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Bleckley County...

GDOT holding Detour Open House for SR 87 widening

COCHRAN - The Georgia Department of Transportation will host a June 20 open house for the public to review and comment on its proposed detour for the four-mile state Route (SR) 87/Cochran Bypass widening and reconstruction project. Bleckley County High School at 1 Royal Drive in Cochran will hold the event from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

In addition to the widening, the \$12 million proposed project will convert an at-grade railroad crossing to an overpass bridge. Right turn lanes and a signal will also be added at the intersection of SR 126/Chester Road and the Cochran Bypass.

During construction of the railroad overpass bridge, traffic will be detoured off of the Bypass and onto SR 87 Business. A second detour is also proposed for later in the construction process; once the railroad overpass bridge and SR 87 widening are complete, traffic will be detoured off of SR 87 Business while that roadway is tied into the newly widened Bypass.

This open house offers the public an opportunity to view the proposed detours and project, ask questions and comment. It will be informal with no presentation.

The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by calling Cissy McNure at 478.553.3407.

Written statements will be accepted concerning this project until **Thursday, June 30**. Individuals may submit/mail statements to:

Eric Duff, State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street, NW – 16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

You can also provide your comments by **Thursday, June 30** using any of the following methods:

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- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 1. From the menu, select Bleckley and click *Go*;
 2. Then select: *State Route 87 Widening and Reconstruction*;
 3. Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

The project displays and plans will be available for review 10 days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the Georgia DOT Dublin Office, 2003 US Highway 441 South. Following the 10-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta address listed above.

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