



DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed Phase I widening of County Road (CR) 817/Lee Road and CR 818/South Sweetwater Road, PI Number 0013563. We are currently in the concept phase of this project and are here to gather information from the public as well as to share information that we have gathered.

In this handout, you will find a description of the transportation issue we are attempting to solve, a proposed solution, a location map, and a comment card for you to provide additional feedback for the project team.

Your comments are important to us. You may provide your comments today by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box. If you wish to provide your verbal comments, a court reporter is located onsite who will transcribe your comments and provide those to the project team.

If you prefer to leave comments after the meeting, you can also provide comments by Friday, February 28, 2025 using any of the following methods:

- Online: <https://www.douglascountyga.gov/879/0013563-Lee-RoadS-Sweetwater-Widening-PI>
- Mail in your comment card to Suleman Rana, Douglas County, 8700 Hospital Drive, Douglasville, Georgia 30134.

The project displays and plans seen here at the meeting will be available for review for thirty (30) days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available for seven (7) days at the GDOT College Park District 7 Area 3 Office located at 4125 Roosevelt Highway, College Park, GA 30349. All comments will become part of the project's official record and will be responded to by March 31, 2025.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Elliott Bryson III, at 404-631-1530 or the environmental analyst, Rachel Staley, at 678-247-2453 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

Suleman Rana

Suleman Rana, MS, PE
Douglas County Managing Director of Transportation

Why are we here and what is the issue we are seeking to address within your community?

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is seeking feedback about a proposed solution to improve traffic flow, minimize vehicular delays, and reduce crashes along CR 817/Lee Road and CR 818/South Sweetwater Road.

Current conditions along CR 817/Lee Road and CR 818/South Sweetwater Road

- Increasing traffic levels, vehicular delays, and high level of crashes
 - 2023 Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) along the corridor is 13,375 vehicles daily and currently operates at Level of Service (LOS)* C in the morning and D in the evening. Future (2051) traffic volumes are projected to be 18,675 vehicles daily operating at LOS D in the morning E in the evening.
 - For the three-year period from 2019 to 2021 (latest data available), crash rates and injury crash rates for this section of corridor were more than double the statewide average for a similar functional classification of road (Minor Arterial, Urbanized).
- Lee Road/South Sweetwater Road consists of two 12-ft lanes with rural/variable width grass shoulders and intermittent sidewalks.
- No raised medians to separate opposite moving traffic except a small portion of CR 817/Lee Road starting south from Vulcan Drive.

**LOS refers to the condition or performance of a roadway, with a score of "A" representing a highly performing roadway and an "F" representing a poorly performing roadway.*

Without this Project (No Build):

- Traffic levels would continue to increase
- Vehicular delays would continue to increase
- High number of vehicular crashes would not be addressed
- Sidewalks and shoulders would not be improved
- No medians would be added as a traffic control measure

Proposed Solution: (Also See Project Location Map & Proposed Typical Section Graphic, Attached)

In order to reduce crashes and improve traffic flow and vehicular delays, Douglas County proposes widening (CR) CR 817/Lee Road/South Sweetwater Road beginning at the intersection of Lee Road and Vulcan Drive and extending north approximately 1.4 miles to the intersection of South Sweetwater Road and US 78/SR 5/SR 8/Veterans Memorial Highway. From the southern terminus to Skyview drive, the proposed typical section would consist of a 4-lane divided urban section with four 11-ft lanes, 20-ft raised median, 2.5-ft curb & gutter, a 2-ft grass beauty strip, a 5-ft sidewalk along one shoulder and an 8-ft trail along the other. From Skyview Drive to US 78/SR 5/SR 8/Veterans Memorial Highway, the typical section would be a 3-lane urban section with two 11-ft lanes with a 14-ft two-way-left-turn-lane, 2.5-ft curb & gutter, a 2-ft grass beauty strip, a 5-ft sidewalk along one shoulder and an 8-ft multi-use trail along the other. The project also proposes to realign Lee Road/South Sweetwater Road as the through movement where Lee Road currently intersects Sweetwater Road at a T-intersection.

Benefits of Project Implementation:

- Improved traffic flow
- Decreased vehicular delays
- Reduced crash rates
- Improved pedestrian path facilities, shoulders and medians
- Other major intersections on the corridor would also benefit from these improvements

- Improved connectivity between activity centers in the eastern portion of the County and alternate routes for traffic around the City of Douglasville, which falls in line with the Douglas County Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

How Can You Assist: Please provide feedback about our proposed solution as well as information about any resources important to you or to the community. Are there events that future construction may affect once it begins?

Where is this project in the process? This project is currently in the concept phase. The concept phase defines the existing issue seeking to be resolved along with a proposed solution that will meet the community's needs.

What are the Next Steps? After the public meeting is held, feedback will be assessed, revisions may occur to the proposed plan initially brought to the public, or the no build alternative will be selected. Once a Concept Report is approved, the project alignment would be refined. If major changes occur to what was previously shown to the community, additional public outreach would occur. If no major changes are proposed, the project would advance to right-of-way acquisition and into final design. After all right-of-way acquisition occurs, project design is finalized, and the project would advance to construction.



Figure 1. Project Location Map

CR 817/Lee Road/South Sweetwater Road - Phase I - GRTA
P.I. No. 0013563, Douglas County

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Feet

Source: ESRI World Street Map

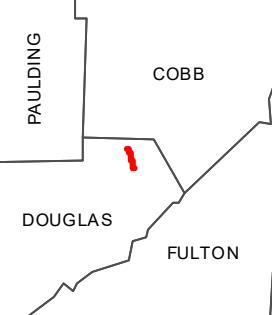
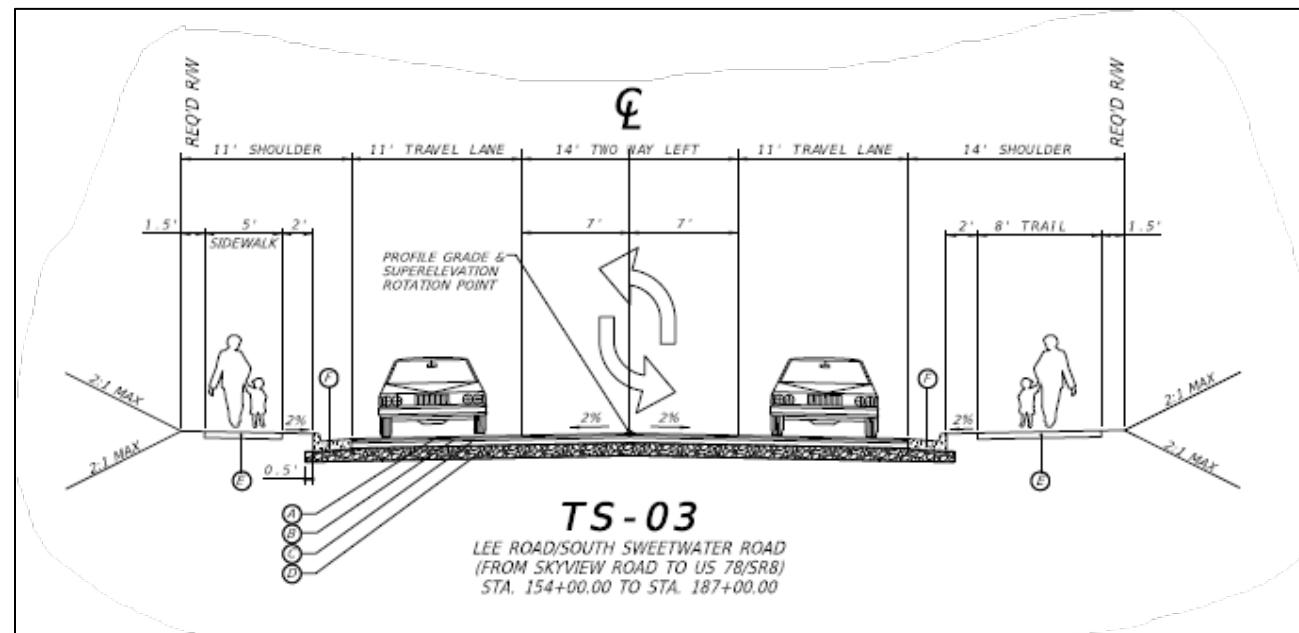
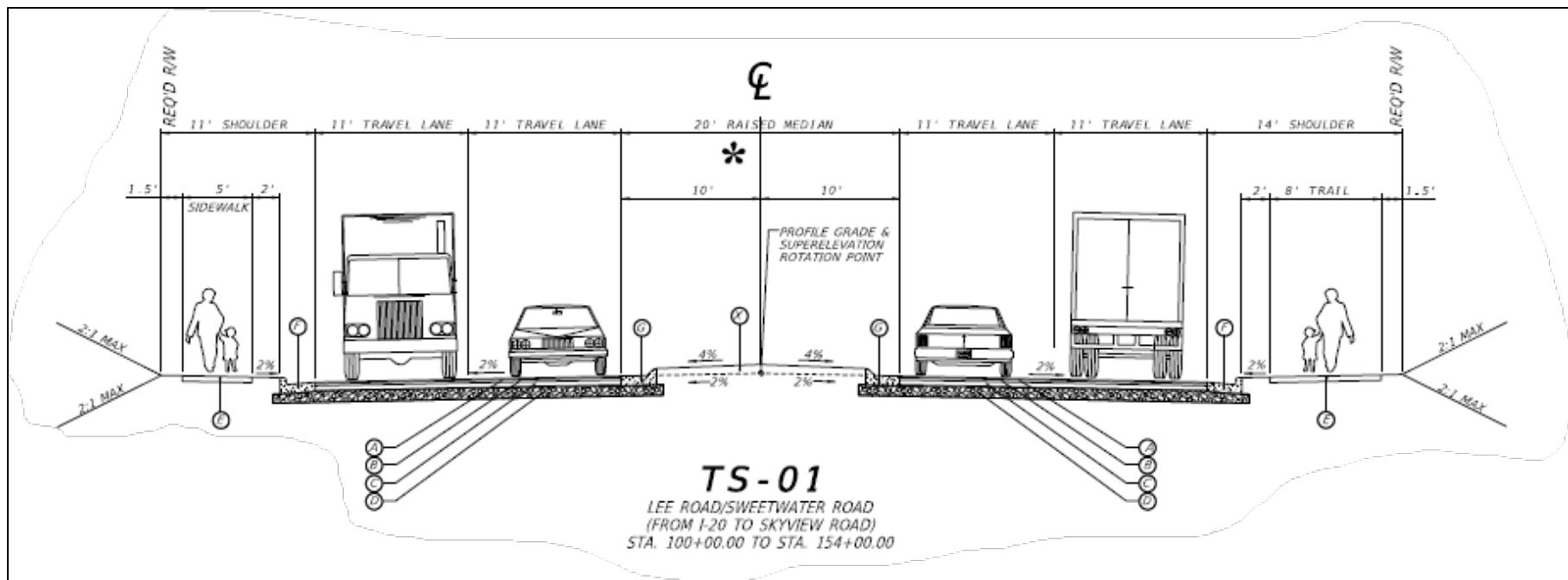


Figure 2: Proposed Typical Section Graphic



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? (check your response)

For **Against** **Conditional (I would support this project if... describe below)** **Uncommitted**

Comments: _____

Help Douglas County Improve Future Meetings:

Advertising: How Did you hear about the meeting: Newspaper County Website Word of mouth Social Media Post card Other _____

Attendance: Did you attend in person? Yes No

Questions:	Answer	If answer is no please provide a suggestion/comment
Was the location convenient?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Was the time convenient?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Were your questions answered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you understand the project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Were Materials understandable?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways Douglas County conducts or advertises Open Houses:

Mail to:

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