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November 19 and November 21, 2019

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed I-285/I-20 East Interchange Project to construct traffic flow and safety improvements to the I-285/I-20 East Interchange and along I-20 to the east in DeKalb County, PI Number 0013915.

Our goal is two-fold: 1) to provide you with information on the proposed project 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 the project, 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 project 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 **Monday, December 9, 2019** by using any of the following methods:

- View project displays and leave comments on the project webpage:  
<http://www.dot.ga.gov/BS/Projects/SpecialProjects/I285I20East>
- View project displays and leave comments on Georgia DOT's Public Outreach webpage:  
<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/I-20 East Interchange Project*
  2. Click "Comment" at the top of the screen and follow the instructions to leave your comments
- 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 until December 9, 2019 at the website noted above. Paper copies will also be available at the GDOT District 7 Office at 5025 New Peachtree Rd, Chamblee, GA 30341 and at the City of Stonecrest City Hall, 3120 Stonecrest Blvd, Suite 190, Stonecrest, GA 30038. 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 project manager, Matthew Fowler, or the environmental analyst, David Borchardt, at [eastinterchange@dot.ga.gov](mailto:eastinterchange@dot.ga.gov) or (470) 407-9167.

Sincerely,



Eric Duff  
State Environmental Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation

**Why We Are Here:** The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the proposed improvements to the I-285/I-20 East Interchange and along I-20 to the east, and to gather public comment on the project. A continual source of peak period delays, this critical juncture in DeKalb County requires operational and geometric improvements to address an inefficient flow of traffic and safety performance.

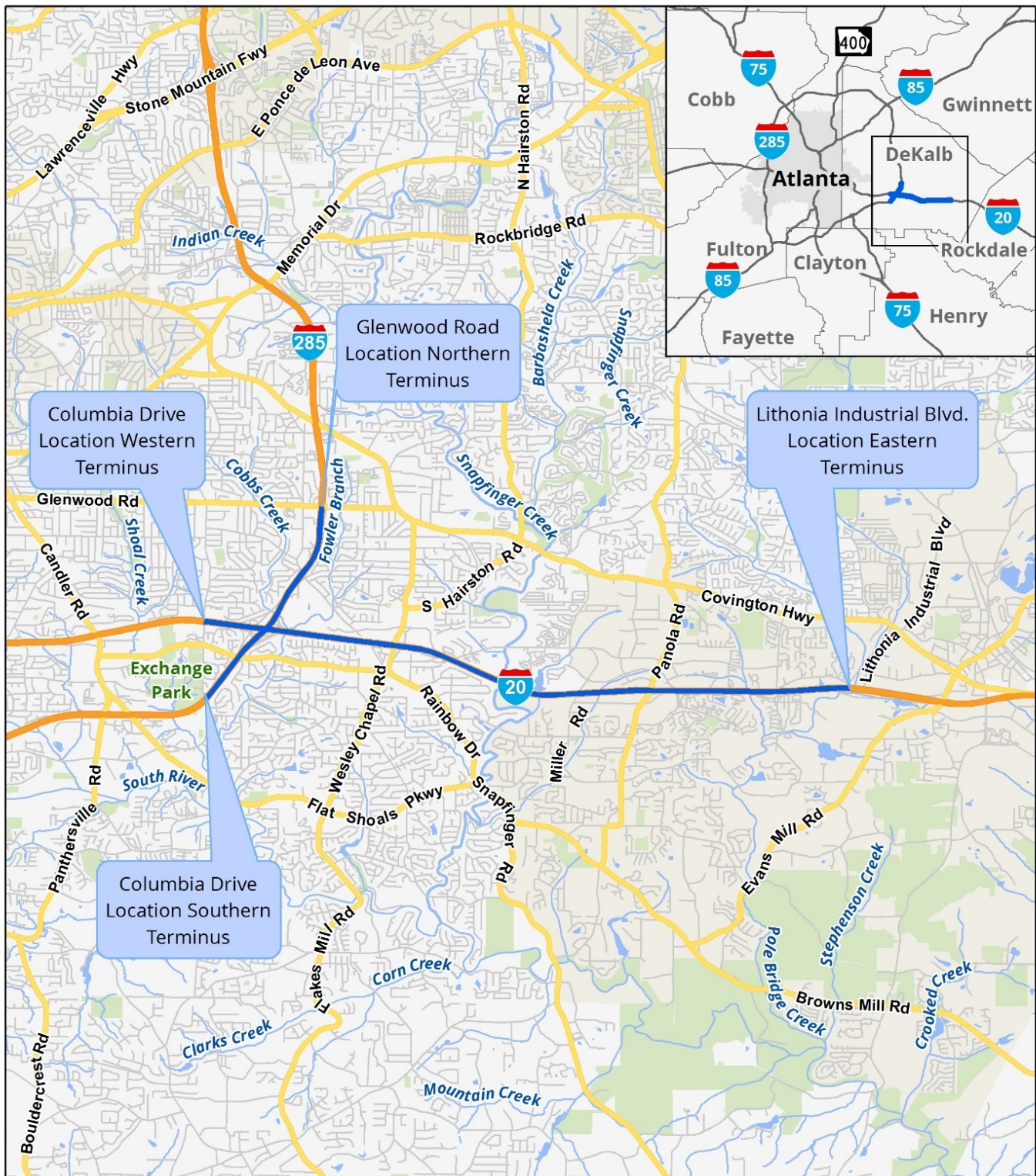
The I-285/I-20 East Interchange Project is one of 11 initial Major Mobility Investment Program, or MMIP, projects advancing across the state in an effort to yield a significant reduction in congestion along key freight and passenger corridors. The projects would create additional capacity, improve the movement of freight, provide operational improvements and efficiencies, enhance safety, and decrease travel times.

For more information about the MMIP, visit [www.dot.ga.gov/MMIP](http://www.dot.ga.gov/MMIP).

**Project Description:** The project proposes to reconstruct the interstate system-to-system ramps at the I-285/I-20 East Interchange and add a combination of collector-distributor (CD) lanes and auxiliary lanes along I-20 east of the interchange. Specific improvements include:

- Construction of new I-20 westbound (WB) to I-285 southbound (SB), I-20 WB to I-285 northbound (NB), and I-285 SB to I-20 eastbound (EB) ramps
- Widening of the I-20 EB to I-285 NB ramp from one to two lanes
- Construction of WB CD lanes between Wesley Chapel Road and the I-285/I-20 East Interchange
- Construction of one WB auxiliary lane between Lithonia Industrial Boulevard and Wesley Chapel Road
- Construction of one EB auxiliary lane from Panola Road to Lithonia Industrial Boulevard
- Extension of auxiliary lanes on I-285 NB north of the I-285/I-20 East Interchange
- Extension of one auxiliary lane on the I-20 EB CD Road from the I-285/I-20 East Interchange to the Wesley Chapel Interchange off-ramp
- Construction of replacement bridges along I-20 to accommodate the new auxiliary and CD lanes:
  1. I-20 over Snapfinger Creek
  2. Miller Road Overpass
  3. Fairington Road/DeKalb Medical Parkway Overpass
- Realignment of Fairington Road to be contiguous with DeKalb Medical Parkway

The project location is shown on the following page. More about the proposed project can be found on the project website: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/BS/Projects/SpecialProjects/I285I20East>.





## Comment Card

*Please print responses.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Open House Attended? (check your response)

☐ **November 19, 2019**   ☐ **November 21, 2019**

Do you support the project? (check your response)

☐ **For**   ☐ **Against**   ☐ **Conditional**   ☐ **Uncommitted**

General Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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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.

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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:

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Mail to:

*Mr. Eric Duff, State Environmental Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
600 West Peachtree Street, NW – 16<sup>th</sup> Floor Atlanta,  
Georgia 30308*

**Comments due by December 9, 2019**