



# SCOPING REPORT

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## Chapter 1 Introduction

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The City of Savannah, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), has been leading a multi-year planning and design effort (known locally as “Project DeRenne”) to study and develop feasible solutions to inadequate mobility and congestion along DeRenne Avenue, a major arterial roadway that serves as a critical east-west connection within the City of Savannah and Chatham County.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process began with GDOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) identifying an Environmental Assessment (EA) as the appropriate level of documentation for Project DeRenne. When the NEPA process began, and based on what was known about project alternatives and environmental resources at the time, significant environmental impacts were not known. While adverse effects were anticipated, the level of significance of these effects, in terms of context and intensity, was not clear. As detailed studies of the social and cultural environmental were underway, an evaluation of project impacts revealed the likelihood for significant adverse impacts to the community and to historic resources. The FHWA made the decision to elevate the NEPA process to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which is required when significant impacts due to the proposed action are anticipated.

The preparation of an EIS must involve NEPA’s early and open process for determining the scope of the issues to be addressed. Scoping refers to a formal exchange of information, and scoping activities are aimed at engaging interested parties in the decision making process to identify alternatives, potential impacts, and significant issues that need to be addressed in the EIS. Accordingly, FHWA formally initiated the EIS and scoping process with the publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) in the *Federal Register* on July 18, 2017 (see Appendix A). The EIS is intended to assess the potential social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed new location roadway (West DeRenne/Hampstead Connector) and operational improvements along West DeRenne and East DeRenne Avenues from I-516 to Truman Parkway. GDOT and the City of Savannah conducted an agency scoping meeting on October 25, 2017 and a public scoping meeting on February 13, 2018, to solicit agency and public comments. Agency scoping was sought to help guide the study and discussion of the need and purpose, evaluation of alternatives, resource identification methodologies, and the mitigation strategies. Comments were received during the public scoping meeting (written and oral) and during the scoping period, which ended on March 15, 2018, through the project website ([www.projectderenne.com](http://www.projectderenne.com)).

Many public outreach activities were conducted prior to the publication of the NOI to prepare an EIS, and those activities are still considered part of the project scoping process as they were integral to the development of project alternatives and an understanding of likely project impacts. This scoping report contains a description of Project DeRenne, documents the Project DeRenne scoping process, and summarizes the agency and public comments received during the scoping period.

## Proposed Project

DeRenne Avenue is a major arterial (five to six lanes) connecting two high-capacity, controlled-access facilities (I-516 and the Truman Parkway) that serves as a critical east-west connection within the City of Savannah and Chatham County. In addition to regional travel conveyance, DeRenne Avenue also provides access to and from Hunter Army Airfield, two regional hospitals (St. Joseph's/Candler and Memorial University Medical Center, one of only four Level I trauma centers in Georgia), a large technical college, and several public schools. The abundance of peak-hour travel demand on DeRenne Avenue, coupled with the transition from free flow travel on I-516 to a signal-controlled arterial, results in heavy congestion along DeRenne Avenue that restricts regional travel and mobility. In addition to heavy congestion, the pedestrian network along DeRenne Avenue is fragmented, bike facilities are not present, and poor access management along the corridor make DeRenne Avenue less than suitable for alternative modes of transportation.

Project DeRenne consists of a new location roadway (Boulevard/Hampstead Connector) and operational improvements along West DeRenne and East DeRenne Avenues in Savannah, Georgia from I-516 to Truman Parkway. Three separate projects are included in the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), adopted June 28, 2017 that together provide solutions that address congestion on I-516/State Route 21 (SR 21) and DeRenne Avenue. Project DeRenne includes the following three projects:

- PI 0008358, I-516 at CS 1503/DeRenne Avenue, also known as the “Boulevard;”
- PI 0010236, SR 21 from CS 346/Mildred Street to SR 204, referred to as “West DeRenne Avenue Improvements;” and
- PI 0008359, East DeRenne Avenue from SR 204 to Harry S. Truman Parkway, referred to as “East DeRenne Avenue Improvements” (see Figures 1A-1C).

The purpose of the proposed projects is to:

- Enhance mobility by reducing existing queuing and delay to improve corridor travel times,
- Improve the operational performance of the W. DeRenne Avenue signalized intersections (specifically the heavy eastbound to southbound and northbound to westbound movements around Hunter Army Airfield),
- Improve pedestrian accommodations along DeRenne Avenue, and
- Improve access management along DeRenne Avenue.

Even though Project DeRenne consists of the three separate projects described above, for simplicity, it will be referred to jointly as *the project* hereafter.

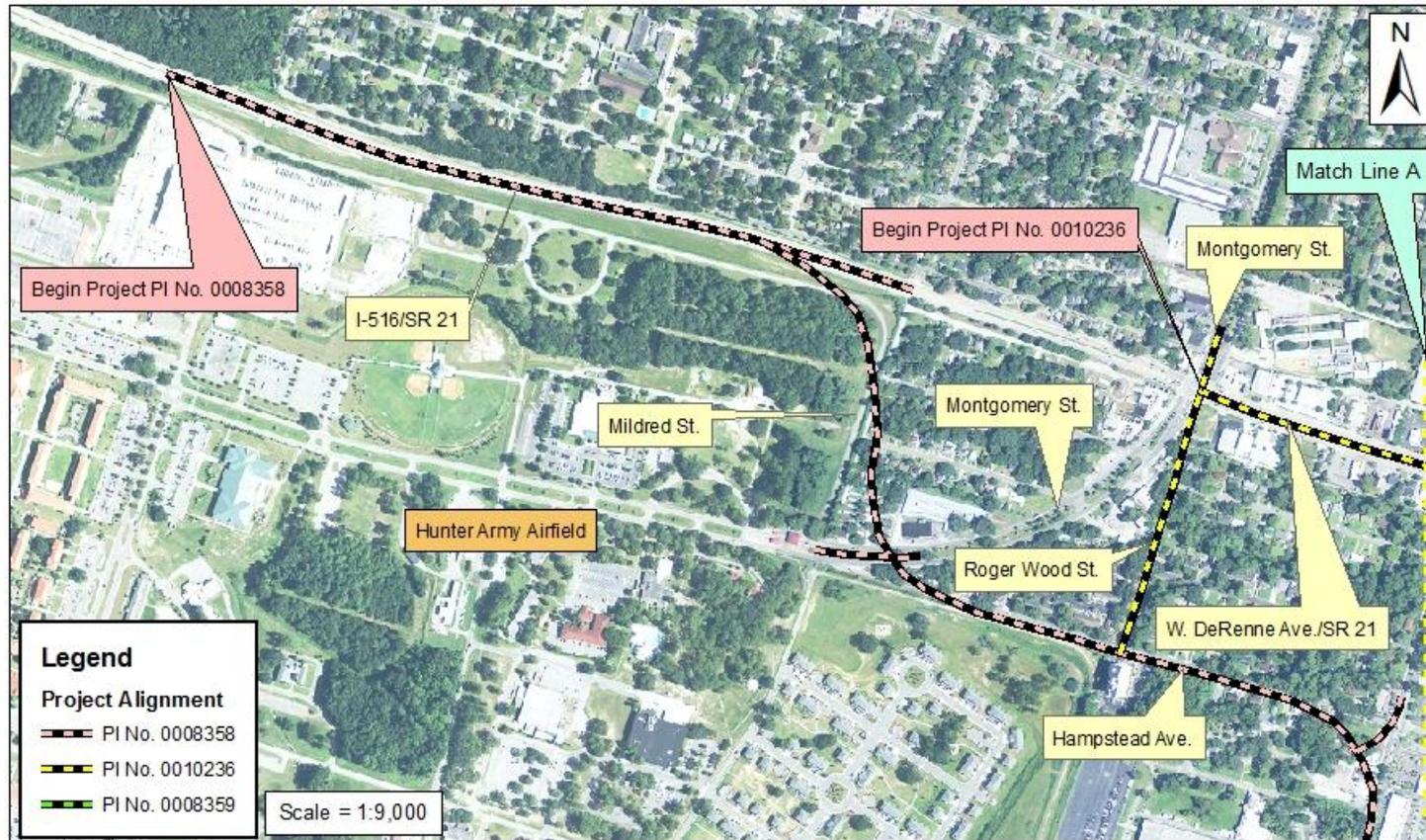
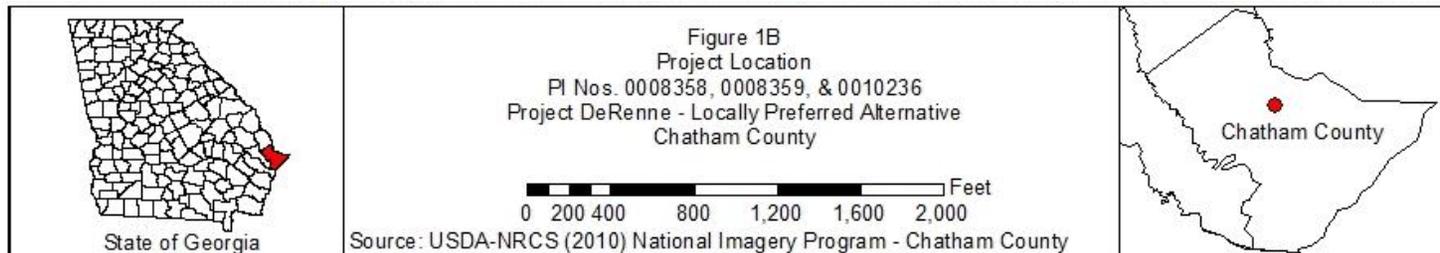
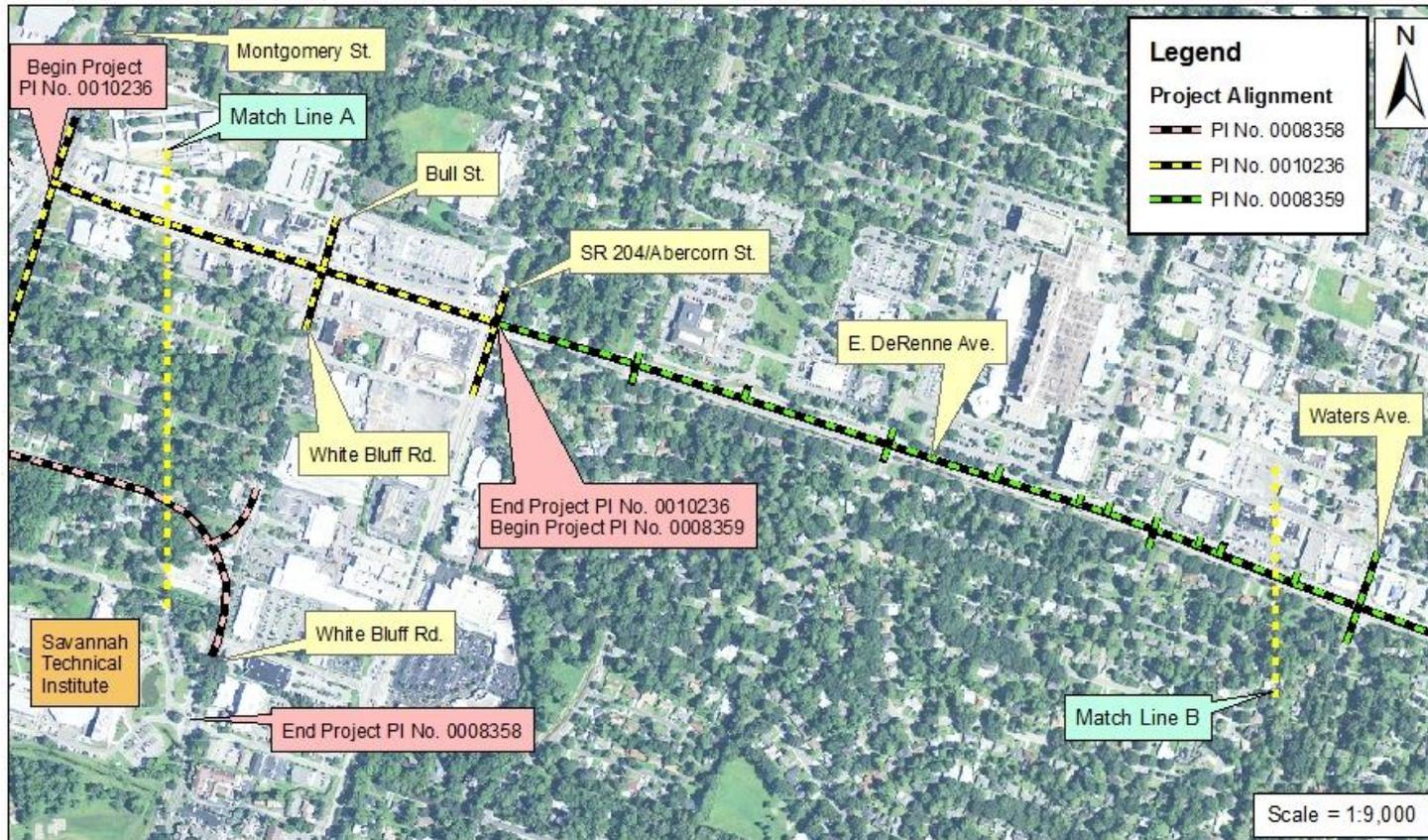


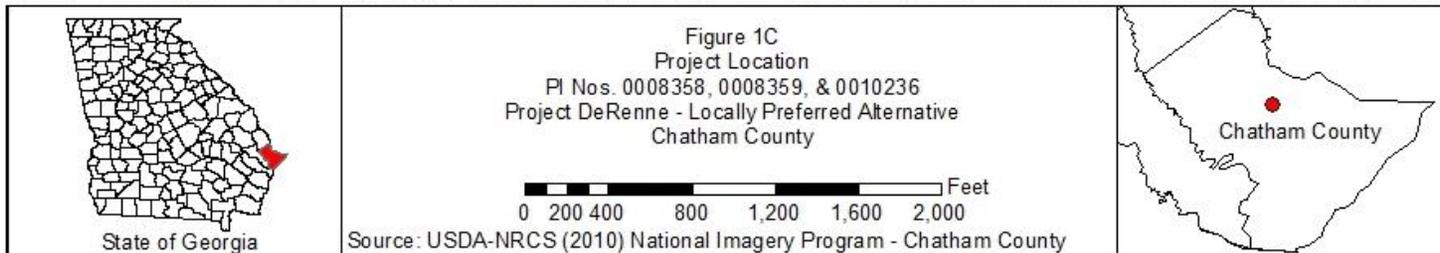
Figure 1A  
Project Location  
PI Nos. 0008358, 0008359, & 0010236  
Project DeRenne - Locally Preferred Alternative  
Chatham County

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Source: USDA-NRCS (2010) National Imagery Program - Chatham County







## Chapter 2 Scoping

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### Purpose of Scoping

Participation is critical to the NEPA scoping process. The purpose of scoping is to engage any interested parties in the decision making process, including federal, state, tribal, and local agencies; local residents and businesses; affected property owners; and other stakeholders. The exchanging of information that is facilitated in the scoping process helps to identify the significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS and to narrow the scope of the EIS by determining which issues are insignificant or already covered (40 CFR 1501.7). Ultimately the process is used to identify a range of alternatives, potential impacts, the significant issues to be addressed in the EIS, and potential mitigation strategies. The specific purpose of the scoping process for Project DeRenne was to:

- encourage participation by interested parties in the preparation of the EIS,
- provide access to information about the proposed project,
- encourage interested parties to provide their information and comments, and
- facilitate an open conversation between the City of Savannah, GDOT, and interested parties.

### Scoping Process

The City of Savannah and GDOT offer opportunities for agency coordination and public participation through agency and public meetings, workshops, the project website, and review and comment of the Draft and Final EIS.

On February 28, 2017, in compliance with Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users of 2005 (SAFETEA-LU), GDOT formally notified FHWA of its intent to initiate a NEPA EIS process for the proposed project. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS was published in the *Federal Register* on July 18, 2017 (82 FR 32913). The *Federal Register* notice is included in Appendix A.

Section 6002 of the SAFETEA-LU requires that the lead agency establish a plan for coordinating public and agency participation and comment during the environmental review process. The Agency Coordination Plan (ACP) and Public Involvement Plan (PIP) will be discussed in more detail in later sections of this report.

## Chapter 3 Agency Coordination

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An Agency Coordination Plan (ACP) was prepared to facilitate and document the lead agency's structured interaction with other agencies during the environmental review process and to inform the other agencies of how the coordination will be accomplished. The ACP also identifies how inputs from agencies will be solicited and considered.

The ACP:

- identified early coordination efforts;
- identified cooperating and participating agencies to be involved in agency coordination;
- established the timing and form for agency involvement in defining the project's purpose and need, study area, the range of alternatives to be investigated, and methodologies, as well as in reviewing the DEIS draft and the selection of the preferred alternative and mitigation strategies.

Coordination with several agencies has been on-going since the NEPA process began in 2010. Early coordination efforts included requests for information about known resources or expertise within the project area. Several agencies have already provided critical inputs into the development of technical studies and will continue to play key roles.

Following the publication of the NOI, a Project Scoping Booklet and a request for agency participation in the federal environmental review process as either a cooperating or participating agency were delivered to 16 agencies, officials, and organizations on September 14, 2017. Table 1 lists the agencies that received the initial coordination package and their designation as either a cooperating or participating agency. Copies of the Agency Scoping Meeting announcement and all correspondence received in response to the initial coordination request are included in Appendices B and C, respectively.

### **Cooperating Agencies**

Cooperating agencies are those governmental agencies specifically requested by the lead agency to participate during the environmental review process for the project. FHWA's NEPA regulations (23 CFR 771.111(d)) require that those federal agencies with jurisdiction by law (with permitting or land transfer authority) be invited to be cooperating agencies for an EIS. In addition, "a cooperating agency may adopt without re-circulating an EIS of a lead agency when, after an independent review of the statement, the cooperating agency concludes that its comments and suggestions have been satisfied" (40 C.F.R. § 1506.3). This provision is particularly important to permitting agencies, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who, as a cooperating agency, may choose to adopt federal environmental documents.

Agencies that have agreed to serve as cooperating agencies for this project are the US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District (Corps of Engineers); the Hunter Army Airfield (HAAF); and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**Table 1 Lead, Cooperating and Participating Agencies**

AGENCY NAME	CATEGORY
Federal	
FHWA – Georgia Division	Lead Federal Agency
US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District	Cooperating Agency
US Department of Defense – Hunter Army Airfield	Cooperating Agency
US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4	Cooperating Agency
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Participating Agency
US Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	Participating Agency
US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	Participating Agency
US Geological Survey (USGS)	Participating Agency
Advisory Council for Historic Preservation	Participating Agency
State	
GDOT	Lead State Agency
GA Department of Natural Resources (GADNR) - Coastal Resources Division	Participating Agency
GA Department of Natural Resources (GADNR) - Historic Preservation Division/State Historic Preservation Officer HPD/SHPO	Participating Agency
GA Department of Natural Resources (GADNR) - Environmental Protection Division (EPD)	Participating Agency
Technical College System of Georgia - Savannah Technical College	Participating Agency
Regional	
Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE)	Participating Agency
Local	
City of Savannah	Project Sponsor
Chatham County Board of Commissioners	Participating Agency
Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission	Participating Agency

### Participating Agencies

Participating agencies are federal and non-federal governmental agencies that may have an interest in the project because of their jurisdictional authority, special expertise, and/or statewide interest. These participating agencies are formally invited to participate in the environmental review of the project. Per SAFETEA-LU, a federal agency invited to participate shall be designated as a participating agency unless the agency declines the invitation by the specified deadline (30 days). If a federal agency chooses to decline, their response letter must state that the agency (1) has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the project, (2) has no expertise or information relevant to the project, and (3) does not intend to submit comments on the project.

If the federal agency's response does not state the agency's position in these terms, then the agency will be treated as a participating agency.

A Native American Tribal Government and state or local agency must respond affirmatively to the invitation in order to be designated as a participating agency. If the state, tribal, or local agency fails to respond or declines the invitation, regardless of the reasons for declining, the agency will not be considered a participating agency. The following tribes were invited to be participating agencies by the GDOT Office of Environmental Services (OES) tribal liaison in a letter dated September 14, 2017: the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Kialegee Tribal Town, Cherokee Nation, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Shawnee Tribe, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, and Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town.

The project's lead agencies, FHWA and GDOT, are responsible for determining who will be invited as a participating agency. If, during the progress of the project, new information indicates that an agency not previously requested to be a participating agency does indeed have authority, jurisdiction, acknowledged expertise or information relevant to the project, then FHWA, in consultation with GDOT, will promptly extend an invitation to that agency to be a participating agency. GDOT and FHWA will consider whether this new information affects any previous decisions on the project.

### **Agency Coordination Efforts**

The cooperating and participating agencies for this project have roles and responsibilities that include, but are not limited to:

- participating in the NEPA process starting at the earliest possible time, especially with regard to the purpose and need statement, range of alternatives, and methodologies;
- identifying, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts;
- providing meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues; and
- reviewing and providing comments on the preliminary draft of the DEIS and the preferred alternative.

The participating agencies have defined opportunities for meaningful participation in the environmental review process for the project. These opportunities are provided via the agency coordination points where review and input from the coordinating and participating agencies and the public will be specifically requested. For this project, these coordination points are discussed below.

### **Notice of Intent and Scoping Meeting:**

A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS was published in the *Federal Register* on July 18, 2017 (82 FR 32913), thus initiating the scoping period. GDOT and FHWA scheduled an Agency Scoping Meeting on October 25, 2017. A Scoping Booklet was provided to the agencies along with the meeting invitation on September 14, 2017. Project information, including project history, project need and purpose, studies conducted to date, project alternatives to be studied, and methodologies for evaluating project impacts, was covered at the Agency Scoping Meeting. Agencies were able to submit comments for a period of 30 days after the meeting. GDOT and FHWA formally responded to comments solicited from the agency scoping meeting. The comments and responses will be discussed in Chapter 4, Agency Scoping Meeting.

### **Need and Purpose Statement and Alternatives Analysis:**

The Need and Purpose Statement (Draft) and Alternatives Analysis were presented to the agencies for review and comment. Because the NEPA process for Project DeRenne began as an Environmental Assessment (outside the formal EIS process), these documents were fairly well-developed and were vetted through a rigorous public participation process from the local community. In fact, a locally preferred alternative was identified and project impacts to the human and natural environment are anticipated. However, the project sponsor, in coordination with GDOT and FHWA, invited further agency input. DEIS methodologies and alternatives were discussed at the Agency Scoping Meeting and continued to develop over the course of EIS development through collaboration with the appropriate resource agencies. The final methodologies will be included in the DEIS.

### **Identification of a Preferred Alternative and Project Mitigation Plan:**

The project team worked with agency and public stakeholders throughout the development of the DEIS to identify the locally preferred alternative to address the project's need and purpose. As mentioned previously, a locally preferred alternative has been identified and evaluated in technical studies that will support the DEIS. Because of the anticipated impacts associated with the locally preferred alternative, further collaboration with agency and public stakeholders was necessary to identify suitable mitigation strategies. A Project Mitigation Plan will be formalized and included in the DEIS.

### **DEIS and Public Hearing:**

Upon completion of the DEIS, copies will be distributed to the cooperating and participating agencies and others who have requested to be included in the distribution. In addition, copies will be made available for public review at local government offices in advance of the public hearing. A Notice of Availability (NOA) will be published in the *Federal Register*, which begins the 45-day public review period. A Public Hearing Open House (PHOH) will be held during the public review period. The PHOH will be an open house format where project plans and other information will be on display, and project representatives will be available for one-on-one conversations with attendees. Comments will be accepted at the open house in writing or may

be recorded through a court reporter. Comments will also be accepted for 30 days following the open house and can be submitted through the mail or the project website [www.ProjectDeRenne.com](http://www.ProjectDeRenne.com). All comments received will be responded to in writing within 45 days of the PHOH and will become part of the project record.

### **FEIS/ROD:**

The Final EIS/ROD will be prepared after the DEIS agency and public review period and will:

- disclose the outcome of the public review period,
- provide any revised information or data since the publication of the DEIS,
- present any modifications to the proposed action;
- identify the “selected alternative”,
- summarize mitigation measures that will be incorporated in the project and document any required Section 4(f) approval in accordance with part 774 of 23 CFR, and
- disclose the FHWA decision on the proposed action.

Per “Interim Guidance on MAP-21 Section 1319 Accelerated Decisionmaking in Environmental Reviews” the FHWA intends to utilize a combined FEIS/ROD for this project. Once finalized, copies of this document will be sent to the cooperating and participating agencies and public parties who have requested a copy. The NOA will be published in the Federal Register providing notification of the document’s availability for review and comment.

The FEIS/ROD concludes the federal environmental review process. A decision to continue moving forward with the proposed action would allow the next project phases to begin, including acquiring right-of-way and final design. GDOT and FHWA will continue to evaluate the project and will provide Environmental Reevaluations, including the status of any environmental commitments to be implemented during and/or post construction, until the project is let for construction. Also, other permits and approvals will be required prior to construction and are discussed below.

### **Other Required Permits and Approvals:**

The following permits and approvals are anticipated to be required prior to GDOT’s certification of the project for construction authorization:

- Section 404 Nationwide Permit 14 from the US Army Corps of Engineers,
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hunter Army Airfield (HAAF) regarding the terms and conditions of permanent easement to be granted by HAAF,
- MOU with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to minimize and/or mitigate effects to the historic resources, and
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit from the EPA.

## Chapter 4 Agency Scoping Meeting

GDOT, FHWA, and the City of Savannah hosted an agency scoping meeting for the Project DeRenne EIS on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at the GDOT General Office in Atlanta, Georgia from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Agencies were also given the opportunity to participate in the meeting via video conference or conference call. All cooperating and participating agencies listed in Table 1, previously presented, were invited to join the lead federal and state agencies and project sponsor.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive input and discuss the proposed project’s need and purpose, goals and objectives, range of alternatives, analysis methodologies, potential impacts, and mitigation planning. The meeting began with introductions of the agencies and their representatives. There was a formal PowerPoint presentation followed by an open discussion. The Agency Coordination Plan, Public Involvement Plan, and Environmental Checklist were distributed and the next steps in the EIS process were discussed.

A summary of the Agency Scoping Meeting, including examples of visual aids used in the PowerPoint presentation and meeting comments, are presented below.

### Agency Scoping Meeting Summary:

### Project DeRenne Phases

- **Phase I** included detailed traffic analysis and public outreach, *Guiding Principles*, and development of a strong community interest in corridor revitalization.
- **Phase II** consisted of the collaborative creation of evaluation criteria and the development of transportation and land use alternatives, resulting in the identification of a *locally preferred alternative*.
- **Phase III** includes a detailed *environmental review* of related impacts and preliminary design.
- **Phase IV** will include *final design* for the selected improvements.
- **Phase V** will include *implementation* of the selected improvements.

The history and future of Project DeRenne were discussed in phases. The project is currently in Phase III, environmental review. However, all previous and future phases were subject to discussion/input.

## Project Setting/Affected Environment

- **Ecological Resources** - Streams
- **Noise** – 3 walls currently reasonable and feasible. Public has expressed support of walls in past meetings.
- **Historic Resources** – 7 Eligible Historic Districts, 1 Eligible Individual Resource (Savannah Globe)
- **Community Resources** – Hunter Army Air Field, Medical Complex, Eruv, Savannah Technical College



The above slide included the affected resources that had been identified at the time of the meeting. The proposed project is anticipated to cause ecological, noise, historic resource, and community resource impacts. GDOT and the City of Savannah have, throughout the process, used principles of Context Sensitive Design (CSD) in developing the locally preferred alternative, as well as Complete Streets and principles of sustainability contained within those initiatives. The City of Savannah will continue to incorporate those principles into this project whenever feasible. GDOT initiated the Section 106 process early in project development and kept the SHPO informed of historic resource identification efforts and impact assessments. This will continue throughout project development, and local agencies and organizations with expertise in historic preservation will be engaged as the project progresses. Business impacts will be thoroughly assessed, and the City of Savannah will continue coordination efforts to ensure business participation. Furthermore, GDOT is in the process of identifying the best mechanisms for conveying relocation information and procedures to the public, particularly the typically underserved populations. Pamphlets and written information, as well as verbal dialogue, will be important in informing the public of their rights and of the procedures to obtain their feedback.

## Environmental Justice

Low-income and minority populations are present and concentrated on the west end of the corridor. High number of displacements expected in Poplar Place/University Place Neighborhoods



Based on the location of the environmental justice populations shown in the slide above, impacts are a concern for this project. A high number of displacements are expected in the University Place Neighborhood as well as in mobile home parks and an apartment complex along Montgomery and Hampstead Avenues. The outreach plan has targeted low-income and minority populations but also elderly populations to ensure their continued and meaningful participation in the EIS process.

## Public Involvement

- Traditional GDOT PIOH – April 23, 2013
- Project Website – City of Savannah
- Project Briefings
- Targeted Outreach
  - Savannah Summit
  - Pop-Up Neighborhood Outreach
  - 2014 Public Walk-Through
  - Savannah Technical College
- Future Public Outreach



Several public involvement opportunities related to Project DeRenne occurred before the EIS process was initiated. These previous public outreach activities were discussed at the Agency Scoping Meeting, and the EPA had specific questions involving the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings which were not advertised public meetings. The PAC was made up of

representatives from residential neighborhoods, business communities, and common interest groups to represent their interests. The Public Information Open House (PIOH) on April 23, 2013 was open to the public, and the public scoping meeting held on February 13, 2018 was also open to the public. Public outreach will be discussed in more detail in Chapters 5, 6, and 7.

## Next Steps

- **Public Scoping Meeting**
  - Early 2018
- **Alternatives Analysis**
- **Evaluation of Effects**
  - Section 106 AOE
  - Section 4(f)
  - Environmental Justice Analysis
- **Avoidance and Minimization Measures**



## EIS Schedule

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Notice of Intent      | July 18, 2017                 |
| • Scoping Meetings      | September 2017 – January 2018 |
| • DEIS                  | Summer 2018                   |
| • Public Review/Hearing | Early 2019                    |
| • FEIS/ROD              | Late 2019                     |



The next steps and EIS schedule were discussed, and the agencies were able to submit comments for a period of 30 days after the meeting.

## Agency Scoping Meeting Discussion and Comments:

Conclusions from the Agency Scoping Meeting included:

- There is no official deadline for becoming a cooperating agency, but it is preferable early in the scoping process.
- No HUD funding is currently planned or programmed for the project, but it is a possibility should the mitigation effort for any affected environmental justice populations use HUD funds for housing or housing assistance.
- The Thlopthlocco Tribal Town wants to be included in the discussion regarding historic/archaeological sites since there are two historic trails associated with their tribe near the project corridor.
- There are approximately five alternatives that would be evaluated in the EIS, and new alternatives would be included if any are identified during the scoping process.
- The GDOT's tribal liaison will handle transmittal of all documents to the tribal partners.
- The EPA has in-house environmental justice experts that are assisting with this project.

The EPA was the only agency to submit comments after the agency scoping meeting. The EPA's comments were focused on environmental justice, socioeconomic and community impacts, relocations, sustainability, historic structures, and public involvement. GDOT and FHWA formally responded to the EPA's comments solicited from the agency scoping meeting, and a copy of the comment and response documents can be found in Appendix D.

## Chapter 5 Public Participation

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### Summary of Pre-NEPA Outreach

The planning and development of Project DeRenne was designed to include extensive input from the public. The City of Savannah started to engage the public before the NEPA process began, gathering important information from the public that influenced the design, location, and impact of Project DeRenne. Phase I of Project DeRenne began in 2008 after an examination of existing and future traffic conditions along the project corridor. A *Steering Committee* and *Project Advisory Committee* (PAC) were formed to guide city officials in order to identify potential solutions to problems and deficiencies along DeRenne Avenue between I-516 and Abercorn Street.

Between 2008 and 2010, the project to improve DeRenne Avenue was revived, during which time over 40 meetings were held, including Steering Committee meetings, PAC meetings, Public Workshops, charrettes, and targeted stakeholder meetings with special groups. Each neighborhood and commercial district was represented on the PAC and was able to guide the development of the project based on the opinions and concerns of their represented stakeholders. These stakeholders were:

- Poplar Place/ University Place Neighborhoods
- Commercial Business West
- Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools
- Fairways Parks/ Greenview Neighborhood
- Commercial Business East
- Hunter Army Airfield
- Memorial University Medical Center
- Magnolia Park/ Blueberry Hill
- Commercial Business at Large
- Manor/ Poplar-Lamara Heights
- South Garden
- St. Joseph/Candler
- Kensington Park/ Groveland Neighborhood
- Tatemville Neighborhood

In 2010, two key meetings were held, including a charrette with PAC members and a meeting with commercial business owners. The stakeholders contributed a number of concerns and suggestions. Multiple alternatives were identified through the public involvement process, including the No Build Option, the Intersection Improvements Option, the Boulevard Option, and a Median Option along the project section east of Abercorn Street. After careful consideration of all of the developed alternatives, the PAC members met on February 10, 2010 and 14 (out of 15) members expressed strong support for the Boulevard Option over the Intersection Improvements Option or No Build Option. Along the section east of Abercorn Street, 15 (out of 15) members expressing strong constituent support for the Median Option over the No Build Option.

After the Boulevard and Median Options were identified by the PAC in 2010, Phase II of Project DeRenne began, additional alternatives were developed for consideration, and the NEPA process was initiated. During Phase II, additional opportunities for outreach and project updates have been provided by the city of Savannah, in partnership with GDOT and FHWA. These various outreach activities are discussed below.

### **Summary of NEPA Outreach**

Throughout Phase II of Project DeRenne, public information meetings have been held, updates have been posted to the project website, and project team members have met with homeowners associations, residents from the Savannah Summit retirement residence, and several residents and business owners. The local news media reported on several public meetings. The City of Savannah continues to hold meetings with residents of many neighborhoods. As mentioned previously, many of the meetings included developing and reviewing the various project concepts, options, and alternatives. A brief summary of the types of outreach is listed below.

Savannah Tech - Poplar Place/University Place:

- Outreach to the Savannah Tech-Poplar Place/ University Place neighborhood has included public meetings such as the 2013 PIOH.
- City-led informational meeting to review the Hampstead Avenue Frontage Road concept on March 3, 2015, at Savannah Tech.
- Additional outreach conducted in 2015 to attempt to provide the mobile home parks and Rogerwood Apartment residents with additional project information.



The Savannah Summit:

- A meeting and on-site walk through with the residents was held on April 24, 2014. Residents were provided an overview of the project, specifically the Boulevard concept, and asked for their comments. A court reporter recorded the meeting, during which the residents in attendance asked questions and offered their concerns.

April 23, 2013 Public Information Open House:

- GDOT held a PIOH on April 23, 2013. Attendees were provided with a welcome letter, project location map, and a project description. Comment cards were provided, and a court reporter was available to record verbal comments. The public was able to view large displays showing the locally preferred alternative and speak with project representatives from GDOT and the City of Savannah.

May 7, 2014 – Public Walk-Through and Field Exercise:

- Following the April 23, 2013 PIOH, the public was invited to a meeting and walk-through field exercise led through a joint effort of GDOT, FHWA, project consultants, and city staff. During the meeting, GDOT staff, FHWA, and city personnel answered questions regarding impacts that could result from the project. The meeting was followed by the field exercise, where a full-scale, life-size layout of the typical section of the Boulevard Option (the new location portion of the locally preferred alternative) was shown along Hampstead Avenue.

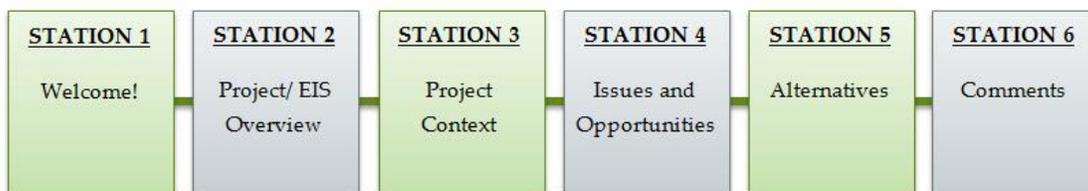


December 12, 2015 Community Outreach:

- Project team members conducted two community outreach meetings on December 12, 2015 from 10am-1pm in the Hair Dimensions parking area, and again from 2pm-5pm next to Rent-N-Roll Custom Wheels and Tires in the Poplar Place/University Place neighborhoods. This outreach was targeted to the typically underserved minority and low-income populations in Rogerwood Apartments, Hunter Mobile Home Park, Herb’s Trailer Park, Doug’s Trailer Park, and Henry’s Trailer Park.

## Chapter 6 Public Scoping Meeting

A public scoping meeting was held at the Savannah Technical College auditorium on February 13, 2018, from 11:00 A.M. to 7 P.M. The public notices are included in Appendix E. The meeting followed an open-house format to accommodate the public’s varying schedules. Eighty-one (81) people signed in at the welcome station for the scoping meeting. Attendees were given an information packet which included a welcome letter, project description, project location map, questionnaire, and comment card. A court reporter was available to record verbal comments. The public was able to view poster boards and large displays showing the locally preferred alternative. Poster boards (11 total) were spread out between six different stations to display information about the proposed project. The subject of each station is shown below. Copies of these displays are included in Appendix F and are also available on the project website. Subject matter experts from GDOT, the City of Savannah, and their representatives were available to answer questions regarding the EIS process and project history, the project design and impacts, the right-of-way (ROW) process, and other project related questions. Subject matter experts were also located at each station for accessibility and to help facilitate the interactive portions of the public scoping meeting.



Station 1: Welcome

Station 1 was the welcome station where the public received an information packet and a brief description of how the stations in the meeting space were set up.

Station 2: Project/EIS Overview

Station 2 covered the EIS milestones, the scoping process, and the environmental issues to be consider in the EIS. There was a large display of the project area where the public was asked to place a dot signifying where they lived, worked, or played along the corridor in order to identify which populations the public scoping meeting reached. The map and Table 2 below were created to show the participation breakdown by neighborhood.



**Table 2 Participation by Neighborhood**

NEIGHBORHOOD	LIVE	WORK	PLAY
Tatemville	3	0	2
Sylvan Terrace	0	1	1
Abercorn Heights - Lamar Heights - Ridgewood - Poplar Heights	0	1	2
Medical Arts	0	0	3
South Garden	0	0	0
Fairway Oaks - Greenview	2	0	0
Groveland - Kensington Park	12	0	1
Poplar Place - University Place	18	8	11
Hunter Army Airfield	1	10	1

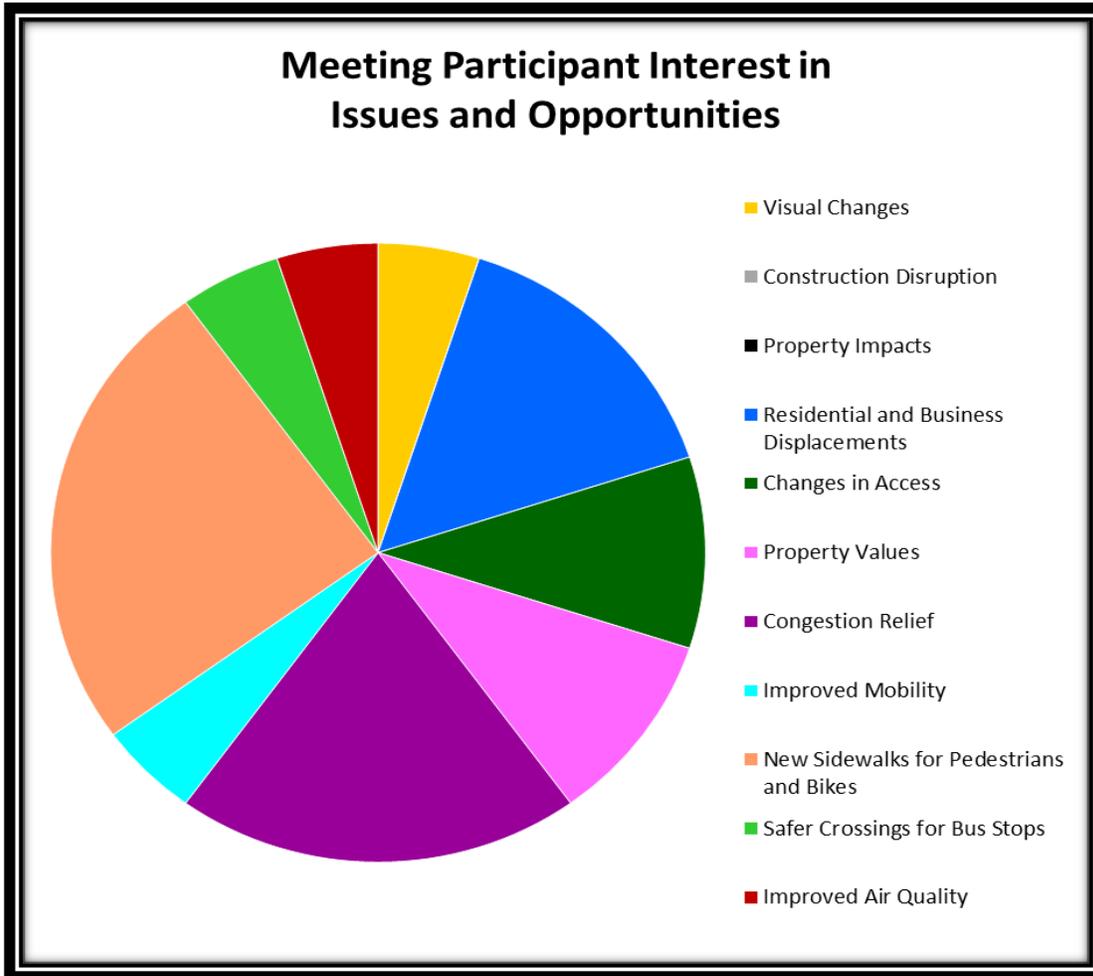
### Station 3: Project Context

Station 3 covered the guiding principles, need and purpose, problem identification, setting and affected environment, and environmental justice aspects of the proposed project.



### Station 4: Issues and Opportunities

Station 4 covered the issues and opportunities that the proposed project would create. There was a large display of the project area with the locally preferred alternative shown, and the public was asked to write any questions, concerns, or ideas they had about the alternative on a sticky note and place it on the display in a relevant location. The purpose of this task was to facilitate a conversation between the designers and the public, both in person and in writing. Meeting attendees wrote down their thoughts and discussed their ideas and concerns while they were looking at a graphic of the proposed project. An interactive poster board was also placed at this location, and meeting attendees were invited to place a dot next to the specific locations of issues or opportunities that were most important to them. The comments were broken down by neighborhood and topic and were addressed with the formal comments received. The graph below shows the results of the issues and opportunities exercise which suggests that new sidewalks and congestion relief are the top two opportunities and residential and business displacement is the top issue of concern for participants.



Station 5: Alternatives

Station 5 covered the alternatives that have been considered throughout the project development process. There was a large display of the project location area with the locally preferred alternative depicted, and the public was encouraged to ask the designers any questions they might have. ROW specialists were also available to answer any questions.



Station 6: Comments

Station 6 was the comment station. This area offered a court reporter to record verbal comments, extra comment cards, comment boxes for submittal of written comments, and other project related booklets and brochures. Eighteen (18) written and four (4) verbal comments were formally received during the public scoping meeting. These comments will be discussed in more detail later in this report.



## Public Scoping Meeting Notifications

The FHWA, GDOT, and City of Savannah used various public outreach methodologies to attempt to let as many people potentially affected by the proposed project know about the public scoping meeting. These methodologies are discussed below.

### Notice of Intent:

As described above, FHWA formally initiated the EIS and scoping process with the publication of the NOI in the *Federal Register* on July 18, 2017 (see Appendix A).

The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an EIS will be prepared for proposed improvements along I-516/SR21/CS 1503/DeRenne Avenue. The project would begin approximately 0.72 mile west of Mildred Street and end west of the Harry S. Truman Parkway ramps at DeRenne Avenue, for a project corridor of approximately 2.6 miles.

### Public Notices:

January 22, 2018: A public scoping meeting announcement (1<sup>st</sup> publication) with the date, time, and location was published in the *Savannah Morning News*.

January 26, 2018: There was an email notice discussion with Alderwoman Estella Shabazz and Alderman Julian Miller. They were enthusiastic about spreading the word to their constituents. Alderman Miller noted that he would announce the meeting at the Kensington Park neighborhood meeting that was held on January 26, 2018. Other City officials including Heath Lloyd – Chief Development Officer, Michelle Gavin – Public Information Officer, Rob Hernandez – City Manager, Alderwoman Carol Bell, Alderman Brian Foster, Mayor Eddie DeLoach, and Alderman Tony Thomas were also copied on the email.

January 29, 2018: Email notices were sent to neighborhood leadership:

- Peter Simon – Fairway Oaks-Greenview Neighborhood Association
- Pam Miller – Kensington Park Community Association (Groveland/Kensington Park)
  - Ms. Miller responded and noted that she would send out the email notice to the 300+ emails they had on their neighborhood list.
- Dr. Mildred McClain – Harambee House/ Citizens for Environmental Justice
  - The EPA Environmental Justice staff recommended reaching out to the organization because they specifically focus on engaging the environmental justice communities around Savannah. The project team requested specific

assistance from this organization to reach out to the environmental justice communities within the project area.

- Lynne Hill – Sylvan Terrace Neighborhood
- City personnel: Mayor Eddie DeLoach; Alderwomen Carol Bell, Michelle Gavin, and Estella Shabazz; Aldermen Rob Hernandez, Heath Lloyd, Julian Miller, and Tony Thomas
  - The meeting flyer was forwarded and a link to the project website was provided where the meeting was announced.
- Mable Hudson – Tatemville Neighborhood
- Dr. Pat Harris – Poplar Place Neighborhood and University Place Neighborhood
- Donald Consos – Magnolia Park/Blueberry Hill Neighborhoods

No active community organizations/contacts were identified for the Forest Park, Medical Arts, South Garden, or Abercorn Heights/Lamara Heights/Ridgewood/Poplar Heights neighborhoods per [sagisservices.thempc.org/OpenNeighborhoods](http://sagisservices.thempc.org/OpenNeighborhoods) website.

January 30, 2018: The design team verified that a meeting announcement sign has been placed across the street from the entrance to the Hampstead Oaks Apartments. Mike Weiner with the City of Savannah verified that he called coordinators with city development/planning departments who planned to canvass the area at mobile homes and along Habersham Avenue to announce the meeting. The design team spoke to Alderwoman Shabazz on the phone and sent a follow-up email.

January 31, 2018: Letters from the City were sent to state elected officials notifying them of the meeting.

February 1, 2018: Signs announcing the meeting were posted at the following locations:

- Along westbound DeRenne Avenue at Sutlive Street
- On southbound Montgomery Street near Birchfield Drive
- Across from the Hampstead Oaks Apartments entrance on Hampstead Avenue (facing the entrance)
- At the Waters Avenue and DeRenne Avenue intersection



February 6, 2018: A public scoping meeting announcement (2<sup>nd</sup> publication) with the date, time, and location was published in the *Savannah Morning News*. Willie Mae Knight with the City noted that they distributed flyers. She was requested to transmit the flyer via email to her Tatenville community contacts and possibly post the flyer in locations around Tatenville such as the community center.

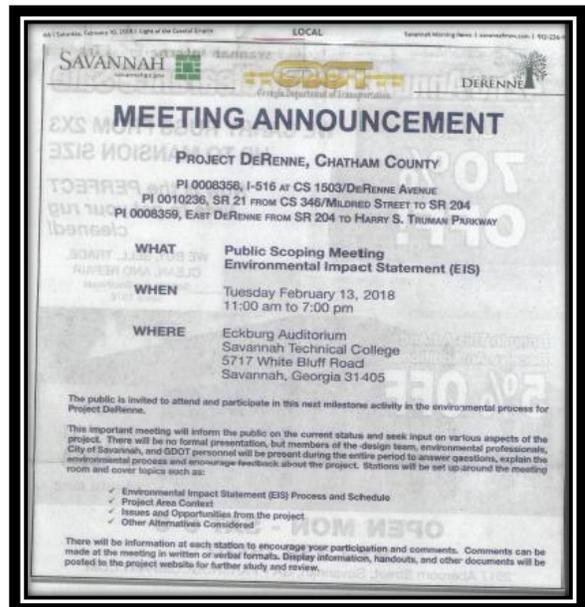
February 7, 2018: A meeting announcement was published on the City's website under the "City News" section with Alderwoman Shabazz inviting residents to the meeting. A meeting announcement was also published on the City's Facebook page providing the date, time, and a video simulation of the section between I-516 and White Bluff Road. Media Advisory posted on the City of Savannah Official Website, Office of Public Communications:  
<http://www.savannahga.gov/civicalerts.aspx?AID=1762>.



February 8, 2018: The City of Savannah Facebook page published the meeting announcement via video of Alderwoman Shabazz. Michelle Strickland, City of Savannah Traffic Engineering Coordinator, distributed flyers to the Poplar Place/University Place residents and businesses along and west of Montgomery Street. An article announcing the meeting time and date was posted to the [www.WTOC.com](http://www.WTOC.com) website at: [www.wtoc.com/story/37462127/city-of-savannah-to-hold-meeting-on-derenne-project-progress](http://www.wtoc.com/story/37462127/city-of-savannah-to-hold-meeting-on-derenne-project-progress).



February 10, 2018: Willie Mae Knight attended neighborhood meetings for Ben Van Clark, Eastside, and Live Oak Neighborhoods to announce the meeting. Email notices were sent to the neighborhood presidents of those neighborhoods as well. *Savannah Morning News* published the flyer announcing the meeting under the “Local” section of the newspaper.



February 13, 2018 (day of the meeting): The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) personnel walked the Poplar Place/University Place neighborhoods and reminded and encouraged residents they saw walking or in public places (i.e. barber shop, beauty shop) to come to the meeting. An email from Jill Robertson was received providing new contact information for the Magnolia Park Neighborhood Association. A flyer was provided for the meeting, asking Jill to share the flyer with the neighborhood.

**Project Website:**

As mentioned before, the City of Savannah maintains a project website and regularly posts project updates and relevant information to the public. The City of Savannah will continue to host the project website, [www.ProjectDeRenne.com](http://www.ProjectDeRenne.com), throughout project development.

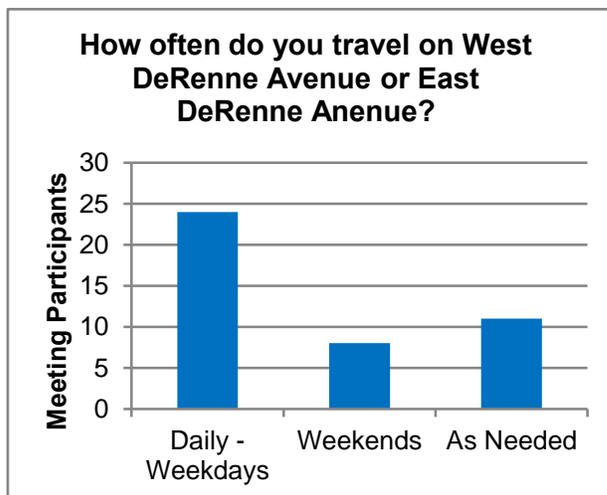
**Public Questionnaire and Comment Analysis**

**Questionnaire Analysis:**

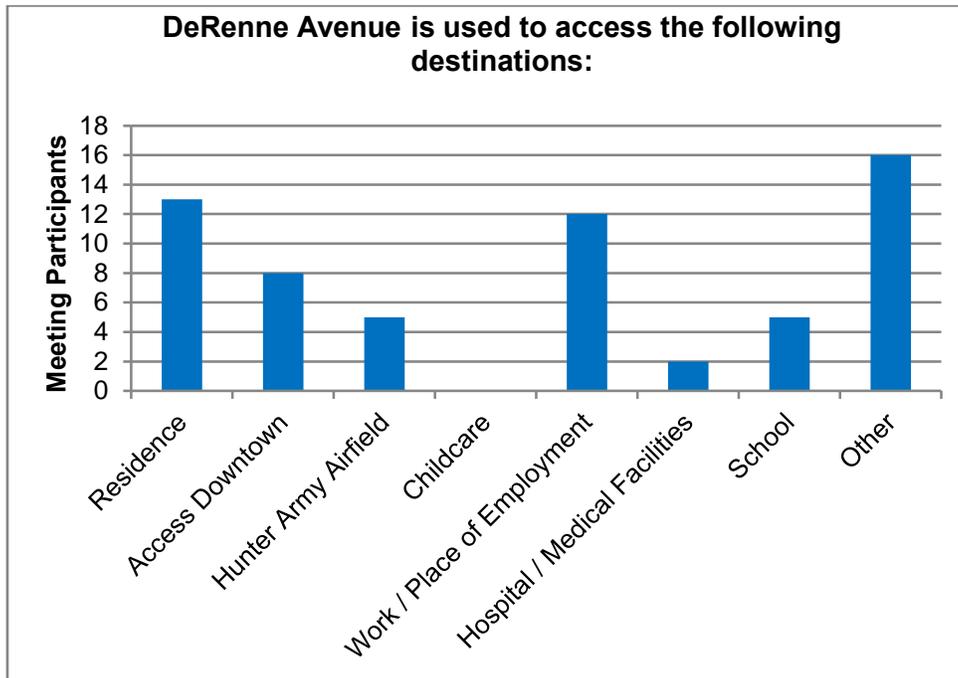
The scoping comment period for the proposed project was open from February 13, 2018, to March 15, 2018. A questionnaire and comment card were available in the Welcome Packet at the public scoping meeting and on the project website. The questionnaire results are discussed and shown in the graphs below.



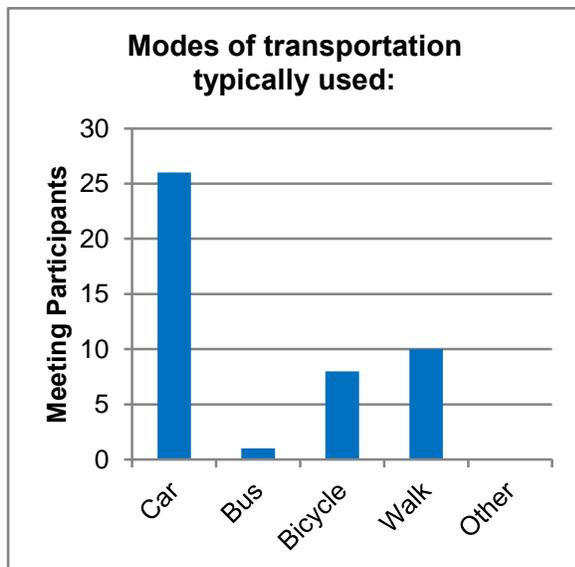
Based on the questionnaire, half of the 28 respondents had previously participated in outreach for Project DeRenne.



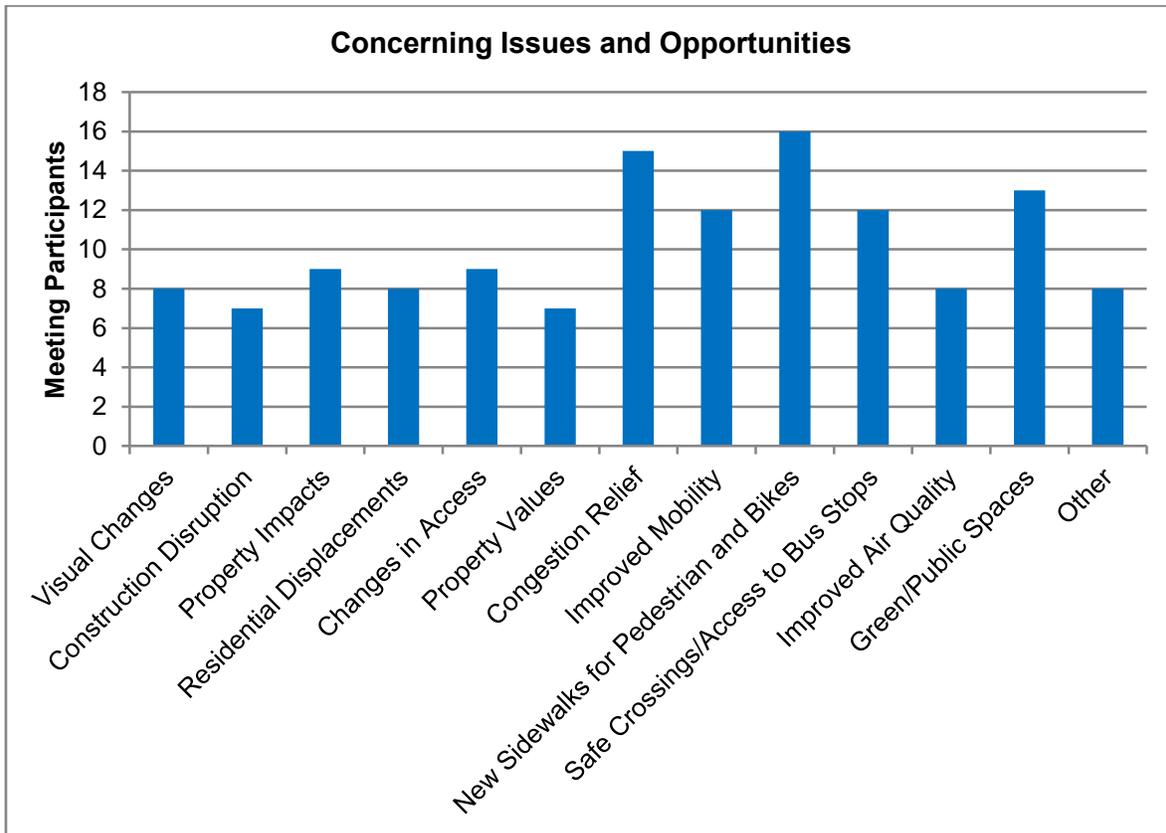
Of the respondents, 24 noted that they travel on East or West DeRenne Avenue daily during the week; 8 travel East or West DeRenne Avenue on the weekends, and 11 use East or West DeRenne Avenue on an as-needed basis.



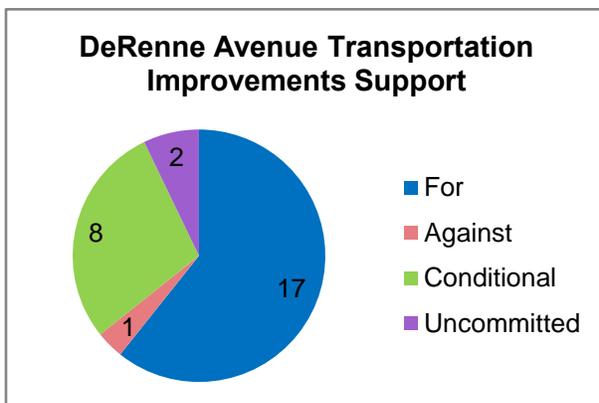
Based on the questionnaire, 13 of the respondents use DeRenne Avenue on a regular basis to access a residence, 8 to access downtown, 5 to access Hunter Army Airfield, 12 to access their place of employment, 2 to access medical facilities, and 5 to access their school. There were 16 respondents that indicated that they regularly use DeRenne Avenue to access other places.



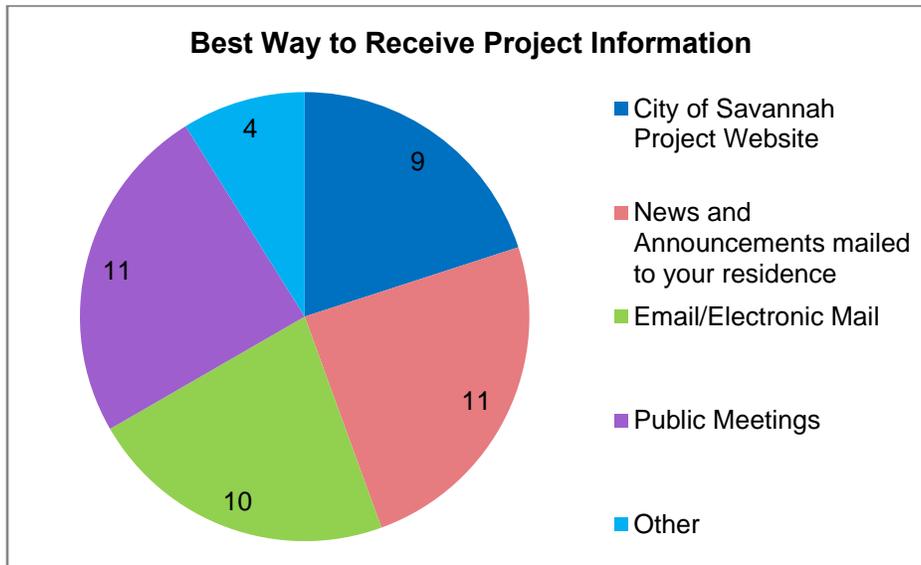
Of the respondents, 26 noted that they typically use a car as their main mode of transportation, 1 uses the bus system, 8 use bicycles, and 10 walk. Several people noted that they would like to be able to ride their bike or walk but feel it is currently too unsafe to do so.



Based on the questionnaire, the top five issues and opportunities respondents were most concerned about are new sidewalks for pedestrians and bikes, congestion relief, green/public spaces, safe crossings/access to bus stops, and improved mobility. These all received 12 or more votes, and the other options received between 7 and 9 votes.



Of the respondents, 18 were in support of DeRenne Avenue transportation improvements, 8 were in conditional support, 2 were uncommitted, and 1 was against.



Based on the questionnaire, 11 respondents noted that public meetings were the best way to receive project information, 11 preferred news and announcements mailed to their residence, 10 preferred email/electronic mail, 9 preferred updates to the project website, and 4 had other ideas. Some of the other ideas included TV, radio, and newspaper announcements.

### Public Comment Analysis:

Eighteen (18) written comments were submitted at the public scoping meeting and four (4) verbal comments were recorded by the court reporter. Ten (10) additional comments were submitted from the public through the project website at [www.ProjectDeRenne.com](http://www.ProjectDeRenne.com). Of the 32 respondents who formally commented, 18 were in support of the project, 2 were opposed, 2 were uncommitted, and 10 expressed conditional support. Within the comment submissions, individual comments were identified. A total of 18 unique individual comments were identified from the 28 submissions. Each individual comment was placed in one of 7 categories:

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements
- General Safety
- Traffic Congestion
- Property and Road Access
- Beautification
- Project Schedule
- General Public Meeting Comments

The City of Savannah provided a written response to those who provided comments. The intent of this scoping report is not to provide detailed responses to specific comments that were received but to identify the issues so they can be addressed appropriately in the EIS. Copies of

the original public comment documents are included in Appendix G, and the response letter is included in Appendix H. The following sections summarize the major issues expressed in the comments received during the scoping period.

### Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements

Comments were received regarding pedestrian and bicycle improvements and ranged from general ideas of adjusting lanes and/or narrowing medians to allow for wider/safer sidewalks, protected bike lanes, and dedicated transit lanes with bus bays to more specific ideas requesting that more work be done at the DeRenne Avenue/Abercorn Street intersection. There was also a request to provide sidewalk access from Waters Drive to the Waters Avenue/DeRenne Avenue intersection due to heavy pedestrian traffic that walks on Waters Drive towards other bus stops.

### General Safety

There was a concern about the number of automobile accidents near or at the intersection of White Bluff Road and the entrance to Savannah Technical College. It was requested that the causes of the accidents be reviewed/studied in order to determine if the project would increase the number of accidents at this location.

### Traffic Congestion

One comment mentioned that reducing the traffic volume on eastbound DeRenne without adjusting lanes would cause speeding in off-peak hours. Other commenters had questions about the lack of a designated right turn lane for the traffic that wants to continue north on White Bluff Road towards Bull Street; it was mentioned that a right turn would become dangerous as well as slow traffic west of I-516. Another comment suggested that the traffic lights from Montgomery Street and DeRenne Avenue to Paulson Street need to be synchronized.

### Property and Road Access

The Rutland Tire business was concerned about the lack of access for customers heading northbound on White Bluff Road unless the traffic light allows U-turns. There was a request to add a left turn lane leaving Savannah Technical College, and a request to add a private driveway to the traffic signal at the relocated intersection of Hampstead Avenue and White Bluff Road.

### Beautification

Comments were received regarding beautification and generally highlighted that this project is an opportunity to provide a more beautiful gateway to the City of Savannah and should maintain the sense of place. A specific request was made by the Kensington Park and Groveland communities to plant only grass and trees (i.e., crepe myrtles) in the added greenspaces along

DeRenne Avenue; they also requested that the bike lane improvements preserve the current landscape.

### Project Schedule

There were several comments suggesting that Project DeRenne remain a priority for the City of Savannah and be put on a “fast track” for completion.

### General Public Meeting Comments

The public meeting comments consisted of positive feedback on balancing all the needs and environmental impacts of the project, accomplished refinement of the plan, the traffic relief offered by the locally preferred alternative, and the setup of the public scoping meeting.

### **Comment Summaries Within the Scope of the EIS:**

Comments that are considered within the scope of an EIS are those that are relevant to evaluating the impacts of the proposed project and its alternatives. The majority of the questions, ideas, and concerns found in the comments from the public scoping meeting are within the scope of analysis for the Project DeRenne EIS. All comments within the scope will be considered in the development of the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environment, environmental consequences, and mitigation chapters of the EIS.

### **Comment Summaries Outside the Scope of the EIS:**

All but one of the comments received during the scoping period are relevant to the scope of analysis for the EIS. One comment that fell outside of the scope for this EIS requested that I-516 be directly connected to Truman Parkway so that traffic could easily access the two high-capacity free-flowing facilities without transitioning to a signal-controlled arterial. However, this alternative would not meet the purpose and need for this proposed project, which is to enhance mobility by reducing existing queuing and delay to improve corridor travel times, improve the operational performance of the West DeRenne Avenue signalized intersections, improve pedestrian accommodations along DeRenne Avenue, and improve access management along DeRenne Avenue. The purpose of preparing the EIS is to identify the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects, beneficial and adverse, of the proposed project. Reasonable alternatives for the proposed project will be evaluated, including practicable alternatives to minimize congestion. Alternatives that would not meet the project need and purpose, are not technically or economically feasible, or do not protect the environment to an acceptable level are not considered reasonable alternatives and are outside the scope of review for this EIS.

## Chapter 7 Future Public Involvement

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Opportunities for future public comment and involvement will be available throughout the development of the EIS. These opportunities include project website updates, interagency coordination meetings, and other formal and informal meetings with interested stakeholders. In accordance with NEPA, a Notice of Availability (NOA) will be published in the *Federal Register* for both the Draft and the Final EIS. There will be a 45-day public review period and a public hearing open house for the Draft EIS, and a 30-day review period of the Final EIS.

# APPENDICES

# **APPENDIX A:**

## **Notice of Intent**

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# Environmental Impact Statement: DeRenne Avenue in Chatham County, Georgia

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A Notice by the [Federal Highway Administration](#) on 07/18/2017

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### AGENCY:

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), United States Department of Transportation (USDOT).

### ACTION:

Notice of Intent.

### SUMMARY:

The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an EIS will be prepared for proposed improvements along I-516/SR21/CS 1503/DeRenne Avenue. The project would begin approximately 0.72 mile west of Mildred Street and end west of the Harry S. Truman Parkway ramps at DeRenne Avenue, for a project corridor of approximately 2.6 miles.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Giersch, Federal Highway Administration, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Suite 17T100, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, Telephone: (404) 562-3653, Email: [jennifer.giersch@dot.gov](mailto:jennifer.giersch@dot.gov) (<mailto:jennifer.giersch@dot.gov>).

David Moyer, P.E., Project Manager, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, 25th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, Telephone: (404) 631-1588, Email: [dmoyer@dot.ga.gov](mailto:dmoyer@dot.ga.gov) (<mailto:dmoyer@dot.ga.gov>).

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Ryan Perry, Ph.D., NEPA Analyst, Georgia Department of Transportation, One Georgia Center, 600 West Peachtree Street NW., 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. Telephone: (404) 631-1271, Email: [vperry@dot.ga.gov](mailto:vperry@dot.ga.gov) (<mailto:vperry@dot.ga.gov>).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed improvements along I-516/SR 21/CS 1503/DeRenne Avenue and Hampstead Avenue. An evaluation under Section 4(f) of the DOT Act of 1966 may also be required due to the potential for impacts to resources eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The project is being developed to alleviate congestion and improve mobility along the I-516 and SR 21/CS 1503/DeRenne Avenue corridor. Proposed project elements may include modifications at the interchange of I-516 and SR 21, improvements along roads adjacent to DeRenne Avenue, intersection upgrades, and improvements along DeRenne Avenue.

A study corridor large enough to incorporate detailed studies for the full range of alternatives to be considered for the project will be evaluated. The EIS will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA: 42 U.S.C. 4321 (<https://api.fdsys.gov/link?collection=uscode&title=42&year=mostrecent&section=4321&type=usc&link-type=html>) *et seq.*) of 1969, and the regulations implementing NEPA set forth in 40 CFR parts 1500 (</select-citation/2017/07/18/40-CFR-1500>)-1508 and 23 CFR part 771 (</select-citation/2017/07/18/23-CFR-771>), as well as the provisions of the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). The document will also satisfy the requirements of other applicable statutes, rules and regulations including the Georgia Environmental Policy Act (GEPA).

Public involvement is a critical component of NEPA project development. To date, outreach efforts have included development of a local Steering Committee, a Public Information Open House, targeted outreach within several communities along the project corridor, and a field site visit with public walk-through. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, public outreach and involvement will continue, and comments and suggestions are invited from

all interested parties. Specific efforts to encourage involvement by, and solicit comments from, minority and low-income populations in the project study area will continue through the EIS process. A public hearing will be held after the completion of the Draft EIS, and the EIS will be made available for review by federal and state resource agencies and the public. Project information, comments, video, and concepts will be maintained throughout the EIS process on an existing link through the City of Savannah Web site ([www.savannahga.gov/derenne](http://www.savannahga.gov/derenne) (<http://www.savannahga.gov/derenne>)).

Additional agency coordination will begin with publication of the NOI, followed by initial contact and scoping occurring within 45 to 60 days after publication of the NOI and continuing coordination throughout the EIS process.

Regulations implementing NEPA, as well as the provisions of SAFETEA-LU and MAP-21, call for enhanced agency and public involvement in the EIS process. An invitation to all Federal and non-Federal agencies and Native American tribes that may have an interest in the proposed project will be extended. In the event that an agency or tribe is not invited and would like to participate, please contact Ryan Perry at the contact information listed above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: July 11, 2017.

Rodney N. Barry,

Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Atlanta, GA.

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# **APPENDIX B:**

## **Agency Scoping Meeting Announcement**



## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

### PROJECT DERENNE, CHATHAM COUNTY

PI 0008358, I-516 AT CS 1503/DERENNE AVENUE  
PI 0010236, SR 21 FROM CS 346/MILDRED STREET TO SR 204  
PI 0008359, EAST DERENNE FROM SR 204 TO HARRY S. TRUMAN PARKWAY

<b>WHAT</b>	<b>AGENCY SCOPING MEETING</b> <b>Project DeRenne Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)</b>
<b>WHEN</b>	October 25, 2017 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
<b>WHERE</b>	Georgia Department of Transportation One Georgia Center, 16 <sup>th</sup> Floor 600 West Peachtree Street NW Atlanta, Georgia 30308

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the City of Savannah will host an Agency Scoping Meeting for the Project DeRenne Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at the GDOT General Office in Atlanta, Georgia. The meeting will take place from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Upon arrival please check in at the GDOT Registration Area, located to the right of the Peachtree Street building entrance. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before the meeting. Someone from GDOT will escort participants to the 16<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.

Please RSVP via email or phone call by October 20, 2017 to:

Ryan Perry, GDOT NEPA Specialist  
[vperry@dot.ga.gov](mailto:vperry@dot.ga.gov)  
(404) 631-1197

Arrangements have been made for those unable to attend in person:

**1. Video Conference From**  
GDOT District 5 Office, 204 North Highway 301, Jesup, Georgia 31546.

**2. WebEx:**  
Meeting number: 640 243 322  
Meeting password: 102517  
Telephone Call in Number: 404-631-1965  
Meeting ID Number: 5736

**3. Phone Call In**  
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# **APPENDIX C:**

## **Agency Correspondence**



February 28, 2017

Mr. Rodney Barry  
FHWA  
Georgia Division  
61 Forsyth Street SW  
Suite 17T100  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104

ATTN: Jennifer Giersch

Re: SAFETEA-LU 6002 notification of project initiation on Project No's: CSSTP-0008-00(358) and CSSTP-0008-00(359), Chatham County  
PINo's: 0008358, 0008359, 0010236  
SR 21/DeRenne Avenue Improvements from I-516 to Harry S. Truman Parkway

Dear Mr. Barry,

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in cooperation with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is initiating the environmental review process as required by Section 6002 of Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and amended by Section 1305 of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed SR 21/DeRenne Avenue Improvements from Interstate 516 (I-516) to Harry S. Truman Parkway in Chatham County. The proposed project is approximately 2.6 miles (a project location map is attached). The purpose of the project, as currently defined, is to reduce congestion and improve the overall operational efficiency of the corridor.

Pursuant to Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU, the FHWA must serve as the lead Federal agency for this project, and GDOT will serve as a joint lead agency. The responsibilities of the lead agencies are to:

- Establish a list of potentially participating and cooperating agencies,
- Prepare and send invitations to potentially participating agencies,
- Develop a SAFETEA-LU 6002, as amended-compliant Coordination Plan and schedule,
- Provide opportunities for the public and participating agencies involvement in defining purpose and need and range of alternatives; and
- Consult with participating agencies in determining methodologies and the level of detail for the analysis of alternatives.

In addition to an EIS, GDOT anticipates that this project will require a Section 404 permit, Section 4(f) Evaluation, and Section 106 consultation. Potential participating Federal agencies include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE), Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the SR 21/DeRenne Avenue Improvement Project or Section 6002 of the SAFETEA-LU process as it pertains to this project, please contact Ryan Perry, [vperry@dot.ga.gov](mailto:vperry@dot.ga.gov) at 404.631.1271.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this project.

Sincerely,

*Eric Duff / mon*

Eric Duff

State Environmental Administrator

Enclosure (project location map)

cc: David Moyer, OPD  
Michael Murdoch, OES  
Ryan Perry, OES  
David Stricklin, Kimley-Horn  
Rob Hume, Kimley-Horn

<b>AGENCY CORESPONDENCE LOG</b>			
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>DELIVERED</b>	<b>REPLY RECEIVED</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	11.26.2012	01.03.2013	Threatened & Endangered (T&E) Species Coordination
Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Protection Division (GADNR, WPD)	11.26.2012	12.14.2012	T&E Species Coordination
Initial GADNR, Historic Preservation Division/State Historic Preservation Officer (HPD/SHPO)	09.14.2011	09.27.2011 (HPD/SHPO), 10.11.2011 (Savannah Technical College)	Initiation of Section 106 Coordination
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	06.02.2015	-	NEPA Early Coordination
U.S. Geological Survey	"	-	"
Georgia Forestry Commission	"	-	"
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	"	-	"
Centers for Disease Control	"	-	"
Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission	"	06.09.2015	"
City of Savannah, Mayor's Office	"	06.30.2015	"
U.S. Department of Defense, Hunter Army Airfield	"	-	"
Savannah Technical College	"	-	"
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service	"	07.17.2015	"



MARK WILLIAMS  
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DAN FORSTER  
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December 14, 2012

John Casey Glen  
Senior Ecologist  
Edwards-Pitman  
1250 Winchester Pkwy  
Suite 200  
Smyrna, GA 30080

**Subject: Known occurrences of natural communities, plants and animals of highest priority conservation status on or near DeRenne Avenue Improvements, Chatham County, Georgia**

Dear Mr. Glen:

This is in response to your request of November 26, 2012. According to our records, within a three-mile radius of the project site there are the following Natural Heritage Database occurrences:

- GA *Clemmys guttata* (Spotted Turtle) approx. 1.0 mi. NE of site
- GA *Clemmys guttata* (Spotted Turtle) approx. 1.5 mi. E of site
- Lanius ludovicianus migrans* (Migrant Loggerhead Shrike) approx. 1.5 mi. E of site
- Lanius ludovicianus migrans* (Migrant Loggerhead Shrike) approx. 2.5 mi. SE of site
- Liquidambar styraciflua* - *Acer rubrum* - (*Nyssa biflora*) / *Woodwardia virginica* Forest approx. 1.0 mi. NW of site
- Liquidambar styraciflua* - *Acer rubrum* - (*Nyssa biflora*) / *Woodwardia virginica* Forest approx. 2.0 mi. NW of site
- Liquidambar styraciflua* - *Acer rubrum* - (*Nyssa biflora*) / *Woodwardia virginica* Forest approx. 3.0 mi. E of site
- US *Picoides borealis* (Red-cockaded Woodpecker) approx. 2.0 mi. SW of site
- Pseudacris brimleyi* (Brimley's Chorus Frog) approx. 2.0 mi. NE of site
- Pseudacris brimleyi* (Brimley's Chorus Frog) approx. 2.5 mi. NW of site
- Quercus pagoda* - *Quercus michauxii* - *Quercus alba* / *Arundinaria gigantea* ssp. *tracta* - *Sabal minor* / *Chasmanthium laxum* Forest approx. 2.5 mi. NW of site
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- GA *Sarracenia minor* var. *minor* (Hooded Pitcherplant) approx. 3.0 mi. NE of site
- GA *Sternula antillarum* (Least Tern) [HISTORIC] approx. 2.5 mi. SW of site
- US *Trichechus manatus* (Manatee) in tidal waters
- Tyto alba* (Barn owl) approx. 3.0 mi. W of site
- Hunter Army Airfield [U.S. Department of Defense] approx. 2.0 mi. W of site

\* Entries above preceded by “US” indicates species with federal status (Protected, Candidate or Partial Status). Species that are federally protected in Georgia are also state protected; “GA” indicates Georgia protected species.

### **Recommendations:**

We have no records of high priority species or habitats within the project area. Keep in mind that two federally listed species, *Picoides borealis* (Red-cockaded Woodpecker) and *Trichechus manatus* (Manatee) are within three miles of the proposed project. The Endangered Species Act states that taking or harming of a listed species is prohibited. We recommend all requestors with projects located near federally protected species consult with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. For southeast Georgia, please contact Strant Colwell (912-265-9336, ext.30 or Strant\_Colwell@fws.gov). In southwest Georgia, please contact John Doresky (706-544-6999 or John\_Doresky@fws.gov). In north Georgia, please contact Robin Goodloe (706-613-9493, ext.221 or Robin\_Goodloe@fws.gov).

We recommend that stringent erosion control practices be used during construction activities and that vegetation is re-established on disturbed areas as quickly as possible. Silt fences and other erosion control devices should be inspected and maintained until soil is stabilized by vegetation. Please use natural vegetation and grading techniques (e.g. vegetated swales, turn-offs, vegetated buffer strips) that will ensure that the road or ROW does not serve as a conduit for storm water or pollutants into the water during or after construction. These measures will help protect water quality in the vicinity of the project as well as in downstream areas.

### **Disclaimer:**

Please keep in mind the limitations of our database. The data collected by the Nongame Conservation Section comes from a variety of sources, including museum and herbarium records, literature, and reports from individuals and organizations, as well as field surveys by our staff biologists. In most cases the information is not the result of a recent on-site survey by our staff. Many areas of Georgia have never been surveyed thoroughly. Therefore, the Nongame Conservation Section can only occasionally provide definitive information on the presence or absence of rare species on a given site. Our files are updated constantly as new information is received. **Thus, information provided by our program represents the existing data in our files at the time of the request and should not be considered a final statement on the species or area under consideration.**

If you know of populations of highest priority species that are not in our database, please fill out the appropriate data collection form and send it to our office. Forms can be obtained through our web site (<http://www.georgiawildlife.com/node/1376>) or by contacting our office. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Katrina Morris  
Environmental Review Coordinator

#### **Data Available on the Nongame Conservation Section Website**

- Georgia protected plant and animal profiles are available on our website. These accounts cover basics like descriptions and life history, as well as threats, management recommendations and conservation status. Visit <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/node/2721>.
- Rare species and natural community information can be viewed by Quarter Quad, County and HUC8 Watershed. To access this information, please visit our GA Rare Species and Natural Community Information page at: <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/conservation/species-of-concern?cat=conservation>.
- Downloadable files of rare species and natural community data by quarter quad and county are also available. They can be downloaded from: <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/node/1370>.



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August 11, 2016

Mr. Rodney N. Barry, P.E.  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30103-3104  
Attention: Jennifer Giersch

RE: USFWS Log Numbers 2016-CPA-0707

Dear Mr. Barry:

Thank you for your August 3, 2016 e-mail initiating Fish and Wildlife Coordination for Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) project P. I. Numbers 0008358, 0008359, and 0010236 in Chatham County, Georgia. The proposed project comprises DeRenne Avenue Improvements, including a new location four-lane divided roadway from a new interchange with I-516, realignment of White Bluff Road, and operational improvements on DeRenne Avenue in the City of Savannah. The proposed project is located in the Ogeechee Coastal Watershed, Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 03060204. These comments are provided in accordance with the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 *et. seq.*) to further the conservation of fish and wildlife resources and their habitats.

The field surveys of the project corridor did not identify suitable habitats for federally listed species. The proposed action will result in a total of 153 linear feet of impacts resulting from 138 feet of piping and 15 feet of outfall protection bank armoring to intermittent stream four (IS4). IS4 originates at the outfall of an 18-inch concrete pipe near a parking lot and does not provide significant wildlife habitat. Based on the information

presented in GDOT Ecology Report and construction plan sheets, we agree that the impacts are unavoidable and that the proposed compensatory mitigation is adequate.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on your project. If you have any additional questions, please write or call our Coastal Georgia Sub Office staff biologist, Christopher Coppola, at 912-832-8739 extension 6.

Sincerely,



Strant Colwell  
Coastal Georgia Supervisor

cc: GDOT, David Hedeem, Atlanta, Georgia

**From:** Coppola, Christopher [christopher\_coppola@fws.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2013 4:31 PM  
**To:** Casey Glen  
**Subject:** Re: FW: GDOT Project - T&E Information Request

Casey,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide early comments on the proposed project. You can develop a list of species that may occur in the project area of effect by visiting the Service's Information, Planning and Conservation System (IPAC) website at <http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>.

Based on the information provided I do not anticipate that the project will encounter federally listed species or their habitats. The project corridor is largely urbanized, and we do not have records of federally listed species occurring in the project area of effect.

If I can provide further assistance please contact me.

On Tue, Nov 27, 2012 at 9:01 AM, Casey Glen <[cglen@edwards-pitman.com](mailto:cglen@edwards-pitman.com)> wrote:  
 Chris,

I actually should have sent the e-mail found below to you. Thanks, and have a great day! -  
 Casey

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**From:** Casey Glen [mailto:[cglen@edwards-pitman.com](mailto:cglen@edwards-pitman.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2012 12:47 PM  
**To:** 'Katrina Morris'; 'Pete [Pattavina@fws.gov](mailto:Pattavina@fws.gov)'  
**Cc:** 'Josh Earhart'  
**Subject:** GDOT Project - T&E Information Request

RE: GDOT Project CSSTP-0008-00(358)(359) Chatham County, PI# 0008358, 0010236, & 0008359.  
 DeRenne Avenue Improvements.

Trina & Pete,

The proposed project would include improvements to State Route (SR) 21 (DeRenne Avenue Corridor) in the City of Savannah. The total corridor is defined as extending west of the signalized intersection of DeRenne Avenue and Montgomery Street (along I-516) eastward along DeRenne Avenue (SR 21) through the intersection with Abercorn Street (SR 204) to the ramp intersections with the Harry S. Truman Parkway.

The improvements include the western portion under PI 0008358. This encompasses a new roadway connection to I-516 (the Boulevard concept) continuing along the alignment of a widened Hampstead Ave. (four lane divided section with multiuse path) to a realignment of White Bluff Road. The improvements include elevation of the inbound travel lanes over reconfigured access to Hunter Army Airfield and elevation of the outbound lanes over I-516/DeRenne Avenue. Montgomery Street will be removed south of DeRenne.

Project PI 0010236 includes DeRenne Avenue improvements from Mildred Street to SR 204 (Abercorn Street) and this project will work in conjunction with PI 0008358 described above. Included is improvements to access management with the closing of mid block median breaks; optimizing the interchange configurations at Montgomery Street; White Bluff Avenue and Abercorn Street to reflect changes caused by PI 0008358; and incorporation of enhanced pedestrian accommodations at the intersections and along the corridor.

PI 0008359 includes East DeRenne Avenue from Abercorn to the Harry S. Truman Parkway. This portion is on the National Highway System. Work includes improved access management by converting an existing two way left turn lane to a raised planted median; optimizing the intersection

configuration with Waters Avenue by restriping; developing a parallel bicycle facility utilizing DeRenne Drive; and incorporating enhanced pedestrian accommodations at the signalized 6 intersections and along the corridor.

We are requesting a database search for potential occurrences of protected species within a 3.0 mile radius of the proposed project. The western terminus of the proposed project is located at approximately Latitude 32.033815° and Longitude -81.129905°. The eastern terminus of the proposed project is located at approximately Latitude 32.022537° and Longitude -81.087939°. A project location map is attached. Thank you very much for your assistance. Have a great day! -Casey

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Christopher Coppola  
Fish and Wildlife Biologist

Georgia Ecological Services  
Townsend, Georgia 31331

912-832-8739 extension 6



## NOTIFICATION

### Initiation of Section 106 Process for

**GDOT Projects CSSTP-0008-00(358), N/A, and CSSTP-0008-00(359), Chatham County**

**P.I. # 0008358, 0010236, and 0008359**

**September 14, 2011**

The Georgia Department of Transportation (Department) is in the beginning stages of project development for these proposed transportation projects. In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Department has determined that because of the nature and the scope of these undertakings, the proposed projects have the potential to cause effects to historic properties if any such properties exist in the project areas. The Department is attempting to identify historic properties already listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and any properties not already listed that would be considered eligible for listing that are located within the geographic area of potential effects (APE) of the proposed projects.

The proposed projects consist of improvements to traffic congestion and pedestrian safety along DeRenne Avenue in Savannah, Georgia from I-516 to the west to Truman Parkway to the east. The proposed projects are divided into three sections. The first, identified as GDOT Project CSSTP-0008-00(358), P.I. No. 0008358, would reduce traffic along DeRenne Avenue by providing a new four-lane divided connector from I-516 to a realigned White Bluff Road with a new direct connection to Hunter Army Airfield and construction of a multi-use path. The second, identified as P.I. No. 0010236 would improve the raised median along DeRenne Avenue between Mildred Street and Abercorn Street. The project would also improve existing signalized intersections to enhance accommodation for pedestrians, and improve sidewalks on both sides of DeRenne Avenue. The third section, identified as GDOT Project CSSTP-0008-00(359), P.I. No. 0008359, would replace the existing two-way left-turn lane along DeRenne Avenue between Abercorn Street and the Truman Parkway with a landscaped median. The project would improve existing signalized intersections to enhance accommodation for pedestrians, improve sidewalks on both sides, establish a parallel bicycle route along DeRenne Drive (which parallels DeRenne Avenue), and remove ineffective acceleration/deceleration lanes. Significant amounts of right-of-way would be required where the proposed project would be constructed on new location. The extent of required right-of-way is not known at this time, and will be determined as the project progresses. Additional information concerning the proposed project is available at [www.projectderenne.com](http://www.projectderenne.com).

Because of the nature and scope of these undertakings, the APE is limited to the proposed right-of-way and view-shed, within which all construction and ground disturbing activity would be confined. Because new intersections would be created along the new location roadway, the potential for indirect effects outside the project corridors exist. This potential for indirect effects will be further evaluated as projected data becomes available and a clearer picture of possible changes in traffic patterns and development pressures emerge.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires the Federal Highway Administration and the Department, in consultation with the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), to identify potential consulting parties and to invite them to participate in the Section 106 process. This Notification letter is one of several methods the Department uses to encourage public participation in this process and it serves as your invitation to participate as a consulting party in the Section 106 process for these projects.

A written request to become a consulting party for cultural resources for these projects should be directed to:

Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc.  
1250 Winchester Parkway, Suite 200  
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Attn: Katheryn Ferrall-Graff

Responses would be appreciated within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notification letter. Please refer to the project identification numbers (**P.I. Nos. 0008358, 0010236, and 0008359**) in your response. The potential consulting parties identified and invited to participate in the Section 106 process for these projects are:

- Georgia SHPO
- Hunter Army Airfield
- Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia
- Chatham County Board of Commissioners
- City of Savannah
- The Citizen Office (City of Savannah)
- Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission
- Coastal Georgia Archaeological Society
- Coastal Heritage Society
- Georgia Historical Society
- Historic Savannah Foundation
- Savannah Ogeechee Canal Society, Inc.
- The Architectural History Department of the Savannah College of Art and Design
- Savannah Technical College
- Savannah Neighborhood Improvement Association
- Tatemville Community Improvement Association, Inc.
- Tatemville Neighborhood Association
- Fairway Oaks-Greenway Association
- Kensington Park Community Association
- Kensington Park Homeowners Association
- Sylvan Terrace Neighborhood Association
- Poplar Place Neighborhood Association

A copy of this Notification letter is also being sent to the Project DeRenne Resource Center located at 601 East 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Savannah, Georgia 31405. If you are aware of other organizations or individuals interested in cultural resources in the project area not already identified, please forward their names to the Department.

Also, on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration, in keeping with a government-to-government relationship and in compliance with 36CFR800, the following tribal governments are invited to participate in the Section 106 process for this project: Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Muscogee (Creek) National Council, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Seminole Tribe of Florida, and the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town. Responses to this Notification regarding tribal concerns should be addressed to the attention of Mr. Jim Pomfret, the Department's American Indian liaison, at the above address.

Existing information on previously identified historic properties has been checked to determine if any are located within the APE of these undertakings. This review of existing information revealed that no properties nominated for listing in the NRHP, no National Historic Landmarks and no bridges determined eligible for inclusion in the NRHP in the updated Georgia Historic Bridge Survey are located within the proposed projects' APE. This review also revealed that one property listed in the NRHP is located within the proposed projects' APE. This resource is the Fairway Oaks-Greenway Historic District.

No properties 50 years old or older were identified within the proposed projects' APE in the 1993 Department of Natural Resources Chatham County Survey.

Field surveys for both historic properties and archaeological sites will be conducted and the Criteria of Eligibility will be applied in consultation with the Georgia SHPO and other consulting parties to determine if any of these sites are eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

Consulting parties are also invited to provide information concerning any historic or archaeological properties already listed in the NRHP or that could be eligible for listing in the NRHP that are not identified in this Notification letter. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Department will assess project effects to any identified historic properties as preliminary project plans become available, endeavor to minimize harm to all identified historic properties and produce an Assessment of Effects report. This document will be provided to all consulting parties for comment when completed. The Department also wishes to know of any past, present or future local developments or zoning plans which may result in indirect or cumulative impacts to archaeological sites and historic structures as they relate to the proposed projects.

Individuals and organizations that do not wish to become a consulting party, but would still like to comment on the proposed projects will also have that opportunity throughout the plan development process. Historic resource concerns can be addressed to Katheryn Ferrall-Graff (770-333-9484 ext. 142 or [kferrall-graff@edwards-pitman.com](mailto:kferrall-graff@edwards-pitman.com)) of Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc.; archaeological resource concerns, including cemetery and other human burials, can be addressed to Jim Pomfret

(404-631-1256 or [jpomfret@dot.ga.gov](mailto:jpomfret@dot.ga.gov)) of this office. Questions concerning general design or location issues may be addressed to Fran McCutcheon (704-319-7693 or [franmccutcheon@kimley-horn.com](mailto:franmccutcheon@kimley-horn.com)) of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

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DIVISION DIRECTOR

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Glenn S. Bowman  
State Environmental Administrator  
Office of Environmental Services  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
**Attn: Sandy Lawrence**

FROM: Amanda Schrane *AS*  
Transportation Projects Coordinator  
Historic Preservation Division

RE: Receipt of Early Coordination Information

**Project Title: PI 0008358/0010236/0008359**  
**Improvements to Derenne Avenue between I-516 and Truman**  
**Parkway, Savannah**

**Project Number: HP-110915-010**

County: Chatham

DATE: September 27, 2011

The Historic Preservation Division has received the early coordination information required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Georgia Environmental Policy Act (GEPA). Thank you for submitting this information, and we look forward to working with you in the future as this project progresses.

ALS:ebp

cc: Katheryn Ferrall-Graff, Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc.

June 2, 2015

Ms. Linda Poythress  
Regional Office of Environment, Environment Team  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Five Points Plaza Building  
40 Marietta Street  
Atlanta, GA 30303

**Re: Early Coordination Request for GDOT Projects CSSTP-0008-00(358) and CSSTP-0008-00(359), P.I. Nos. 0008358, 0008359, and 0010236, Chatham County**

Dear Ms. Poythress,

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This evaluation process, developed by GDOT to make our projects responsive to social, economic, and environmental concerns, offers you the opportunity to identify site specific conditions to be addressed in the environmental evaluation. With your assistance, we can give these issues due consideration and integrate them into the development of the project alignment and design.

Your assistance is appreciated. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 770-333-9484.

Sincerely,

Josh Earhart  
Senior NEPA Specialist  
Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc.

EPEI File No. KHA 1110

Cc Zach Adriaenssens, GDOT  
David Moyer, GDOT  
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Brady Finklea, Kimley-Horn

June 2, 2015

Mr. Celso Puente  
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Reston, VA 20192

**Re: Early Coordination Request for GDOT Projects CSSTP-0008-00(358) and CSSTP-0008-00(359), P.I. Nos. 0008358, 0008359, and 0010236, Chatham County**

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June 2, 2015

Mr. James Johnson  
Georgia Forestry Commission  
Box 819, Forest Management  
Macon, GA 31202-0819

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EPEI File No. KHA 1110

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June 2, 2015

Mr. Heinz Mueller  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4  
Atlanta Federal Center  
100 Alabama Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303-3104

**Re: Early Coordination Request for GDOT Projects CSSTP-0008-00(358) and CSSTP-0008-00(359), P.I. Nos. 0008358, 0008359, and 0010236, Chatham County**

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Mailstop: D69  
1600 Clifton Road NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329

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June 2, 2015

Mr. Thomas L. Thompson, P.E.  
Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission  
P.O. Box 8246  
Savannah GA, 31412-8246

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June 2, 2015

Mr. Dan Wallace  
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Email: dan.wallace@ga.usda.gov

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May 26, 2015

Mayor Edna B. Jackson  
Office of the Mayor  
P.O. Box 1027  
Savannah GA, 31402

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Lt. Col. Clarence W. Bowman III  
Commander U.S. Army Garrison  
171 Haley Avenue  
Building #1286  
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Savannah GA,

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President Kathy S. Love  
Savannah Technical College  
5717 White Bluff Rd  
Savannah GA, 31405-5594

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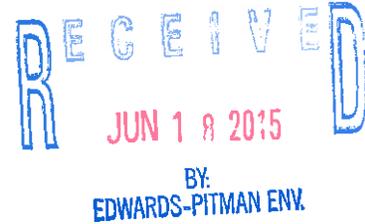
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Mr. Josh Earhart  
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This letter is a response to your request for early coordination for Project DeRenne – PI# 0008358, PI#0008359 and PI# 0010236. You requested assistance on the following information from the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO).

- Advice on any known project area resources or conditions that should be considered during the environmental evaluation (site specific social, economic, and environmental concerns); and
- Identification of low income and minority neighborhoods, including identification of neighborhood leaders and minority groups or associations located throughout the affected communities within the project's area of potential effect.

We are providing you the following information for consideration. The summary table is listed on the next page.

- *Savannah Neighborhood Map and contact information:* the information shows you which neighborhoods in the project area might be directly impacted and who should be contacted.
- *Area resources:* two neighborhoods in the project area (Kensington Park and Fairway Oaks) have been designated historic neighborhoods. Several others (Magnolia Park, Poplar Place, etc.) are eligible for historic designation.
- *Low income and minority areas:* CORE MPO has developed an Environmental Justice (EJ) map for the Savannah region (Chatham County, Bryan County and Effingham County) based on 2010 census data. The EJ map is included with this letter. Many of the neighborhoods in the project area are either minority concentrated or low income areas or both.

Thomas L. Thomson,  
RE, AICP  
Executive Director

Mark Wilkes,  
RE, AICP  
Director  
Transportation Planning

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<b>Neighborhood</b>	<b>Historic Designation</b>	<b>Environmental Justice Area</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Tatemville		Yes	<b>TATEMVILLE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION</b> Mable Hudson 1222 Sherman Avenue Savannah, Georgia 31405
Sylvan Terrace		Yes	<b>SYLVAN TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION</b> Lynne Hill 4747 Cumberland Drive Savannah, Georgia 31405
Abercorn Heights/Lamara Heights/Ridgewood	Eligible	Yes	Not Available
Medical Arts		Yes	Not Available
South Garden		Yes	Not Available
Forest Hills		Yes	Not Available
Poplar Place/University Place	Eligible	Yes	<b>POPLAR PLACE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION</b> Dr. Pat Harris 100 Hampstead Avenue Savannah, Georgia 31405
Groveland/Kensington Park	Yes	No	<b>KENSINGTON PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION</b> Pamela Miller 140 Andover Drive Savannah, Georgia 31405
Fairway Oaks	Yes	No	<b>FAIRWAY OAKS-GREENVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.</b> Peter Simon 5 Diancy Place Savannah, Georgia 31406
Magnolia Park/Blueberry Hill	Eligible	No	<b>MAGNOLIA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION</b> Donald Consos 2 Broadmoor Circle Savannah, Georgia 31406

In addition, we would like you to coordinate the environmental process for Project DeRenne with the CORE MPO's Non-motorized Transportation Plan.

- The recommendations of the CORE MPO's adopted Non-motorized Transportation Plan include the proposed bike/ped improvements of the Project DeRenne concepts. It lists the DeRenne Corridor as Bikeway Route #73 (maps and route description available at: <http://www.thempc.org/Transportation/Non-motorTranspPlan.html>). With regard to

project widths and possible impacts, we wish to emphasize that wherever the project design merges a bicycle facility with a pedestrian facility, your analysis of impacts should recognize that the preferred width of such combined facilities would meet industry guidelines for shared use paths (e.g. AASHTO, NACTO, or FHWA guidelines). This pertains not only to the proposed path along the "boulevard concept," but also short segments along the "third section, identified as P.I. No. 0008359": specifically the pathways that connect the DeRenne Drive (shared lane) bikeway across Waters Avenue and the pathway that would extend from the eastern end of DeRenne Drive to eastern terminus of the project.

- Additionally, for your information, the Non-motorized Transportation Plan recommends that the bikeway continue east of the Casey Canal and Truman Parkway along DeRenne Ave. (as a separate project from Project DeRenne). The plan assumes a pre-fabricated bridge would be added for the canal crossing (immediately east of the Project DeRenne terminus) to avoid forcing bicyclists and pedestrians to share the six-foot sidewalk on the existing roadway bridge. Also for information, MPO bikeway routes that cross the Project DeRenne projects are (from west to east): Route #64 Montgomery Street Corridor, Route #15 North-South Corridor (on Habersham Street), and Route #71 Paulsen/Waters Corridor (on Paulsen in your area). The plan's recommended pedestrian improvements intersecting the Project DeRenne projects include those Montgomery Street, Abercorn Street, Paulsen Street and Waters Avenue.

We hope the information is useful to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you very much.

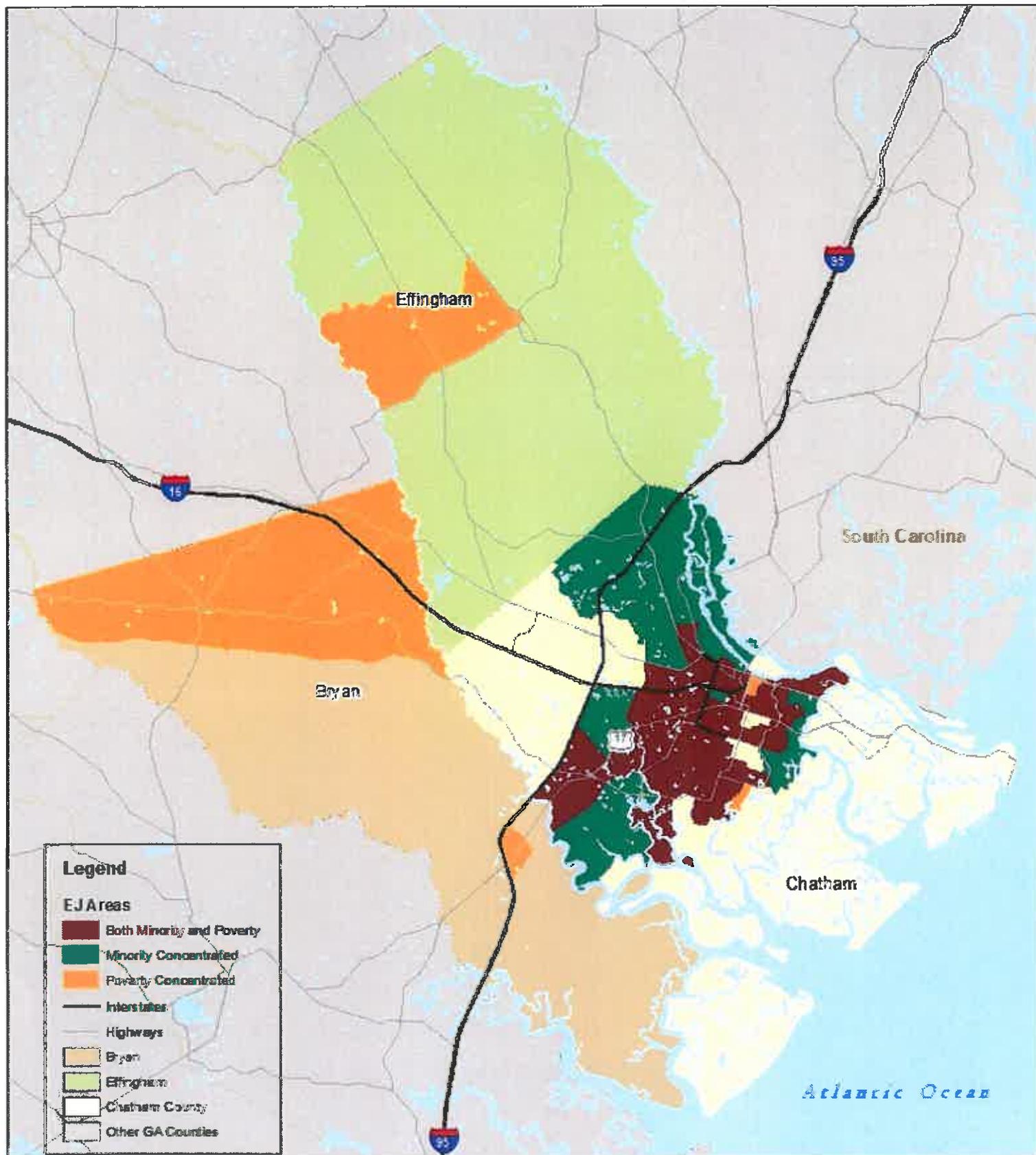
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Thomas L. Thomson, P.E., AICP  
Executive Director

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# Environmental Justice Areas



## Legend

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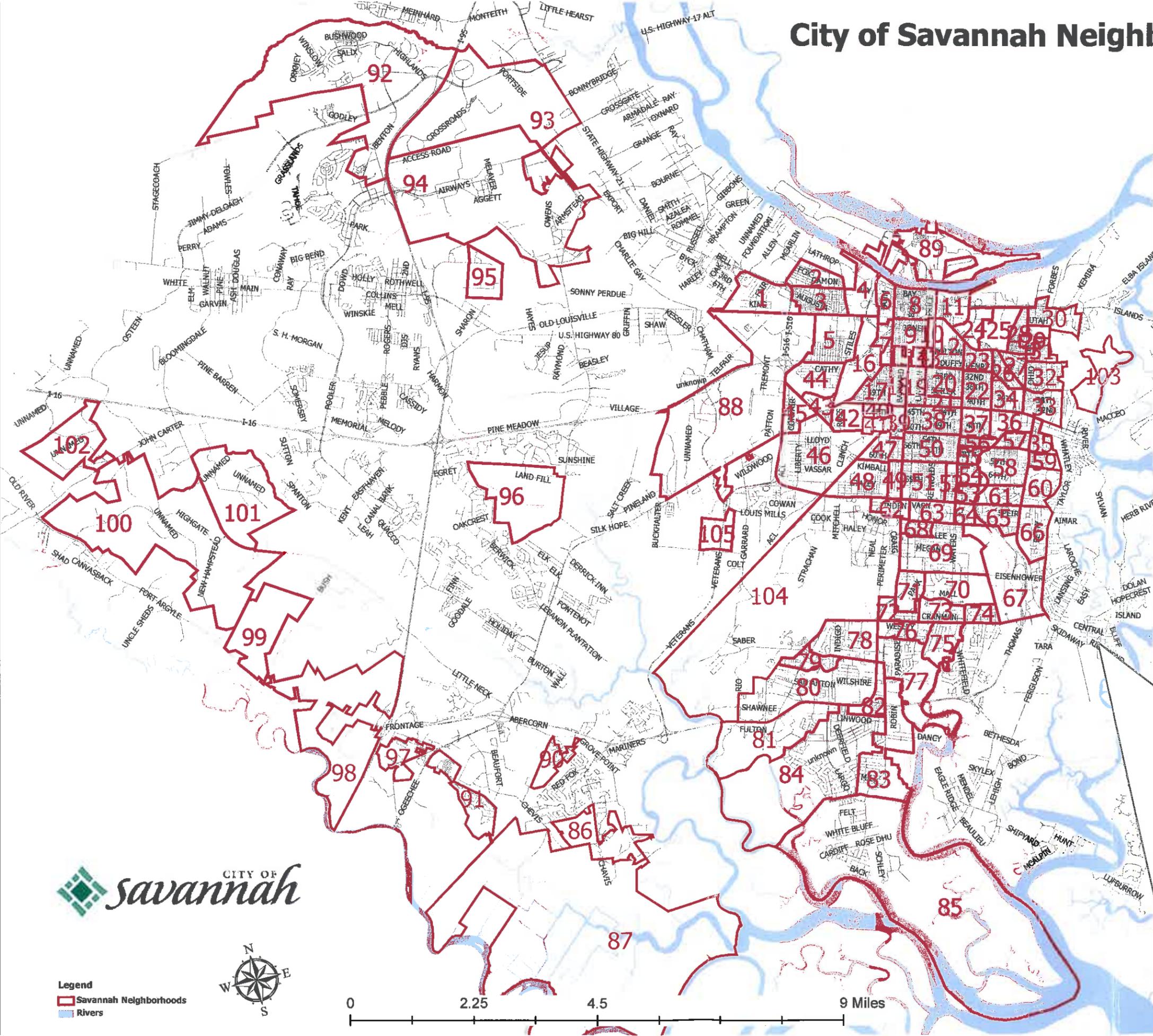
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# City of Savannah Neighborhoods



1. Woodville/Bartow
2. Hudson Hill/Bayview
3. West Savannah
4. Bay Street Viaduct Area
5. Carver Heights
6. Yamacraw Village
7. Keyton/Frazier Area
8. North Historic District
9. South Historic District
10. Beach Institute
11. Hitch Village/Fred Wassel Homes
12. Eastside
13. Dixon Park
14. East Victorian District
15. West Victorian District
16. Laurel Grove/Railroad Area
17. Cuyler/Brownville
18. Metropolitan
19. Thomas Square
20. Midtown
21. Baldwin Park
22. Live Oak
23. Benjamin Van Clark Park
24. Blackshear
25. Hillcrest Area
26. Winter Gardens/Brightwood
27. Gordonston
28. Twickenham
29. Savannah Gardens
30. Pine Gardens
31. East Savannah
32. Avondale
33. Victory Heights
34. Victory Manor/East Hill/Donwood
35. Sunset Park
36. Dale Terrace/Olympus/Victory Square
37. Parkside
38. Ardley Park/Chatham Crescent
39. Blingville
40. Cann Park
41. Jackson Park
42. Beach HS Area/Feller Terrace
43. Ogechee/Donner Avenue
44. Cloverdale
45. Tremont Park
46. Liberty City/ Summerside
47. Feller Park/Hussars Terrace/Dittmerville
48. Tatamville
49. Sylvan Terrace
50. Ardmore/Gould Estates/Olin Heights
51. Abercorn Heights/Lamara Heights/Ridgewood
52. Medical Arts
53. South Garden
54. Memorial Hospital/Fairfield
55. Sackville
56. Edgewood
57. Oakland Park/Northgate/Eastgate/Pinehurst
58. Laroche Park/Springhill/Daffin Heights
59. Fernwood/Parkwood
60. Savannah State/Glynwood/Picantia Place
61. Forest Hills
62. Popular Place/University Place
63. Groveland/Kensington Park
64. Fairway Oaks
65. Magnolia Park/Blueberry Hill
66. Brookview/Skidaway Terrace/Parkview
67. Bacon Park Area/Sandfly
68. Habersham Woods
69. Oakdale
70. Highland Park
71. Avalon/Oglethorpe Mall Area
72. Chippewa
73. Skyland Terrace/Greenway Park/Grove Park
74. Mayfair
75. Lynhurst/Rivers End
76. Oakhurst
77. Paradise Park
78. Leeds Gate/Colonial Village/Hunters Chase
79. Largo Woods
80. Wilshire Estates/Savannah Mall/et al
81. The Village/Rio/Armstrong
82. White Bluff/Holland Drive
83. White Bluff Neighborhoods
84. Windsor Forest
85. Coffee Bluff/Rose Dhu
86. Wild Heron Plantation/Southern Woods/Habersham
87. Vallambrosa
88. Chatham Parkway
89. Hutchinson Island
90. Sweetwater Plantation
91. Bradley Pointe South Area
92. Godley Station
93. Crossroads Business Center
94. Savannah International Airport
95. SPA Industrial Park
96. Dean Forest Road Landfill
97. Teal Lake/Gateway Village/South Oaks/Canebreak
98. Gateway West
99. Belford
100. New Hampstead
101. New Hampstead East
102. Newton
103. Bonaventure Cemetery
104. Hunter Army Airfield



**Legend**  
 Savannah Neighborhoods  
 Rivers

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## Office of the Mayor Savannah, Georgia

**Edna Branch Jackson**  
Mayor

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June 30, 2015

Josh Earhart  
Senior NEPA Specialist  
Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc.  
1250 Winchester Parkway  
Suite 200  
Smyrna, GA 30080

RE: Early Coordination Request for Project DeRenne (GDOT Projects CSSTP-0008-00 (358) and CSSSTP-0008-00 (359), PI Nos. 0008358, 0008359, and 0010236, Chatham County

Dear Mr. Earhart:

In response to your May 26, 2015 letter, related to the Early Coordination Request for Project DeRenne (GDOT Projects CSSTP-0008-00 (358) and CSSSTP-0008-00 (359), PI Nos. 0008358, 0008359, and 0010236, Chatham County). Attached please find information related to low income and minority neighborhoods within the project's area of potential impact.

Should you have any further questions, feel free to contact the City Manager Stephanie Cutter.

Sincerely,

Edna Jackson  
Mayor City of Savannah



RA21112

July 17, 2015

Josh Earhart  
Senior NEPA Specialist  
Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc.  
1250 Winchester Parkway, Suite 200  
Smyrna, GA 30080

**Re: Early Coordination Request for GDoT Projects CSSTP-0008-00(358) and CSSTP-0008-00(359), P.I. Nos. 0008358, 0008359 and 0010236, Chatham County**

Dear Mr. Earhart:

This letter is in reference to your request for information on the possible impacts the proposed traffic congestion and pedestrian safety improvement projects may have on land use, conservation, water quality and other general environmental concerns that may be of interest to our agency. The following outlines our concerns with the proposed project with regards to farmland protection, and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) watershed dams and project easements.

#### Farmland Protection

The Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) is intended to minimize the impact federal programs have on the unnecessary and irreversible conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses. Projects are subject to FPPA requirements if they may irreversibly convert farmland (directly or indirectly) to nonagricultural use and are completed by a federal agency or with assistance from a federal agency. For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes areas located within soil mapunits rated as prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements does not have to be currently used for cropland. It can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land uses, but not water or urban built-up land. It should be noted that the FPPA does not authorize the Federal Government to regulate the use of private or nonfederal land or, in any way, affect the property rights of owners.

NRCS uses a Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) system to establish a farmland conversion impact rating score on proposed sites of federally funded and assisted projects. This score is used as an indicator for the project sponsor to consider alternative sites if the potential adverse impacts on the farmland exceed the recommended allowable level. It is our understanding that the proposed project could involve federal funds or assistance, and thus could be subject to this assessment. However, this project is completely contained within an US Census Bureau designated urban area (Savannah, GA 79768) and is thus exempt from this assessment. You need take no further action for FPPA purposes.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**  
Georgia State Office  
355 East Hancock Avenue - Athens, GA - 30601-2775  
Voice: 706-546-2272 Fax: 855-417-8490

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### NRCS Watershed Dams

More than 50 years ago, the U.S. Department of Agriculture was authorized by Congress to help local communities with flood control and watershed protection through the Watershed Program (PL-534 Flood Control Act of 1944 and PL-566 Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act). As a result, local communities, with NRCS assistance, have constructed over 11,000 dams in 47 states since 1948. These dams were originally constructed for protection of farmlands from flooding impacts. In 2000, PL-566 was amended to provide NRCS authorization to assist communities with rehabilitation of their aging dams. The legislation authorizes NRCS to work with local communities and watershed project sponsors to address public health and safety concerns and potential environmental impacts of aging dams.

We have reviewed our records and have determined that there are no PL566 structures downstream or in the vicinity of the proposed project.

### NRCS Easements

NRCS easements relate to our Wetland Reserve Program and the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program. We have reviewed our records and have determined that there are no such easements within the vicinity of the proposed project that would be impacted.

NRCS appreciates this opportunity to comment. If you have questions or need any additional information, please contact me at (706) 546-2244 or [dan.wallace@ga.usda.gov](mailto:dan.wallace@ga.usda.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Wallace". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DANIEL F. WALLACE

Georgia Resource Inventory Coordinator

cc: Shawn Anderson, Acting Assistant State Conservationist (FO), NRCS, Waycross, GA  
Karri Honaker, District Conservationist, NRCS, Richmond Hill, GA  
Casey Sowell, Resource Soil Scientist, NRCS, Statesboro, GA

# **APPENDIX D:**

## **Comment/Response Documents from Agencies**



January 11, 2018

Jamie Higgins  
Environmental Protection Agency  
NEPA Program Office  
Resource Conservation and Restoration Division  
Sam Nunn Federal Center  
61 Forsyth Street, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Subject: Response to Comments on Scoping Materials;  
Proposed GDOT Project (Project DeRenne) in Chatham County, Georgia  
PI 0008358, I-516 at CS 1503/DeRenne Avenue  
PI 0010236, SR 21 from CS 346/Mildred Street to SR 204  
PI 0008359, East DeRenne from SR 204 to Harry S. Truman Parkway

Dear Ms. Higgins:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) thank you for your comments on the scoping materials. We have reviewed your comments, and we are encouraged by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) interest in reviewing materials and providing technical assistance during the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. We also look forward to a collaborative effort to identify and address potential impacts resulting from the proposed project. Our responses to your comments are as follows:

***Scoping Comments:***

**Environmental Justice (EJ):** The FHWA and GDOT appreciate EPA's willingness to providing technical assistance during the EIS process, and to provide review of the project mitigation plan once it is completed.

**Socioeconomic and Community Impacts:** Business impacts will be thoroughly assessed. We will coordinate closely with the city of Savannah to ensure business participation. Our outreach plan has targeted low-income and minority populations, but also elderly populations, to ensure their continued and meaningful participation in the EIS process.

**Relocation:** GDOT is in the process of identifying the best mechanisms for conveying relocation information and procedures to the public, particularly the typically underserved populations. Pamphlets and written information, as well as verbal dialogue, will be important in informing the public of their rights, procedures, and to get their feedback.

**Sustainability:** The GDOT and the city have, throughout the process, used principles of Concept Sensitive Design (CSD) in developing the Locally Preferred Alternative, as well as Complete Streets and principles of sustainability contained within those initiatives. The GDOT and FHWA will continue to incorporate those principles into this project whenever feasible.

**Historic Structures:** The GDOT initiated the Section 106 process early in project development, and have continued to keep the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) informed of identification efforts and impact assessments. We will continue to do this throughout project development and will engage local agencies and organizations with expertise in historic preservation as the project progresses.

***Public Involvement Plan (PIP) comments:***

**Bullet 1, Page 3:** We will incorporate neighborhood association meetings, newsletters, schools, and churches as potential meeting places. During past efforts, elderly and assisted living facilities, a synagogue, Savannah Technical

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College, and neighborhood associations have been targeted for outreach opportunities, and we will continue this practice during the EIS process.

**Pre-NEPA Outreach Summary:** Two of the city of Savannah's community liaisons in their Citizen's Office were instrumental in developing a rapport with the communities along the corridor, and helped each neighborhood or community identify and select a representative to be on the Public Advisory Committee (PAC). If a Homeowners Association (HOA) existed for a neighborhood, the city's liaisons empowered them to elect one representative. If an HOA did not exist, they worked with the neighborhood leaders to select a representative. The city's liaisons also worked closely with the area's hospitals, Savannah Technical College, Hunter Army Air Field, the school district, and the business community to select members. Additionally, Poplar Place was represented on the PAC by Melissa Bates, who represented both Poplar Place and University Place. The Sylvan Terrace neighborhood itself was not represented on the PAC, as a public school is the immediately adjacent entity on DeRenne Avenue. The Savannah/Chatham Public School system had a representative on the PAC. GDOT and FHWA will ensure the Sylvan Terrace neighborhood is represented in future PACs or committees. Other than confirmed residency in the applicable neighborhood or ownership of business along the corridor, there were and will be no criteria for representation on the PAC or other committees.

**Page 8:** PAC meetings were limited to PAC members. As such, the general public was not invited as the public had elected members of the PAC to represent them. We have included a summary of questions and answers compiled for the Business meeting, as well as a list of attendees. The city of Savannah's Citizen's Office invited the businesses, and this meeting was also not open to the public as a businesses-only meeting initiated prior to the NEPA process. The other 2010 meeting noted in this paragraph was the Public Design Charrette, which came shortly prior to the Business meeting. Since both of these meetings occurred prior to the initiation of a NEPA process, they were city-led and involved the PAC and businesses only.

**Page 8 (last paragraph):** The Boulevard Option is part of the Locally Preferred Alternative. It refers to one section of the proposed project corridor. It will be clarified that they are the same Locally Preferred Alternative.

**Page 10:** Summary comments and responses to comments are included in the materials package attached to this letter. We have included the sign-in sheet and list of attendees who commented and received the response letter; however, as a matter of policy, GDOT does not track specific groups, businesses, representatives, etc. of the attendees at any Public Information Open House meeting. However, public officials are routinely asked to sign in and identify themselves. These attendees are identified in the 2013-06-23 Summary of Comments.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,

Eric Duff  
State Environmental Administrator

ED/VP/SLT-EPEI

cc: Christy Lovett, GDOT Project Manager

# **APPENDIX E:**

## **Public Scoping Meeting Notices**

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

### PROJECT DERENNE, CHATHAM COUNTY

PI 0008358, I-516 AT CS 1503/DERENNE AVENUE  
PI 0010236, SR 21 FROM CS 346/MILDRED STREET TO SR 204  
PI 0008359, EAST DERENNE FROM SR 204 TO HARRY S. TRUMAN PARKWAY

**WHAT**            **Public Scoping Meeting  
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

**WHEN**           Tuesday February 13, 2018  
11:00 am to 7:00 pm

**WHERE**           Eckburg Auditorium  
Savannah Technical College  
5717 White Bluff Road  
Savannah, Georgia 31405

The public is invited to attend and participate in this next milestone activity in the environmental process for Project DeRenne.

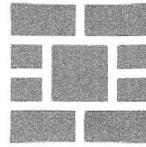
This important meeting will inform the public on the current status and seek input on various aspects of the project. There will be no formal presentation, but members of the design team, environmental professionals, City of Savannah, and GDOT personnel will be present during the entire period to answer questions, explain the environmental process and encourage feedback about the project. Stations will be set up around the meeting room and cover topics such as:

- ✓ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Process and Schedule
- ✓ Project Area Context
- ✓ Issues and Opportunities from the project
- ✓ Other Alternatives Considered

There will be information at each station to encourage your participation and comments. Comments can be made at the meeting in written or verbal formats. Display information, handouts, and other documents will be posted to the project website for further study and review.

## City of Savannah Public Communications

Posted on: February 7, 2018

**Alderwoman Shabazz Invites Residents to Project DeRenne Meeting**Office of  
Public  
Communications**MEDIA ADVISORY**

February 7, 2018

For Immediate Release

[Alderwoman Shabazz Invites Residents to Project DeRenne Meeting](#)

SAVANNAH, GA (February 7, 2018)— City of Savannah District 5 Alderwoman Dr. Estella Shabazz encourages residents and businesses to attend and participate in an important drop-in meeting regarding Project DeRenne. The meeting is being held by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

**What:** Public Scoping Meeting, Environmental Impact Statement**When:** Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (drop-in)**Where:** Eckburg Auditorium, Savannah Technical College, 5717 White Bluff Rd.

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In 2008, City of Savannah initiated a project known as Project DeRenne to determine the future of the DeRenne Ave. corridor while seeking to balance the often competing objectives of transportation and neighborhood connectivity. Project DeRenne is currently in Phase 3 of a five-phase process for developing long term solutions for the revitalization of the corridor. For more information visit the City's website at [www.savannahga.gov/ProjectDeRenne](http://www.savannahga.gov/ProjectDeRenne)

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# MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Project DeRenne Avenue Public Scoping Meeting

Re: Flyer Distribution and Notification

Willie Mae Knight Neighborhood Service Coordinator along with Clara Fishel

Distributed approximately 75 Project DeRenne Ave. Public Scoping Meeting flyers on Monday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> to the following areas:

- Trailer parks
- Summit Apartments
- both sides of Hampstead Avenue and
- the Tatumville neighborhood.

Willie Mae attended the Ben Van Clark, Eastside, and Live Oak neighborhoods meeting on Saturday, Feb.10<sup>th</sup>.

She notified all attendees at this meeting of the upcoming Project DeRenne Ave. Public Scoping Meeting

Also, email notifications were sent to these neighborhood presidents of the upcoming meeting.

## Mike Weiner

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**From:** Michele Strickland  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2018 8:00 AM  
**To:** Mike Weiner  
**Subject:** Project DeRenne Notifications

Mike,

Beau and I distributed 106 Project DeRenne notification flyers to the Poplar Place/University Place residents and businesses along and west of Montgomery.



*MS*

Michele Strickland  
Traffic Engineering Coordinator  
City of Savannah  
912.651.6600  
912.525.1535 fax

Miscellaneous Notices **015**

**City of Savannah and Georgia Department of Transportation To Hold A Public Scoping Meeting**

Proposed Project (Project DeRenne) in Chatham County, Georgia PI 0008358, I-516 at CS 1503/DeRenne Avenue PI 0010236, SR 21 from CS 346/Mildred Street to SR 204 PI 0008359, East DeRenne from SR 204 to Harry S. Truman Parkway

On Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Eckburg Auditorium - Savannah Technical College, 5717 White Bluff Road, Savannah, GA 31405, the City of Savannah, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Transportation, will hold a Public Scoping Meeting concerning the project listed above. The GDOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Section 4(f) Evaluation for proposed improvements along I-516 / SR 21 / CS 1503 / DeRenne Avenue and Hampstead Avenue in the city of Savannah, Georgia. This project, referred to locally as Project DeRenne, is approximately 2.6 miles in length. The purposes of the project are to alleviate present and future congestion and improve mobility for vehicles traveling along the I-516 and SR 21 / CS 1503 / DeRenne Avenue corridor. Proposed project elements to achieve the purpose may include modifications at the interchange of I-516 and SR 21, improvements along adjacent roads to DeRenne Avenue, intersection upgrades, and improvements along DeRenne Avenue. The Notice of Intent for the preparation of an EIS was published in the Federal Register on July 18, 2017. Please join us at the Public

Miscellaneous Notices **015**

Scoping Meeting to learn more about this proposed project and provide input into the environmental process. The Scoping Meeting will be an Open House format from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. It will be informal, and the public is invited to attend anytime during these hours. There will be no formal presentation. A court reporter will be available to allow the public an opportunity to make verbal comments about the project.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information: The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by calling Byron Cowart at (912) 530-4359.

Written statements will be accepted concerning this project until March 15, 2018. Written statements may be provided at the meeting or submitted following the meeting to:

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:  
[www.ProjectDeRenne.com](http://www.ProjectDeRenne.com)

Invoice Description:  
18-05-311-9207-52842-TE309

# **APPENDIX F:**

## **Public Scoping Meeting Displays**

# STATION 1

## WELCOME!

# WELCOME

Thank you for attending the  
**PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

for

## Project DeRenne, Chatham County

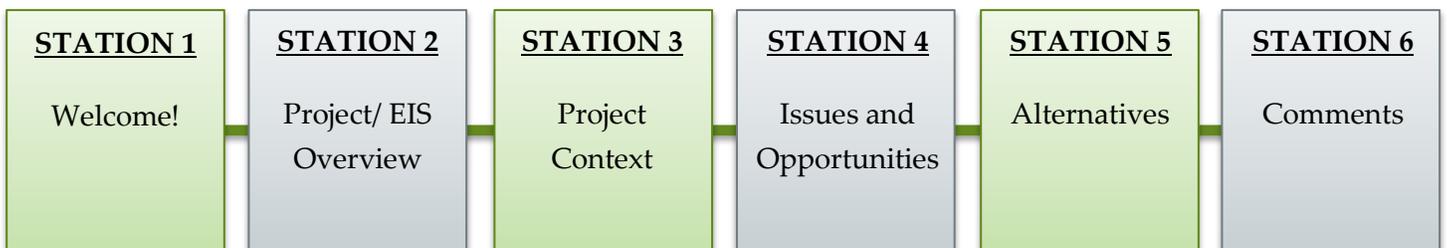
Please take this opportunity to visit each station, talk with the representatives, ask questions, and tell us your ideas. We are excited to hear from you!



Please sign-in and indicate whether you would like to be added to the project contact list.



After you have visited all of the stations, please fill out the comment card and questionnaire.



# STATION 2

## PROJECT / EIS PROCESS OVERVIEW

# Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) MILESTONES



**Federal environmental review process** for an EIS and the anticipated time frame for when these activities will take place on Project DeRenne.

## Why are we here?

**Scoping** - refers to a formal exchange of information for projects requiring an EIS. Scoping activities are aimed at engaging interested parties in the decision-making process. The process is used to identify the **range of alternatives**, **potential impacts**, and the **significant issues** to be addressed in the EIS.

## Environmental Issues to be Considered in the EIS

Social Environment	
Land Use Plans	The DEIS will indicate if the proposed action is consistent with state, county and local existing and future land use plans.
Transportation Impacts	The existing transportation deficiencies will be examined, and the extent to which the proposed action solves these problems will be addressed.
Neighborhoods and Environmental Justice Populations	The DEIS will assess project benefits and impacts on study area neighborhoods, with specific attention to minority and low-income populations. Adverse or disproportionately high impacts affecting minority or low-income populations will be evaluated.
Displacements	The DEIS will identify any commercial and residential properties that would be displaced or impacted by the project.
Community Facilities	Effect on community facilities, including parks, schools, libraries, colleges, community centers, emergency management facilities, and places of worship will be evaluated.
Cultural Environment	
Historic and Archaeological Resources	Historic properties, archeological sites, parklands, and other cultural resources will be identified. Effects to significant resources will be examined.
Visual and Aesthetics	Effects on visually sensitive areas and resources, including tree and building removal and the introduction of new structures (roadway, walls, bridge, ramps) will be examined.
Natural Environment	
Water Resources	Effects on wetlands, streams, and other surface waters, including their ecology, will be examined.
Protected Species	Surveys for Federal and State protected plants and animals will be conducted. Effects on species and their habitats will be addressed.
Water Quality	Effects on surface and groundwater resources, including the addition of impervious surfaces and/or the disturbance of soil will be examined.
Floodplains	A determination will be made as to whether properties in the study area are located within a 100-year floodplain. Effects on floodplain areas will be examined.
Physical Environment	
Air Quality	The potential impact on air quality, as well as a discussion of compliance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and an evaluation of conformity with the State Implementation Plan will be documented.
Noise Assessment	The study will include an analysis of potential impacts of noise and vibration associated with the build alternatives.
Contamination/Hazardous Materials	DEIS will document any known hazardous materials or contamination within the study area. Sites requiring further analysis will be identified.

# STATION 3

## PROJECT CONTEXT

# Guiding Principles

## **Neighborhood Preservation**

Preserve the integrity of existing neighborhoods.

## **Local Land Use Initiatives**

Promote implementation of adopted future land use initiatives and promote revitalization of existing commercial properties.

## **Beautification and Streetscape**

Enhance visual appearance and promote a sense of place that is representative of the local Savannah character for those entering the corridor.

## **Modal Accommodations**

Improve the modal accommodations for alternate travel modes and travel demand management.

## **Transportation and Safety**

Improve current and future transportation operations and travel safety.

## **Economic Development**

Promote a healthy and sustainable business environment where revitalization of existing commercial properties, redevelopment of strategic locations, and continued reinvestment in healthy businesses is encouraged.

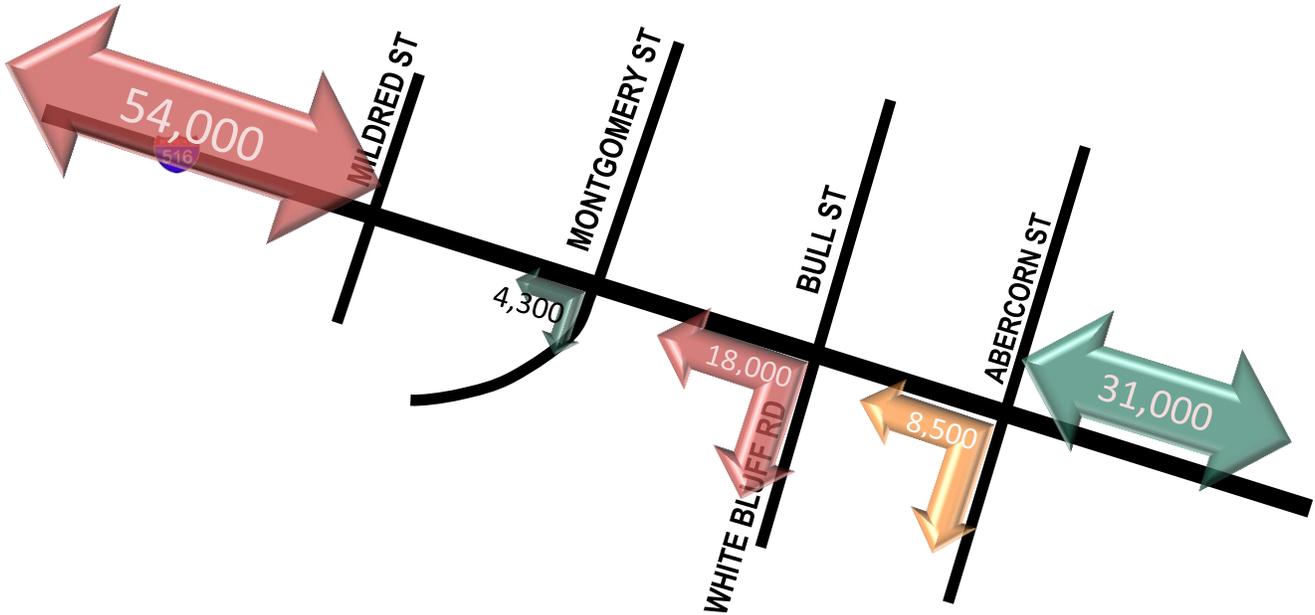
# Need and Purpose

- Enhance mobility by reducing existing queuing and delay to improve corridor travel times.
- Improve the operational performance of the West DeRenne Avenue signalized intersections (specifically the heavy eastbound to southbound and northbound to westbound movements around Hunter Army Airfield).
- Improve pedestrian accommodations along DeRenne Avenue.
- Improve access management along DeRenne Avenue.

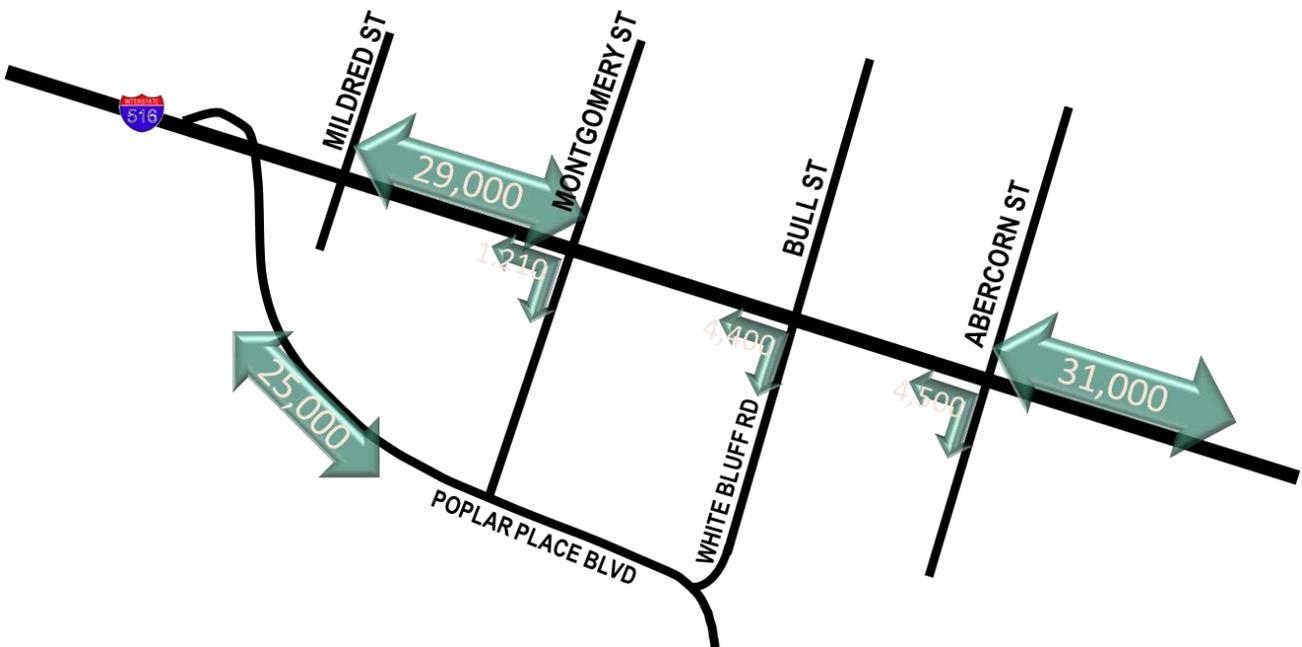


# Problem Identification

Projected Traffic Daily Volumes – Existing Conditions

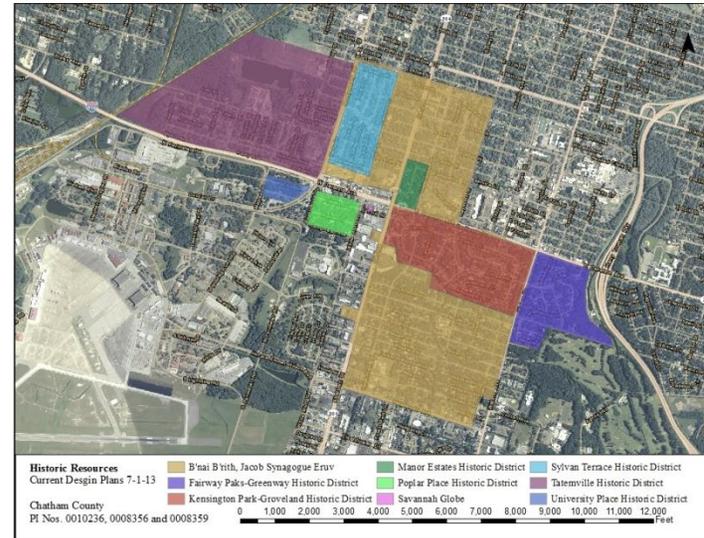


Average Peak-Hour Intersection Performance – 2030 Conditions



# Project Setting / Affected Environment

- Ecological Resources – 5 streams, 1 open water, 2 wetlands
- Noise – 3 walls currently reasonable and feasible. Public has expressed support of walls in past meetings.
- Historic Resources – 7 Eligible Historic Districts, 1 Eligible Individual Resource (Savannah Globe)
- Community Resources – Hunter Army Air Field, Medical Complex, Eruv, Savannah Technical College



## Environmental Justice

Low-income and minority populations are present and concentrated on the west end of the corridor.  
 High number of displacements expected in Poplar Place/University Place Neighborhoods.



Data from the US Census Bureau 2010 Census

# STATION 4

## ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

# ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

***SHARE YOUR IDEAS!***

Visual Changes

Construction Disruption

Property Impacts

Residential and Business Displacements

Changes in Access

Property Values

Congestion Relief

Improved Mobility

New Sidewalks for Pedestrians and Bikes

Safer Crossings for Bus Stops

Improved Air Quality

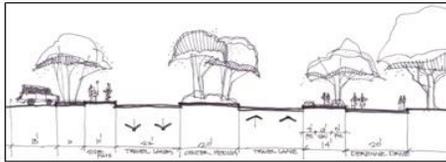
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## ALTERNATIVES

# Boulevard Option



# Median Option



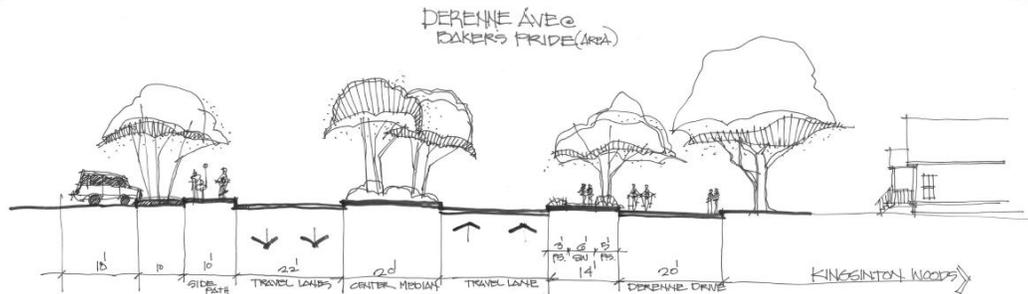
DeRenne Avenue Typical Cross Section: East of Abercorn Street



DeRenne Avenue: Habersham Street to Reynolds Street



DeRenne Avenue: Reynolds Street to Waters Avenue



# ALTERNATIVES

<p><b>Alternative 1: Build Alternative (Boulevard Option)</b></p>	<p>Will be carried forward in the EIS</p>
<p><b>Alternative 2: No-Build Alternative</b> - The no-build alternative assumes that the existing roadways in the study area remain unchanged. This alternative is only for comparative evaluation of the build alternative.</p>	<p>Will be carried forward in the EIS</p>
<p><b>Alternative 3: Intersection Improvement Alternative</b> - The intersection improvements alternative provides eastbound capacity improvements that ease some of the eastbound to southbound (inbound) congestion (mostly during the AM peak).</p>	<p>Eliminated from study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substantial ROW impacts</li> <li>• Does not adequately address congestion</li> <li>• Does not satisfy project goals outlined in need and purpose</li> </ul>
<p><b>Alternative 4: Continuous Flow Intersection at White Bluff Road and DeRenne Avenue</b> - A Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) would be constructed at the intersection of White Bluff Road and DeRenne Avenue.</p>	<p>Eliminated from study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not adequately address delay</li> <li>• Substantial ROW impacts</li> <li>• Does not address turning movement conflicts at Montgomery/DeRenne and Abercorn/DeRenne</li> </ul>
<p><b>Alternative 5: Widen DeRenne Avenue</b> - widening DeRenne Avenue between I-516 and Abercorn Street from 6 to 8 lanes and between Abercorn Street and the Harry S. Truman Parkway from 4 to 6 lanes.</p>	<p>Eliminated from study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not address congestion</li> <li>• Substantial ROW impacts</li> <li>• Strong public opposition</li> </ul>

# STATION 6

## COMMENTS

# COMMENTS AND COURT REPORTER

Please return Questionnaire / Comment Card before you leave!

or

Mail Comments By **March 15, 2018** To:

Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation

600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

Project Website

[www.ProjectDeRenne.com](http://www.ProjectDeRenne.com)

## THANK YOU!

# **APPENDIX G:**

## **Comment Documents from Public**

PROJECT DERENNE, CHATHAM COUNTY
PI 0008358, I-516 AT CS 1503/DERENNE AVENUE
PI 0010236, SR 21 FROM CS 346/MILDRED STREET TO SR 204
PI 0008359, EAST DERENNE FROM SR 204 TO HARRY S. TRUMAN PARKWAY

Questionnaire and Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: JOHN BENNETT

Address: 627 E. 48th ST.

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

- Yes No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

- Daily - Weekdays Weekends As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

- Residence Work / Place of Employment
Access Downtown Savannah Hospital / Medical Facilities
Hunter Army Airfield School
Childcare Other (please list below)

SHOPPING AT 12 OAK, LUCKEY'S, WALGREENS,
BARENS PRIDE, SUNNY SIDE UP

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

- Car Bus Bicycle Walk
Other

**I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)**

ADULTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM RIDING ON SIDE WALKS BY STATE LAW

- Visual Changes
- Construction Disruption
- Property Impacts
- Residential Displacements
- Changes in Access
- Property Values
- Congestion Relief
- Improved Mobility
- New Sidewalks for Pedestrian and Bikes
- Safe Crossings/Access to Bus Stops
- Improved Air Quality
- Green/Public Spaces

Other I'M A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED WITH THE LACK OF SAFE CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE PLAN

**Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?**

- For
- Against
- Conditional
- Uncommitted

**What is the best way for you to continue to be informed about this project?**

- City of Savannah Project Website
- News and Announcements mailed to your residence
- Email/Electronic Mail (if yes, provide address below)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Public Meetings

**Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to share:**

PLEASE CONSIDER PARKING PROTECTED BIKE LANES ON MONTGOMERY SOUTH OF DERENNE. ALSO REDUCTION OF TRAFFIC VOLUME ON EAST BOUND DERENNE W/O ADJUSTING LANES WILL PRODUCE SPEEDING IN OFF PEAK HOURS. CONSIDER ADJUSTING LANES TO ALLOW FOR WIDER/SAFER SIDEWALKS. ALSO THE DERENNE/ABBECCORN INTERSECTION NEEDS MORE WORK. EVEN WITH PEDESTRIAN REFUGE THIS WILL REMAIN

**THANK YOU!** A VERY DANGEROUS INTERSECTION FOR PEOPLE ON BIKE OR FOOT.

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Questionnaire and Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: ALAN BOUTON, PRES. PARADISE PARK APARTMENTS NA
Address: 410 DYCHER DR.
31406

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

- Yes No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

- (2-3) Daily - Weekdays (2-3) Weekends As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

- Residence Work / Place of Employment
Access Downtown Savannah Hospital / Medical Facilities
Hunter Army Airfield School
Childcare Other (please list below)

MUST CROSS DERENNE FOR CHURCH (3X WEEK), GYM (5X WEEK)
SHOPPING (2X WEEK) AND SOCIAL VISITS (2X WEEK)

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

- Car Bus Bicycle Walk
Other

**I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)**

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Changes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Congestion Relief           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Disruption   | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved Mobility                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Impacts          | <input type="checkbox"/> New Sidewalks for Pedestrian and Bikes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Displacements | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Crossings/Access to Bus Stops     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in Access         | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved Air Quality                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Values           | <input type="checkbox"/> Green/Public Spaces                    |

Other SAVANNAH IS A NORTH-SOUTH TOWN (POPULATION DENSITY)  
DERENNE TRAFFIC IS AN IMPEDIMENT TO LOCAL TRIPS --- TRIPLES  
TIME DURING PEAKHOURS. WE NEED NORTH-SOUTH TRAFFIC  
RELIEF.

**Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?**

- For       Against       Conditional       Uncommitted

**What is the best way for you to continue to be informed about this project?**

- City of Savannah Project Website       Public Meetings
- News and Announcements mailed to your residence
- Email/Electronic Mail (if yes, provide address below)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to share:**

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Questionnaire and Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: Ab Cunningham
Address: 5717 White Bluff Rd (work)

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

- Yes No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

- Daily - Weekdays Weekends As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

- Residence Work / Place of Employment
Access Downtown Savannah Hospital / Medical Facilities
Hunter Army Airfield School
Childcare Other (please list below)

Church (Jonesville Baptist) Montsomy St.

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

- Car Bus Bicycle Walk
Other

**I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Changes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Congestion Relief           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in Access         | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved Air Quality                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Values           | <input type="checkbox"/> Green/Public Spaces                    |
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**Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?**

- For       Against       Conditional       Uncommitted

**What is the best way for you to continue to be informed about this project?**

- City of Savannah Project Website       Public Meetings  
 News and Announcements mailed to your residence  
 Email/Electronic Mail (if yes, provide address below)  
 Other acunningham@savannahtech.edu

**Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to share:**

There have been a number of Automobile Accidents Near  
OR AT the intersection of White Bluff Road and Entrance  
to Savannah Technical College. I am requesting a review/study  
of the causes of the accidents and to ascertain if  
the project would ~~also~~ increase the number  
of accidents. If so, what can be done to  
reduce the number of accidents

**THANK YOU!**

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Please print responses.

Name: Lamar Davis

Address: 728 Wilmington Isl Rd

Savannah GA 31410

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

Yes

No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

Daily - Weekdays

Weekends

As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

Residence

Work / Place of Employment

Access Downtown Savannah

Hospital / Medical Facilities

Hunter Army Airfield

School

Childcare

Other (please list below)

Access to commercial businesses S of DeRenne  
in the Abernethy/White Bluff corridor

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

Car

Bus

Bicycle

Walk

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Disruption  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improved Mobility                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Impacts   | <input type="checkbox"/> New Sidewalks for Pedestrian and Bikes        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Displacements  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safe Crossings/Access to Bus Stops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in Access  | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved Air Quality                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Values  | <input type="checkbox"/> Green/Public Spaces                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>a good solution to a problem that has existed</u><br><u>for over 20 years, worsening each year</u> |  |

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- For       Against       Conditional       Uncommitted

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- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Hope you can put it on a Fast Track!



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### Questionnaire and Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: JUNE DENLINGER  
Address: 1301 E 50th  
SAV 31404

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

Yes

No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

Daily – Weekdays

Weekends

As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

Residence

Work / Place of Employment

Access Downtown Savannah

Hospital / Medical Facilities

Hunter Army Airfield

School

Childcare

Other (please list below)

FRIENDS' HOUSES, GROCERIES, ERRANDS, ETC

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

Car

Bus

Bicycle

Walk

Other \_\_\_\_\_

***I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
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***Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?***

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Questionnaire and Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: SEAN Duffy
Address: 5401 Waters Drive Savannah GA 31906

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

- Yes No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

- Daily - Weekdays Weekends As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

- Residence Work / Place of Employment
Access Downtown Savannah Hospital / Medical Facilities
Hunter Army Airfield School
Childcare Other (please list below)

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

- Car Bus Bicycle Walk
Other

***I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)***

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____<br>_____<br>_____        |   |

***Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?***

- For       Against       Conditional       Uncommitted

***What is the best way for you to continue to be informed about this project?***

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- Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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***Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to share:***

Please Provide Side walk access to Waters Drive to  
Waters Ave & Derenne Intersection. Heavy pedestrian traffic walk  
Waters Drive toward other Bustops.

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**THANK YOU!**

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Questionnaire and Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: Heather Fish
Address: 314 FLAT Bush Drive
Cougton, GA 31312

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

- Yes (checked) No

How often do you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

- Daily - Weekdays (checked) Weekends As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

- Residence Work / Place of Employment (checked)
Access Downtown Savannah Hospital / Medical Facilities (checked)
Hunter Army Airfield School
Childcare Other (please list below) (checked)

Mail

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

- Car (checked) Bus Bicycle Walk
Other

**I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)**

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**Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?**

- For       Against       Conditional       Uncommitted

**What is the best way for you to continue to be informed about this project?**

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 Email/Electronic Mail (if yes, provide address below)  
 Other heather.fish@hotmail.com

**Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to share:**

Thank you for the updates. Please keep this project on the front-end; as a priority for the City of Savannah.  
This should be ~~the~~ THE #1 Transportation Project for the City of Savannah.  
Great job balance all the needs + environmental impacts

**THANK YOU!**

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Questionnaire and Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: Madeline Hill
Address: 203 Andover Drive
Savannah, Ga. 31405

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

- Yes No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

- Daily - Weekdays Weekends As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

- Residence Work / Place of Employment
Access Downtown Savannah Hospital / Medical Facilities
Hunter Army Airfield School
Childcare Other (please list below)

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

- Car Bus Bicycle Walk
Other

***I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)***

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***Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?***

- For       Against       Conditional       Uncommitted

***What is the best way for you to continue to be informed about this project?***

- City of Savannah Project Website       Public Meetings
- News and Announcements mailed to your residence
- Email/Electronic Mail (if yes, provide address below)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ maddybhammer@gmail.com
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***Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to share:***

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### Questionnaire and Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: John Hubert

Address: 221 Port Royal Dr.

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

Yes

No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

Daily – Weekdays

Weekends

As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

Residence

Work / Place of Employment

Access Downtown Savannah

Hospital / Medical Facilities

Hunter Army Airfield

School

Childcare

Other (please list below)

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

Car

Bus

Bicycle

Walk

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)**

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**Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?**

- For       Against       Conditional       Uncommitted

**What is the best way for you to continue to be informed about this project?**

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- Email/Electronic Mail (if yes, provide address below)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
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Whitbluff heading N + NW -  
why no turn lane for traffic that wants  
to continue north towards Bull st.  
Seems to me a right turn can become dangerous  
as well as slow traffic west on 516.

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**THANK YOU!**

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Questionnaire and Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: LESTER LAMHUT
Address: 228 VARN DRIVE
SAVANNAH GA 31905

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

- Yes No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

- Daily - Weekdays Weekends As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

- Residence Work / Place of Employment
Access Downtown Savannah Hospital / Medical Facilities
Hunter Army Airfield School
Childcare Other (please list below)

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

- Car Bus Bicycle Walk
Other

***I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)***

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Changes               | <input type="checkbox"/> Congestion Relief                                 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Values              | <input type="checkbox"/> Green/Public Spaces                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                  |  |
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***Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?***

- For       Against       Conditional       Uncommitted

***What is the best way for you to continue to be informed about this project?***

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- Other \_\_\_\_\_
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PI 0010236, SR 21 FROM CS 346/MILDRED STREET TO SR 204
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Questionnaire and Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: PAMELA Miller - President Kensington Park

Address: 140 Andover Drive. Groveland

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

[X] Yes 10+ yrs. :) [ ] No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

[X] Daily - Weekdays [X] Weekends [X] As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

- [X] Residence [X] Work / Place of Employment
[X] Access Downtown Savannah [X] Hospital / Medical Facilities
[ ] Hunter Army Airfield [ ] School
[ ] Childcare [X] Other (please list below)

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

- [X] Car [ ] Bus [ ] Bicycle [X] Walk
[ ] Other

**I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:**  
**(Please check all that apply)**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visual Changes <i>positive+</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Congestion Relief                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Disruption                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improved Mobility                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Impacts                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Sidewalks for Pedestrian and Bikes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Displacements                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Crossings/Access to Bus Stops                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in Access                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved Air Quality                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Values <i>groveland</i>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Green/Public Spaces                    |

Other *Kensington Park abuts DeRenne from Waters to Abercorn - we want to love as much of the landscaping preserved & added to.*

**Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?**

- For       Against       Conditional       Uncommitted

**What is the best way for you to continue to be informed about this project?**

- City of Savannah Project Website       Public Meetings  
 News and Announcements mailed to your residence  
 Email/Electronic Mail (if yes, provide address below)

Other *Pamloves.savannah@aol.com*

**Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to share:**

*On behalf of the Kensington Park & Groveland communities we request that the added greenspace on DeRenne contain grass & trees only (crepe myrtle) and that improvements for bike lanes preserve current landscape*

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Please print responses.

Name: Nick Palumbo

Address: 216 E. 51st Street

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

- Yes No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

- Daily - Weekdays Weekends As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

- Residence Work / Place of Employment
Access Downtown Savannah Hospital / Medical Facilities
Hunter Army Airfield School
Childcare Other (please list below)

Food - Dater's Pride, Banking, etc.

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

- Car Bus Bicycle Walk

I want to, but - Dangerous

I want to, but dangerous

Other

**I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Displacements   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safe Crossings/Access to Bus Stops     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in Access   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improved Air Quality                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Values   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Green/Public Spaces                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Please prioritize beautification and pedestrian + bike access.</u> |  |

**Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?**

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- Other npalumbofy@gmail.com

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This is an opportunity to provide a more beautiful gateway to our city. Since this area is frequently used by commuters and residents, we need to utilize this project to keep our sense of place a priority. Roadways often contend with anonymity, except for Victory Drive, Abercorn Street (North of DeRenne to Victory). We need not go far for inspiration to build something great. Thank you.

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Please print responses.

Name: THOMAS (Tommy) TAYLOR
Address: 343 ALTHEA PKWY. 31405

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

- Yes No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

- Daily - Weekdays Weekends As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

- Residence Work / Place of Employment
Access Downtown Savannah Hospital / Medical Facilities
Hunter Army Airfield School
Childcare Other (please list below)

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

- Car Bus Bicycle Walk
Other

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changes in Access | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved Air Quality                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Values              | <input type="checkbox"/> Green/Public Spaces                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                  |   |
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- Other \_\_\_\_\_
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Asking for inclusion of A sidewalk connector .  
FOR North bound pedestrians/Bicycles At the  
intersection of WALTERS Drive (in Kensington Park)  
At DeRenne Ave. See poster Not on overlay  
At STATION 4. (sav'k Tech scoping meeting Feb 13, 2018)

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### Questionnaire and Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: Rutland Tire  
Address: 5711 White Bluff Rd  
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Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

- Yes  No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

- Daily – Weekdays  Weekends  As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Access Downtown Savannah | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospital / Medical Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Army Airfield     | <input type="checkbox"/> School                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)                |
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What modes of transportation do you typically use?

- Car  Bus  Bicycle  Walk  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Values              | <input type="checkbox"/> Green/Public Spaces                    |

Other No access to our property for  
customers heading north bound unless  
traffic light is allowed u-turn

**Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?**

- For       Against       Conditional       Uncommitted

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Questionnaire and Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: MARY JANE Weeks
Address: 102 SHAMROCK CIR
SAV. GA 31406

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

- Yes No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

- Daily - Weekdays Weekends As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

- Residence Work / Place of Employment
Access Downtown Savannah Hospital / Medical Facilities
Hunter Army Airfield School
Childcare Other (please list below)

AS Needed to get around town, but especially getting to the airport

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

- Car Bus Bicycle Walk
Other

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in Access         | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved Air Quality                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Values           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Green/Public Spaces                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____               |  |
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**Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?**

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**What is the best way for you to continue to be informed about this project?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Email/Electronic Mail (if yes, provide address below) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |   |
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| _____ <i>newspaper</i>   |   |

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Please print responses.

Name: Veronica Williams

Address: 272 West 73<sup>rd</sup> St  
Savannah, GA 31405

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

Yes

No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

Daily – Weekdays

Weekends

As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

Residence

Work / Place of Employment

Access Downtown Savannah

Hospital / Medical Facilities

Hunter Army Airfield

School

Childcare

Other (please list below)

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

Car

Bus

Bicycle

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Questionnaire and Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: Ardis Wood
Address: 321 E 55th 31405

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

- Yes No

How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?

- Daily - Weekdays almost every other day Weekends As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

- Residence Work / Place of Employment
Access Downtown Savannah Hospital / Medical Facilities
Hunter Army Airfield School
Childcare Other (please list below)

Shopping south of DeRenne

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

- Car Bus Bicycle Walk
Other

I SHOULD USE MORE!

**I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)**

- Visual Changes *FOR THE BETTER*
- Construction Disruption
- Property Impacts
- Residential Displacements
- Changes in Access
- Property Values
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Congestion Relief
- Improved Mobility
- New Sidewalks for Pedestrian and Bikes
- Safe Crossings/Access to Bus Stops
- Improved Air Quality
- Green/Public Spaces

**Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?**

- For
- Against
- Conditional
- Uncommitted

**What is the best way for you to continue to be informed about this project?**

- City of Savannah Project Website
- Public Meetings
- News and Announcements mailed to your residence *Cardis. Wood@gmail.com*
- Email/Electronic Mail (if yes, provide address below)
- Other *Savannah Morning News*

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*good refinement of this plan has been accomplished!  
Get 'er done!*

**THANK YOU!**

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Questionnaire and Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name: Ryan M. Zickafoose  
Address: 10801 Middleground Rd. #73 Sav, GA 31419

Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?

- Yes  No

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- Daily – Weekdays  Weekends  As Needed

Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:

- Residence  Work / Place of Employment  
 Access Downtown Savannah  Hospital / Medical Facilities  
 Hunter Army Airfield  School  
 Childcare  Other (please list below)

What modes of transportation do you typically use?

- Car  Bus  Bicycle  Walk  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?**

- For       Against       Conditional       Uncommitted

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- Email/Electronic Mail (if yes, provide address below)
- Other RyanZickafoose@gmail.com
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**Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to share:**

This session was beneficial in understanding the needs and concerns for this project.

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23 Anne E. Lindmeier, Certified  
24 Court Reporter, B-2298 and  
Registered Professional Reporter.

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## 1 STATEMENTS OF THE PUBLIC

## 2 STATEMENTS

3 RUTLAND TIRE REPRESENTATIVE: Rutland Tire,  
4 5711 White Bluff Road, would like to have  
5 access from the northbound traffic.

6 We only have access right now going out.  
7 We can only go southbound and then have to turn  
8 around. It would be nice to have northbound  
9 access to where we're not just cut off from  
10 everybody, basically.

11 I'm against it because I think it's going  
12 to impact our business -- and not in a good  
13 way -- especially during the construction.

14 JIM BURCH: Jim Burch. You want the  
15 street address? 1720-B Walthour,  
16 W-A-L-T-H-O-U-R, Road, Savannah, Georgia 31410.

17 Basically for it, but I have one  
18 suggestion. And -- actually, I am major for it  
19 except for my one suggestion, and that is on  
20 our driveway leaving Savannah Tech to Hamstead  
21 Avenue, a left -- a left turn.

22 And that's it.

23 NADINE HALL: My name is Nadine Hall, and  
24 I live in the downtown area of Savannah. I am  
25 for the project, but I think the project

## 1 STATEMENTS OF THE PUBLIC

2 planners need to think on a much higher scale.

3 I personally feel that the Truman Parkway  
4 and 516 needs to be connected for the reason  
5 that -- to get to The Landings, to get to Isle  
6 of Hope, to get to Dutch Island, to get to  
7 Windsor Forest and to get to many of the  
8 neighborhoods where most of the people will be  
9 traveling to and from.

10 The traffic in Savannah will increase.  
11 Therefore, we need to think big, go brave and  
12 get the connection right.

13 One addition. It will be great if the  
14 Truman Parkway is connected to 95 on the north  
15 and connected to 516 on the west. It will be  
16 great to accommodate the vast increase in  
17 traffic that Savannah already has and will  
18 have.

19 Thank you.

20 STEVEN ELLIS: Steven Ellis from 5711  
21 White Bluff Road.

22 I'm looking at accessing the property --  
23 maybe a better access with a -- a light at the  
24 three ways -- at 235, and then maybe a left  
25 turn at the median at 233.

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CHATHAM COUNTY:

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## Questionnaire and Comment Card

*Please print responses.*

**Name:** Jane H. Abbott

**Address:** 1233 Sweetbriar Circle, Savannah, GA 31406-2049

**Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?**

- Yes  No

**How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?**

- Daily – Weekdays  Weekends  As Needed

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Army Airfield                | <input type="checkbox"/> School                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below)     |

**Mass on Sundays, groceries, drycleaner, personal services, most errands**

**What modes of transportation do you typically use?**

- Car  Bus  Bicycle  Walk
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

***I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changes in Access         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improved Air Quality                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Values           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Green/Public Spaces                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____<br>_____<br>_____        |  |

***Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?***

- For       Against       Conditional       Uncommitted

***What is the best way for you to continue to be informed about this project?***

- City of Savannah Project Website       Public Meetings
- News and Announcements mailed to your residence
- Email/Electronic Mail (if yes, provide address below)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Questionnaire and Comment Card

*Please print responses.*

**Name:** Barry Atwood

**Address:** 510 E 37<sup>th</sup> St, Savannah, GA 31401

**Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?**

- Yes  No

**How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?**

- Daily – Weekdays  Weekends  As Needed

**Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residence                | <input type="checkbox"/> Work / Place of Employment           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access Downtown Savannah | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital / Medical Facilities        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Army Airfield     | <input type="checkbox"/> School                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please list below) |

**Commercial businesses; crosstown mobility**

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**What modes of transportation do you typically use?**

- Car  Bus  Bicycle  Walk
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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***I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)***

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Values           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Green/Public Spaces                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>everything</u>   |  |
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***Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?***

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- Other \_\_\_\_\_
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***Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to share:***

**I support the diversion boulevard to relieve traffic coming from 516.**

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## Questionnaire and Comment Card

*Please print responses.*

**Name:** John Bennett

**Address:** 1301 Lincoln St, Savannah, GA 31405

**Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?**

Yes

No

**How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?**

Daily – Weekdays

Weekends

As Needed

**Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:**

Residence

Work / Place of Employment

Access Downtown Savannah

Hospital / Medical Facilities

Hunter Army Airfield

School

Childcare

Other (please list below)

**Shopping, crossing it to reach destinations farther south**

**What modes of transportation do you typically use?**

Car

Bus

Bicycle

Walk

Other

***I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)***

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changes in Access   | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved Air Quality                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Values  | <input type="checkbox"/> Green/Public Spaces                               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <b><u>The current plan offers very few improvements in access and safety for people who ride bikes and walk. The volume reduction projected on westbound DeRenne will create higher vehicle speeds on off peak hours, making the street more dangerous for people on foot, yet no significant improvements to sidewalks and crosswalks are evident. The small pedestrian refuge at DeRenne and Abercorn is not sufficient to make that intersection safe.</u></b> |  |

***Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?***

- For       Against       Conditional       Uncommitted

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- Other \_\_\_\_\_

***Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to share:***

**Overall it appears better access and safety for people who walk and ride bikes have not been given enough priority. There are real opportunities for improvement, but I just don't see much in the plans.**

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## Questionnaire and Comment Card

*Please print responses.*

**Name:** Caila Brown

**Address:** 3213 Bull St, Savannah, GA 31405

**Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?**

Yes

No

**How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?**

Daily – Weekdays

Weekends

As Needed

**Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:**

Residence

Work / Place of Employment

Access Downtown Savannah

Hospital / Medical Facilities

Hunter Army Airfield

School

Childcare

Other (please list below)

**Grocery Stores, Gym**

**What modes of transportation do you typically use?**

Car

Bus

Bicycle

Walk

Other

***I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)***

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***Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?***

- For       Against       Conditional       Uncommitted

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- Other cailadbrown@gmail.com

***Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to share:***

**Most – if not all – of the improvements seem to be for the fast movement of motor vehicles. Please make improvements to the physical safety of people who are walking and biking. Especially along the Montgomery Street corridor there seems to be MORE than enough room to narrow medians and create protected bike lanes (and subsequently sidewalks) that can integrate with the flow of traffic and public transit.**

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## Questionnaire and Comment Card

*Please print responses.*

**Name:** Brent Buice

**Address:** 514 E 40<sup>th</sup> St, Savannah, GA 31401

**Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?**

Yes

No

**How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?**

Daily – Weekdays

Weekends

As Needed

**Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:**

Residence

Work / Place of Employment

Access Downtown Savannah

Hospital / Medical Facilities

Hunter Army Airfield

School

Childcare

Other (please list below)

**Grocery and retail**

**What modes of transportation do you typically use?**

Car

Bus

Bicycle

Walk

Other

***I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)***

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***Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?***

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- Other brent.buice@gmail.com

***Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to share:***

**DeRenne as currently designed might as well be a deep ravine. It's terrifying to travel on or cross on foot or by bicycle. I drive on it because I have no safe alternative to driving, but I would far rather walk or bike to the Publix and Lucky's Market. It's tragic that people who have to walk and bike have to face so much danger just to get around this area. On top of it all, DeRenne is not functional for motor vehicle traffic, so it doesn't work well for anyone. This project is a critical opportunity to radically re-think the design and the over-accommodation of private motor vehicles. Derenne needs 8' sidewalks, protected bike lanes and dedicated transit lanes with bus bays. More car lanes will lead to more of the same danger and congestion. Thank for taking my feedback!**

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*Please print responses.*

**Name:** Ray Christie

**Address:** 3308 Reynolds St, Savannah, GA 31405

**Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?**

- Yes  No

**How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?**

- Daily – Weekdays  Weekends  As Needed

**Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:**

- Residence  Work / Place of Employment  
 Access Downtown Savannah  Hospital / Medical Facilities  
 Hunter Army Airfield  School  
 Childcare  Other (please list below

**Grocery/shopping/services**

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**What modes of transportation do you typically use?**

- Car  Bus  Bicycle  Walk

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please check all that apply)***

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***Do you support the need for transportation improvements along DeRenne Avenue?***

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**Name:** Haley B. Herrington

**Address:** 14 Margatha Drive, Savannah, GA 31406

**Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?**

Yes

No

**How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?**

Daily – Weekdays

Weekends

As Needed

**Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:**

Residence

Work / Place of Employment

Access Downtown Savannah

Hospital / Medical Facilities

Hunter Army Airfield

School

Childcare

Other (please list below)

**What modes of transportation do you typically use?**

Car

Bus

Bicycle

Walk

Other

***I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
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- Other hbherrington@gmail.com
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## Questionnaire and Comment Card

*Please print responses.*

**Name:** Brett Hudson

**Address:** 617 E 48<sup>th</sup> St, Savannah, GA 31405

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**Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?**

Yes  No

**How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?**

Daily – Weekdays  Weekends  As Needed

**Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:**

Residence  Work / Place of Employment  
 Access Downtown Savannah  Hospital / Medical Facilities  
 Hunter Army Airfield  School  
 Childcare  Other (please list below)

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**What modes of transportation do you typically use?**

Car  Bus  Bicycle  Walk

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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***I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)***

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***Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to share:***

**I think this project is a great opportunity to create better transportation opportunities for pedestrians and cyclists. Creating a protected bike lane wherever possible would, I think, reduce the stress of both drivers and cyclists, who in my experience don't seem to get along in Savannah. And if not a protected bike lane, at least a wide sidewalk similar to the Atlanta BeltLine. I think keeping pedestrians/cyclists and motorists safe and separate is the best option for improved traffic flow and reduced number of accidents. If I feel safe when I'm traveling, I'm less likely to get angry at others if they cut me off or don't signal.**

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## Questionnaire and Comment Card

*Please print responses.*

**Name:** Julia Vargo Kenner

**Address:** 709 E DeRenne Ave, Savannah, GA 31405

**Have you participated in previous outreach events for this project?**

Yes

No

**How often you travel on West DeRenne Avenue or East DeRenne Avenue?**

Daily – Weekdays

Weekends

As Needed

**Please check the destinations that you use DeRenne Avenue to access on a regular basis:**

Residence

Work / Place of Employment

Access Downtown Savannah

Hospital / Medical Facilities

Hunter Army Airfield

School

Childcare

Other (please list below)

**What modes of transportation do you typically use?**

Car

Bus

Bicycle

Walk

Other

***I am concerned about the following issues and opportunities:  
(Please check all that apply)***

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Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Other julvargo@gmail.com \_\_\_\_\_  
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***Please use this space for any comments or suggestions you would like to share:***

**I live on DeRenne Avenue and have for almost 3 years. I see daily issues and think I can provide great feedback for this project. Please feel free to contact me for any future development, I would love to assist in making DeRenne a more enjoyable road to not only drive on, but to live on as well.**

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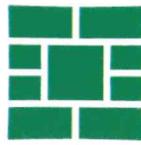
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# **APPENDIX H:**

## **Response Letter to the Public**



June 12, 2018

Re: Responses to Public Scoping Meeting Comments for PI#s: 005359, 008358, and 0010236, Chatham County, Project DeRenne

Dear Resident/Owner,

Thank you for your comments concerning Project DeRenne. We appreciate your participation and all of the input that was received as a result of the February 13, 2018 Public Scoping Meeting. Every written comment received and verbal comment given to the court reporter will be made part of the project's official record.

A total of **81** people attended the public scoping meeting. Of the **28** respondents who formally commented, **17** were in support of the project, **1** was opposed, **2** were uncommitted, and **8** expressed conditional support.

Attendees at the public scoping meeting and those persons sending in comments within the comment period raised the following questions and concerns. The City of Savannah has prepared this one response letter that addresses all comments received, so that everyone can be aware of the concerns raised and the responses given. The letter is formatted such that similar comments are grouped together under a common heading. Comments received are summarized in italics, and are followed by our response.

#### Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements

1. *Consider adjusting lanes and/or narrowing medians to allow for wider/safer sidewalks, protected bike lanes, and dedicated transit lanes with bus bays wherever possible.*
2. *The DeRenne/Abercorn intersection needs more work. Even with pedestrian refuge this will remain a very dangerous intersection for people on bike or foot.*
3. *Provide sidewalk access from Waters Drive to the Waters Avenue/DeRenne intersection. Heavy pedestrian traffic walks Waters Drive toward other bus stops.*

Response to comments 1-3: The design team has incorporated pedestrian improvements in accordance with current design standards and guidelines and best practice. The multi-use path along the southern shoulder of Hampstead Avenue is proposed to be 10 feet wide except where natural or man-made features may constrain the width. The eight-foot sidewalks proposed along both sides of DeRenne Avenue are wider than a standard 5-foot sidewalks. Median widths are dictated by, among other things, the ability to develop left turn lanes without shifts in adjacent travel lanes. However, proposed median widths are wide enough to provide pedestrian refuge for crossing DeRenne Avenue. Traffic signal timing at intersections would be designed to allow sufficient time for pedestrians to cross new proposed travel lane widths and the signal itself, including the ramps, would be updated to current standards for pedestrian usage. In addition to these improvements, specifically at the southeast quadrant of DeRenne Avenue and Abercorn Street, pedestrians would be directed to a raised crossing as opposed to the edge of pavement, shortening the crossing distance across travel lanes from a range of 75-90 feet from the current 105-110 feet. Given



the dense development along the corridor and proposed improvements, dedicated transit lanes are not envisioned as part of this project. A section of sidewalk would be added between Waters Drive and the Waters Avenue/DeRenne Avenue intersection to address pedestrian use.

#### General Safety

4. *There have been a number of automobile accidents near or at the intersection of White Bluff Road and the entrance to Savannah Technical College. Review/study the causes of the accidents and ascertain if the project would increase the number of accidents and determine what can be done to reduce the number of accidents.*

Response to comment 4: A crash analysis is being performed along with the capacity analyses in order to determine recommendations for the study area, which includes the intersection of White Bluff Road and Johnston Street. The incident types at this and other high incident intersections will be used to determine the potential causes of incidents, which in turn will aid in evaluating potential mitigation alternatives.

#### Traffic Congestion

5. *Reduction of traffic volume on eastbound DeRenne without adjusting lanes will provide speeding in off-peak hours.*

Response to comment 5: The existing intersections along DeRenne Avenue will be analyzed under future Build conditions that will include the projected lower traffic volumes along DeRenne Avenue between Montgomery and Abercorn, and will be reviewed for the appropriate intersection configuration to accommodate not only the projected vehicular volume, but also to improve pedestrian and bicycle accommodations at these intersections. Safer facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists are best accommodated with safe travelling speeds, which will also be reviewed in the analysis.

Additionally, the DeRenne Avenue corridor is an interrupted facility, with nine signals along the 2-mile project length between I-516 and Truman Parkway. Traffic signals stop and slow traffic along the corridor regardless of volume, which should help to calm traffic speeds as they do today during off-peak hours.

6. *Why is there no turn lane for the traffic that wants to continue north on White Bluff Road towards Bull Street? Seems a right turn can become dangerous as well as slow traffic west on I-516.*

Response to comment 6: An exclusive right-turn lane from White Bluff Road to continue north onto White Bluff Road will be evaluated and included in the design if deemed necessary through the capacity analyses being performed for the future Build conditions. Adding this turn lane into the design would improve operations for the single movement; however, it would also increase the crossing distance for

pedestrians/bicyclists accessing the planned multi-use trail that would extend to this signal. Increasing the crossing distance would add inefficiencies to the overall signal. Given that this right-turn movement is expected to be minor as compared to the traffic continuing west onto the I-516 Boulevard Option, these considerations will be included in the analyses, and the tradeoffs will be reviewed to determine if a right-turn lane should be included at this location.

7. *The traffic lights from Montgomery Street and DeRenne Avenue to Paulson Street need to be synchronized.*

Response to comment 7: The development of the Boulevard Option would change traffic patterns in such a way that the signalized intersections would operate differently. As part of the final design plans, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) fiber interconnect would be designed to allow for the operation of these signals to be coordinated.

8. *I-516 should be directly connected to Truman.*

Response to comment 8: The need and purpose of the proposed project is to enhance mobility by reducing existing queuing and delay to improve corridor travel times, improve the operational performance of the West DeRenne Avenue signalized intersections, improve pedestrian accommodations along DeRenne Avenue, and improve access management along DeRenne Avenue. Therefore, a direct connection between I-516 and Truman Parkway is beyond the scope of this project.

#### Property and Road Access

9. *Concern about the lack of access to Rutland Tire for customers heading northbound on White Bluff Road, unless traffic light allows U-turn.*

Response to comment 9: The feasibility of U-turns from northbound to southbound White Bluff Road at the intersection with realigned Hampstead Road, as well as at the proposed left turn at Savannah Summit, will be evaluated and considered for the project design.

10. *Add a left turn leaving Savannah Tech to Hampstead Avenue.*

Response to comment 10: Adding a left turn lane at the Savannah Tech driveway on Hampstead Avenue will be re-evaluated. However, providing a median break is unlikely, as GDOT design standards dictate a minimum median opening spacing of 1,000, which cannot be met. As currently designed, users of this driveway are able to turn right then make a U-turn at the signalized intersection of White Bluff Road to access westbound Hampstead Avenue.

11. *Add a private driveway to the traffic signal at the relocated intersection of Hampstead Avenue and White Bluff Road. At this same intersection, allow for a northbound to southbound U-*

*turn movement along White Bluff Avenue, including the addition of a dedicated left turn/ U-turn lane.*

Response to comment 11: With the exception of major private developments which produce a warranting traffic condition, private driveways are not operated as part of a traffic signal. Providing a U-turn at this intersection would result in additional right-of-way impacts to facilitate the needed roadway width for a turning vehicle and would reduce the efficiency of the proposed traffic signal to accommodate the U-turn vehicles. A U-turn is being evaluated along Hampstead Avenue at the median opening/easternmost driveway to Savannah Summit.

#### Beautification

12. *Kensington Park and Groveland communities request that the added greenspace on DeRenne contain grass and trees only (crepe myrtle) and that improvements for bike lanes preserve current landscape.*
13. *This is an opportunity to provide a more beautiful gateway to our city. Since this area is frequently used by commuters and residents, utilize this project to keep the sense of place a priority.*

Response to comments 12-13: A final decision on landscaping has not yet occurred. However, the project currently proposes landscaping consisting of native vegetation that is compatible with the roadway and does not introduce safety concerns while still providing a positive visual appearance. Some of the guiding principles for Project DeRenne include beautification and streetscape improvements, with one goal to enhance visual appearance and promote a sense of place that is representative of the local Savannah character for those entering the corridor.

#### Project Schedule

14. *Keep this project on the front-end, as a priority for the City of Savannah. This should be the number one transportation project for the City.*

Response to comment 14: The proposed project is currently scheduled for right-of-way acquisition to begin in the spring of 2020, with construction currently anticipated to begin in 2022.

#### General Public Meeting Comments

15. *Great job balancing all the needs and environmental impacts.*
16. *Good refinement of this plan has been accomplished.*
17. *Support the diversion boulevard to relieve traffic coming from I-516.*
18. *The Public Scoping Meeting was beneficial in understanding the needs and concerns for this project.*

Response to comments 15-18: Thank you for your input and continued support for Project DeRenne. Your interest in this meeting and your comments are appreciated.

Again, thank you for your comments. You can continue to follow the progress of this project on the project's website [ProjectDeRenne.com](http://ProjectDeRenne.com). Should you have further questions, comments or concerns, please contact Joseph Capello at (912-651-6600).

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