

MEMORANDUM

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**Subject: PI 0008358, PI 0010236, PI 0008359 Project DeRenne
Town Hall Summary and Comment Responses**

Background

On June 3, 2025, a Town Hall Meeting was held for the subject projects at Haven Elementary School to provide general information and schedule updates. In addition to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) projects (PI 0008358, PI 0010236, PI 0008359), the Town Hall also informed the public of the City of Savannah West DeRenne Congestion Relief Project. **Twenty** people attended the meeting. The attendees were invited to provide verbal or written comments as well as contact the Project team via the Project DeRenne email and website. This memorandum summarizes the comments received with responses in green, italicized text.

Comment Responses

1. General concerns from a resident of the Fairway Oaks neighborhood about noise levels due to expansion of DeRenne Avenue; concern with the potential noise impacts that Project DeRenne could present along Hampstead Avenue and the Fairway Oaks community
Studies are conducted in accordance with state and federal regulations to evaluate potential noise impacts to adjacent communities along the corridor. If required, noise mitigation and abatement strategies will be incorporated into the final designs.
2. Comment that the community is hoping to see some relief along DeRenne Avenue in the near future while Project DeRenne is being finalized; general concern regarding existing pavement conditions of DeRenne Avenue at the intersections with Montgomery Street, Bull Street/White Bluff Road, and Abercorn Street
The City of Savannah has programmed and is actively designing the West DeRenne Congestion Relief Project. This project is aimed at providing relief along West DeRenne Avenue from west of Montgomery Street to Bull Street/White Bluff Road as Project DeRenne progresses. Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2026 and be completed in Summer 2027.
3. General support of the Boulevard Option
The Boulevard design was identified as the preferred alternative during Concept Development for Project DeRenne. This design incorporates context-sensitive strategies to produce a design that meets the transportation needs of multiple modes, including cars, pedestrians, and cyclists.

4. General concern of community leaders remaining unchanged and need for stronger community engagement

Community engagement is a top priority for Project DeRenne. The City of Savannah and the Project Team will be holding additional Community Meetings and engaging the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) team to keep the Community informed on the progress and status of Project DeRenne.

5. General opposition to Project delays

The City of Savannah and the Project team are progressing with the Environmental and Traffic Study reevaluations. Visit the Project website at <https://www.savannahga.gov/885/Project-DeRenne> to stay up to date with the project schedule.

6. Comment to ensure the pedestrian facilities are enhanced along the DeRenne Avenue corridor as part of Project DeRenne and the DeRenne Congestion Relief Project

Bike and pedestrian improvements are included throughout the corridor, including an 8-foot shared-use path along Hamstead Avenue, bicycle facilities along DeRenne Drive, and pedestrian sidewalk enhancements along DeRenne Avenue.