THE RDC DO NOT SHOW AN INCREASE. THE P & N DOES NOT REFLECT THIS REALITY.

THIS PROJECT SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A PROJECT SEPARATE FROM THE NORTHWEST PARKWAY. IF THAT PROJECT NEEDS TO EXIST, THEN THE WHOLE PROJECT SHOULD BE EXAMINED AND HELD UP FOR CRITICAL REVIEW. THIS KIND OF SEGMENTATION SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED. ONE PURPOSED AND NEED SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO ADDRESS THE ENTIRE PROJECT. EACH SEGMENT IS USED TO INDUCE TRAFFIC AND

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"PROBLEMS" WHICH ARE USED TO JUSTIFY THE NEXT SEGMENT. THIS IS AN UNETHICAL WAY TO DO BUSINESS.

THE P & N DOES NOT ADDRESS IMPROVEMENTS TO I-75 AND RIVERSIDE DR. AS MITIGATING FACTORS IN THE EA.

THE PLACEMENT OF AN OVER-WIDE ROAD WITH RAPIDLY MOVING, NOISY TRAFFIC WILL AFFECT COMMUNITY COHESION AND INTERACTION IN THIS LONG-ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD. NEIGHBORS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CROSS THE STREET TO VISIT EACH OTHER. THE EXCESSIVE NOISE LEVELS WILL PROHIBIT THE ENJOYMENT OF ANY KIND OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. THE CHURCHES ALONG THE ROAD WILL SUFFER FROM THE NOISE LEVELS AS WELL AS THE RESIDENCES. MANY OF THE RESIDENTS OF FOREST HILL RD. AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS THAT WILL SHOW AN INCREASE IN TRAFFIC DUE TO THIS PROJECT HAVE LIVED IN THEIR HOUSES FOR DECADES. THIS PROJECT WILL CHANGE THE WAYS IN WHICH THEY ARE ABLE TO RELATE TO EACH OTHER. IT WILL ALSO SERVE TO ISOLATE THE ELDERLY AND AGING RESIDENT WHO ARE A LARGE SEGMENT OF THIS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY.

THEY HAVE VOICED THEIR FEAR OF USING THE MINI-HIGHWAY THAT WILL RUN CLOSE OUTSIDE OF THEIR FRONT DOORS. THERE IS SIMPLY NO NEED TO CHANGE THE FUNCTION OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD ROAD.

THE INDUCED CHANGES TO LAND USE WILL ALSO SERVE TO REDUCE COMMUNITY COHESION IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS ON AND SURROUNDING FOREST HILL ROAD.

THE PROJECTED SOUND LEVELS ARE IN EXCESS OF FEDERAL LIMITS. THE NOISE LEVELS FOR THE RESIDENCES JUST BEHIND THOSE LINING THE ROAD WERE NOT GIVEN, BUT IT IS NOT UNREASONABLE TO ASSUME THEY WILL SHOW A DRAMATIC INCREASE AS WELL. THERE IS NO POSSIBLE MITIGATION FOR THIS UNACCEPTABLE SOUND LEVEL. IT IS VERY DISTURBING TO ME TO HEAR MR. PALLADI FROM GDOT CONTINUE TO GIVE HIS DISCOURSE ON HUMAN REACTIONS TO SOUND LEVELS. HE MAINTAINS THAT IT IS ONLY VARIANCE IN SOUND LEVELS THAT DISTURBS PEOPLE NOT EXCESSIVE NOISE. THE FEDERAL LIMITS EXIST FOR A REASON. STUDY AFTER STUDY SHOWS THAT ~~D~~ CONSTANT NOISE DOES AFFECT PEOPLE, IT INCREASES

STRESS, DAMAGES HEARING, AND PROHIBITS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN DUST, ODOR, AND POLLUTION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. MACON EXPECTS TO BE DESIGNATED NON-ATTAINMENT THIS SUMMER. THIS PROJECT CAN ONLY EXACERBATE THIS CONDITION, PARTICULARLY IN THE IMMEDIATE PROJECT AREA. THERE WILL ALSO BE A GREATLY INCREASED PROBLEM WITH NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION FROM THE ROAD AND ITS OVER-LARGE IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

AT THE PRESENT TIME, FOREST HILL RD. IS A NEIGHBORHOOD ROAD WITH A MATURE TREE CANOPY THAT LINES, AND IN SOME PLACES, OVERHANGS THE ROAD. AESTHETICALLY, IT IS BEAUTIFUL. THE OVER-WIDE SWATH THAT THIS ROAD WILL CUT THROUGH THE HEART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WILL FOREVER ALTER THIS BEAUTIFUL SCENE. THE ROAD WILL ALSO TAKE A HUGE PART OF MOST FRONT YARDS ALONG THE ROAD MAKING THEIR DWELLINGS MUCH LESS ATTRACTIVE, LIVABLE, AND SALEABLE. LARGE RETAINING WALLS IN FRONT OF SEVERAL HOMES WILL BE A SERIOUS

THERE IS NO POSSIBLE AESTHETIC VALUE TO THE PROJECT. IT CAN ONLY DO SERIOUS HARM TO EXISTING HOMES AND THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES ON THE ROAD.

OUR COMMUNITY HAS IDENTIFIED OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AS ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT ASSETS. THESE VALUES ARE CLEARLY EVIDENT IN COMMENTS MADE IN A KINDS OF VARIED PUBLIC MEETINGS. THIS PROJECT IS CLEARLY IN VIOLATION OF OUR COMMUNITY GOAL TO PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE THAT WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH THESE GOALS; IT DID NOT APPEAR IN THE EA.

WIDENING OF THIS ROAD WILL INDUCE INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE CHANGES, AND WILL BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH CURRENT ZONING. THIS WILL BE MOST EVIDENT ALONG THE 4-LANE SECTION. IT WILL INDUCE A CHANGE FROM RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL. EVERY ROAD OF THIS TYPE IN MACON SHOWS A SHIFT FROM RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL. REAL ESTATE AGENTS AND EVEN OUR COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMEN INDICATED TO ME THAT THEY KNOW THIS SHIFT WILL OCCUR. THIS CHANGE WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF OUR ZONING PLANS

AND IT IS IN VIOLATION OF THE
DESIRES OF THE COMMUNITY.

THIS PROJECT WAS NOT CONSIDERED
AS A POSSIBLE PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE
TRANSIT PLAN. IN LIGHT OF OUR
NON-ATTAINMENT STATUS THIS
PROJECT SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED
UNLESS CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN
TO A TRANSIT PLAN. WE MUST ADDRESS
THIS DEFICIENCY IN OUR PLANNING
PROCESS NOW.

There was no "Project Design Team" on this project

The TAC of the RIP that includes a voting member from GaDOT, voted to employ a project design team on all controversial projects in the RIP. Forest Hill Road has always been a part of the RIP (and a contested part at that). This is clearly a project that should have this kind of interaction with the stakeholders in the community. In violation of this agreement, no project design team was empanelled for Forest Hill Road. No EA should be approved until this process has been completed. Any alternatives promulgated by this team should be added to a future draft EA and resubmitted for public comment.

The plan was misrepresented to the Citizen's Advisory Committee to the MATS.

At the CAC meeting prior to the public meeting, the only page given to members to consider was the 3-lane section of this project. Why wasn't the entire project on the agenda? The CAC is given certain responsibilities by the Federal Highway Administration, and they are unable to carry them out if they are given incomplete information. This is part of a pattern of problems that citizens see in this community with the MATS program.

The Plan does not accurately reflect population changes

The population in Bibb County has been stable with negligible growth for the last 10 years. Future projections do not see this changing. There will be no increase in traffic volumes due to population increases. The area is already built almost to capacity, and there is very little traffic that can come from new development. These measurable and observable facts are not considered in the EA.

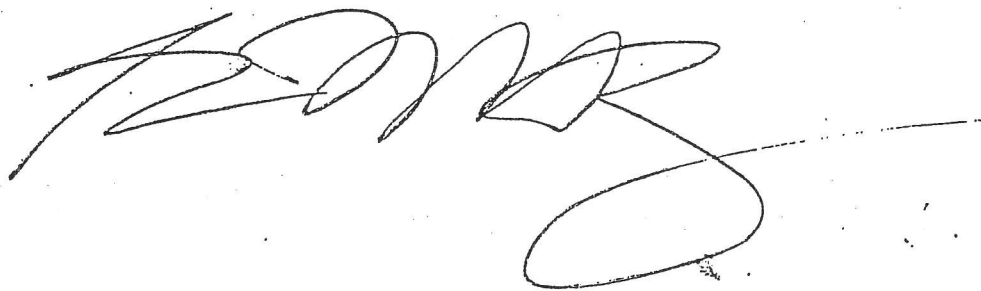
The EA does not address all geographic data

There is a creek missing on the project plan. This is very significant as it represents a clear environmental threat, and a threat to the property owner. No plan should be approved unless it ACCURATELY reflects all known physical and demographic information. Are there other creeks missing too? What else is missing? This omission casts doubt on the ability of the consultants to do an adequate job on an EA.

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WHEN ALL OF THE PROBLEMS IN THE EA ARE CONSIDERED, IT SHOULD BE REJECTED BY FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION. THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT PLANNING PROBLEMS, DATA ERRORS, DATA OMISSIONS, AND A CONSISTENT DISREGARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. THIS IS GDOT A PATTERN IN MACON, AND A PATTERN IN EA'S COMPLETED BY MORELAND ALTOBELLI. IF A BUILD ALTERNATIVE THAT PRESERVES THE NEIGHBORHOOD CAN NOT BE PRODUCED BY GDOT THAN NO BUILD IS THE ONLY OPTION FOR OUR COMMUNITY. ALL BUILD OPTIONS PRESENTED IN THE EA ARE UNACCEPTABLE.

SUSAN HANBERG

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Susan Hanberg, written over a horizontal line.

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Name

Frederick E. Hatcher

Address

1124 Normandy Road
Macon GA 31210Do you support the project? No

Comments Forest Hill Rd is a neighborhood Road for traffic living in the area. Vineville, Northside, + Riveridge Drive provide access to any location in Macon. Increasing the volume of traffic on Forest Hill serves no purpose for making travel faster or safer. It will open up new developments for commercialization in a nice neighborhood that has been well established for over 60 years.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio X

Newspaper _____

Signs _____

Word of Mouth XWas the location of the meeting convenient for you to attend? yesIf no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community noWas 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

Christina Hatcher
1124 Normandy Road
Macon, GA 31210

Do you support the project? NO

Comments Traffic moves at a steady rate down Forest Hill as it is now. Maximum it takes to turn onto Forest Hill from a side road such as Normandy is a minute or two. This is a residential area and should remain so. This widening would just increase traffic and time to move through the area. I have lived on Normandy Road for six years and only seen one accident. Higher traffic would increase that and raise the danger level for our children living in the residential area!!

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio _____

Newspaper _____

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, although not
valid

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

fine as is, might have offered over two days

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Name
AddressCurtis Heath
1247 Normandy Rd
Macon, Ga 31210

Do you support the project?

No

Comments

This will add more traffic on the
road & we don't need this. No cul-de-sac.
~~More traffic! more wrecks.~~ We do not need a racetrack
It will be a mess & we don't need that.

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

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Were your questions answered by the DOT personnel?

Yes

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

Yes

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Name
AddressBecky Heath
1247 Normandy Rd.
Macon, Ga 31210

Do you support the project?

NO

Comments

We need to keep the neighborhood
like it is. We don't need a race track.
This will be a shortcut to the Mall.
We need to keep the trees. NO
CUT - DE - SAC.

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

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Yes

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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

Michael Heath
1247 Normandy Rd.
Macon, Ga 31210

Do you support the project?

No

Comments

No cul-de-sac, No sidewalks,
We will have more accidents if we have a
suicide lane, we don't need a racetrack;
We need to keep it like it is.
We would have wrecks if we have
lane merges into each other. What about
keeping the land like it is.

How did you hear about this meeting? Radio

Newspaper

Signs

Word of Mouth

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Yes

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June 17, 2001

Department of Transportation State of Georgia
#2 Capitol Square, S.W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30334-1002

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

To Whom It May Concern:

We opposed the Forest Hill Road project for the following reasons:

- Because it will increase traffic
- It would encourage speeders, this will increase accidents, and in turn this would increase the severity of injuries in an accident.
- It would take the beauty from the historic neighborhood, and cause a lot of the people in the area a lot of problems with the increase of the traffic
- It will increase the noise and pollution levels
- It would increase more traffic onto the side streets creating new and dangerous conditions on roads that are now safe.
- Access by emergency services (ambulance, fire, and police) to Overlook Avenue, The Prado, Drury Drive, and the greater Overlook area will be seriously compromised by proposed road closures and cul-de-sacs.
- We don't think the frequency of accidents would decrease with the addition of turn lanes, because you will have a big increase of traffic flow, and in turn the probability of an accident will increase. Because, the rear-end collisions are caused by people not paying attention, and if you put more lanes in the area it will encouraged more hot rod drivers.
- Also, after seeing many roads being widened in the Middle Georgia area and in the Macon area the projects are never completed on time, the roads are not drained properly, mostly like the first contractor will not complete the job. The whole area will be muddy due to poor plannings, they will be hitting gas and water lines. They will knock down electrical lines and cause power outages. If you don't believe me, just check out the history of when they widening Northside Drive. Everything that could go wrong went wrong. Also, check your records on the roadwork that was done on Log Cabin. It took over a year, and the first contractor didn't know what they were doing, and finally someone recognized it, and got another contractor to do the work. This was a waste of our tax money and a lot of problems with the traffic for no reason.

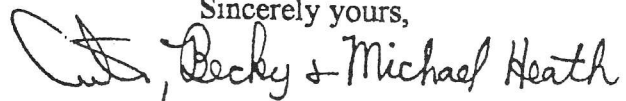
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In summary, let keep Forest Hill Road as is, and let the people who would want to go to other part of the town use Riverside Drive, Northside Drive or I-75 to get where they are going, instead of taking short cuts through our area.

If you have any questions, please call us at (478) 477-9676. Our address is 1247 Normandy Road, Macon, Ga. 31210. Our final thought is that we are always for progress, however there is a time and place for everything.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Curtis, Becky & Michael Heath in cursive script.

Curtis, Becky & Michael Heath

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 Becky & Michael Heath
Curtis, Becky & Michael Heath

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Name Dan Mills and Laura Hemminger
Address 1001 Hill Pl.
Macon, Ga. 31210

Do you support the project? No!

Comments Current roads support traffic effectively and
there is no need for construction which would create
more problems than it would solve. Please find an alternative
to this proposed plan.

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

Signs _____ Word of Mouth _____

Flyer /

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? _____

The meeting is fine just don't do the project.

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Name
Address

John P. Henneberry
3879 The Prado

Do you support the project? _____

Comments

I am not for making any changes at all. However, if the project is going through anyway, I am for the proposal that would face both The Prado and overlook.

I feel that if a left turn lane with a left turn signal were implemented at the Ridge - Forest Hill intersection, very little if this construction would be needed & traffic flow would increase. I am very concerned about traffic.

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Newspaper _____

Signs _____

Word of Mouth _____

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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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noise & emissions, I feel the additional traffic on Forest Hill Rd. will ~~greatly~~ greatly lessen our quality of life. As a lifelong resident of Macon, it concerns me that local politicians are constantly attacking our neighborhoods & destroying the beauty of Macon.