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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed I-285 Top End Advanced Improvement Projects (AIPs), which include:

- PI No. 0017130, I-285 Westbound Auxiliary Lane Extension
- PI No. 0017125, I-285 Westbound Collector-Distributor Lanes
- PI No. 0017126, I-285/Peachtree Industrial Boulevard Interchange Improvements

The AIPs are components of the Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP), which are being advanced ahead of and separate from the express lanes projects. Our goal is two-fold: 1) to provide you with information on the proposed projects and 2) to provide an opportunity for you to give us your comments on the proposed project. In this handout package, you will find a description of each of the projects, a location map, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project display. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, wearing nametags, are available to discuss the projects and answer your questions. There will be no formal presentation.

We hope you will take the opportunity to tell the GDOT what you think. Listed below are several ways to comment on the project. Your comments are important to us and, should you provide comments by one of the methods noted below, we will respond to you in writing usually within 30 days of the close of the comment period. All comments will become part of the project's official record. While you are attending the open house, you can provide your comments today by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box, or you may choose to provide your verbal comments to the court reporter who will transcribe your comments.

You can also provide your comments by **Tuesday, February 25, 2020** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/AboutGDOT/PublicOutreach>.
 1. Scroll down to "Upcoming Public Meetings" or "Recently Held Public Meetings." Then select "View Info" for I-285 Advanced Improvement Projects;
 2. Lastly, click *Comment* at the top of the screen and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Email your comments to 285Improvements@dot.ga.gov.
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

The project displays and plans will be available for review for 10 days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the GDOT District 7 Office located at 5025 New Peachtree Road, Chamblee, GA 30341. Following the public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta address listed above.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the Design-Build Program Manager, Andrew Hoenig, at (404) 631-1757 or the environmental analyst, Kaelin Priger at (404) 631-1362.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Duff" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why We Are Here: The Advanced Improvement Projects (AIPs) were already part of the Major Mobility Investment Program’s (MMIP) I-285 Top End Express Lanes project (PI No. 0001758). Advancing the AIPs sooner would provide early operational improvements to the I-285 general-purpose lanes, mitigate traffic challenges during the construction of the other MMIP projects, and maintain healthy competition among our construction developer partners. Specifically, PI Nos. 0017130 and 0017125 would provide operational improvements and traffic congestion alleviation by reducing vehicular weaving and conflicts. PI No. 0017126 would reduce the existing bottleneck from I-285 to northbound Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and reduce conflict points at the interchange.

Separate environmental analyses for each of the three AIPs will be performed, and these will also be independent of the Environmental Impact Statement currently in development for the I-285 Top End Express Lanes MMIP project.

PI No. 0017130 (I-285 Westbound Auxiliary Lane Extension, Fulton County, GA)

Project Description: This project proposes to construct a 12-foot-wide auxiliary lane along I-285 westbound between Roswell Road and Riverside Drive for a total distance of approximately 1.3 miles. This auxiliary lane would be constructed by extending the I-285 westbound Roswell Road entrance ramp being constructed under GDOT’s Transform 285/400 project (PI No. 0000784). Between Roswell Road and Riverside Drive, I-285 westbound currently has five 12-foot travel lanes with full width shoulders.

In order to accommodate the construction of the auxiliary lane, the existing Mount Vernon Highway bridge (Structure ID 121-0444-0) over I-285 would need to be replaced. The existing Mount Vernon Highway bridge is approximately 290 feet long and 40 feet wide with a 28-foot roadway width. It carries one 11-foot travel lane in both the northbound and southbound directions over I-285. In addition, the existing typical section includes curb and gutter and a 5-foot sidewalk on either side. The bridge would be replaced on alignment and the new bridge would, at a minimum, match existing conditions. A detour is anticipated for this bridge replacement; however, the detour duration and route have not been finalized. The existing right-of-way (ROW) along I-285 between Riverside Drive and Roswell Road varies between approximately 250 to 600 feet. No additional ROW would be required as part of the proposed project.



PI No. 0017125 (I-285 Westbound Collector-Distributor Lanes, DeKalb County, GA)

Project Description: This project proposes to extend the two-lane I-285 westbound exit ramp to Ashford Dunwoody Road constructed under GDOT’s Transform 258/400 project (PI No. 0000784) eastward to create a collector-distributor (CD) lane system from Chamblee Dunwoody Road to Ashford Dunwoody Road. The exit ramp would be extended to begin east of Chamblee Dunwoody Road, and would require the reconstruction and replacement of the existing Chamblee Dunwoody Road bridge over I-285 (Structure ID 089-0194-0) in order to accommodate the ramp extension. As part of this AIP project, a proposed 12-foot exit ramp lane would begin approximately 700 feet east of the Chamblee Dunwoody Road bridge over I-285. A second 12-foot lane would be added to this exit ramp just west of Chamblee Dunwoody Road bridge over I-285. The Chamblee Dunwoody Road westbound entrance ramp to I-285 would be reconstructed to braid over this extended exit ramp before merging with I-285 westbound, and would include a slip lane onto this exit ramp for those motorists wishing to access Ashford Dunwoody Road from Chamblee Dunwoody Road. This slip lane would add a third 12-foot lane to the exit ramp to Ashford-Dunwoody Road, forming the CD system.

As noted above, in order to accommodate the extension of the exit ramp to Ashford Dunwoody Road, the existing Chamblee Dunwoody Road bridge over I-285 would need to be replaced. The existing Chamblee Dunwoody Road bridge is approximately 270 feet long and 76 feet wide, with a 60-foot roadway width. It carries two 12-foot travel lanes in the northbound direction and one 12-foot travel lane in the southbound direction. In the median, there are two 12-foot turn lanes for the I-285 westbound entrance ramp and eastbound Savoy Drive, respectively. The bridge would be replaced on existing alignment and lane reductions are not anticipated. The existing ROW along I-285 between Chamblee Dunwoody Road to Ashford Dunwoody Road varies between approximately 300 and 600 feet. Additional ROW would be required for the proposed project. The total proposed project length is approximately 1.5 miles.



PI No. 0017126 (I-285/Peachtree Industrial Boulevard Interchange Improvements, DeKalb County, GA)

Project Description: This project proposes to combine the two I-285 westbound exit ramps to Peachtree Industrial Boulevard/SR 141 and improve the horizontal alignment of the northbound exit ramp. Along I-285 westbound, the existing exit ramps to Peachtree Industrial Boulevard North and South are separate and consist of one lane each. The proposed project would combine these exit ramps to a single exit point on I-285 westbound. In addition, the project would flatten the existing horizontal curve along the northbound exit ramp. Furthermore, modifications to the existing loop ramp to Peachtree Industrial Boulevard South from I-285 westbound would be required to

to accommodate appropriate exit ramp spacing requirements. In order to accommodate the reconfiguration of the exit ramps, the existing frontage road, Flowers Road, would need to be realigned in this area.

The existing ROW along westbound I-285 approaching Peachtree Industrial Boulevard varies between about 300 to 1,000 feet. No additional ROW would be required as part of the proposed project. The total project length would be approximately 0.8 mile.



Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____



PI No. 0017130 (I-285 Westbound Auxiliary Lane Extension)

Do you support the project? (check your response)

- For**
 Against
 Conditional
 Uncommitted

General Comments _____

Do you have any comments on a potential detour during the Mt. Vernon Highway bridge replacement?

PI No. 0017125 (I-285 Westbound Collector-Distributor Lanes)

Do you support the project? (check your response)

- For**
 Against
 Conditional
 Uncommitted

General Comments _____

Please see back of page for more information and opportunity for comments

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PI No. 0017126 (I-285/Peachtree Industrial Boulevard Interchange Improvements)

Do you support the project? (check your response)

- For** **Against** **Conditional** **Uncommitted**

General Comments

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) **Newspaper** **Signs** **GDOT Website** **Radio**
 Word of Mouth **Social Media** **Other**

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend? **Yes** **No**

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? **Yes** **No**

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you.

Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel? **Yes** **No**

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? **Yes** **No**

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

Mail to:

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