November 17, 2020

Mr. Charles Glass
Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Lamar County
408 Thomaston St, Suite E
Barnesville, GA 30204

Re: GDOT PI No. 0014203, I-75 Commercial Vehicle Lanes Project

Dear Mr. Glass,

This letter is being sent to key stakeholders in the project area. The purpose of this letter is to provide information regarding the upcoming Public Information Open House (PIOH) and to update you on upcoming project milestones. As you may already be fully aware from prior communications, the I-75 Commercial Vehicle Lanes (CVL) project is focused on improving safety and mobility for all users of the heavily traveled I-75 corridor south of Atlanta. The I-75 CVL project will add two, non-tolled, truck-only lanes in the northbound direction between I-475, north of Macon, and SR 155 near McDonough, including an auxiliary lane between SR 155 and SR 20.

In keeping with Governor Brian Kemp’s directive to keep state government agencies functioning as Georgia combats the COVID-19 pandemic, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will be hosting a virtual PIOH by posting information related to the proposed project on an online platform at https://majormobilityga.com/projects/i75cvl/. This online platform will be available to the public beginning November 18, 2020, and include information on proposed detours associated with overpass bridge replacements at Pea Ridge Road and High Falls Road. As part of the virtual experience, the online platform will include an interactive meeting room with project design displays, informational displays, videos, and materials that would typically be found at a traditional in-person public meeting.

A live, virtual PIOH Presentation and Question & Answer Session is scheduled for December 2, 2020, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This live event will allow the public to interact with members of the project team and ask questions of designated project Subject Matter Experts (SMEs). Details for accessing the live event will be made available through the online platform on the day of the event. Printed displays of the project design will be available for viewing at the GDOT District 3, Area 4 Office (4499 Riverside Drive, Macon, GA, 31210) and the Henry County Administration Building (140 Henry Parkway, McDonough, GA 30253) from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., weekdays through December 15, 2020. Public comments on the project will be accepted between November 18, 2020, and December 15, 2020, by:

- Leaving a comment in the comment section of the virtual PIOH website,
- Emailing comments to 75CVL@dot.ga.gov,
- Calling the project hotline at 678.528.7275 to leave a recorded comment, or,
- Submitting written comments to the Georgia Department of Transportation, Attention: Eric Duff, State Environmental Administrator, 600 West Peachtree NW – 16th Floor, Atlanta, GA, 30308.
If you would like to schedule a conference call or virtual meeting with a team member to discuss the virtual PIOH or any other concerns, potential impacts, and benefits to your community that may result from the project, we can do so at your convenience. As a community leader and key partner, we value and want to maintain a two-way information sharing approach with you, which will allow the project team to understand community concerns and continue to provide information crucial to project development. In the meantime, the project team is continuing to respond to any individual requests for information.

Should you have additional questions or requests at this time, please feel free to contact Mr. Matthew Fowler, Georgia DOT program manager, at 404-895-4975 or mfwler@dot.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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