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Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House (PIOH) for the proposed Campus Loop Road/Big Shanty Road/Chastain Road Intersection Improvement Project (Project No. X2303). In this welcome packet you will find a letter describing project need, purpose and components; a map showing the preferred alternative concept for this project; a map showing the location of this project in relation to adjacent projects; and a comment card.

Project Need and Purpose

Campus Loop Road/Big Shanty Road/Chastain Road is an approved project in the Intersection Improvements Component of the 2016 SPLOST Transportation Improvements Program (TIP). This project was identified as a Tier 1 intersection safety and operational improvements project.

Existing conditions contribute to frequent traffic back up on Campus Loop Road and the surrounding area, including high traffic volumes; the proximity of the Campus Loop Road/Big Shanty Road intersection to the Big Shanty Road/Chastain Road intersection (310 feet); and vehicles waiting to turn left from Campus Loop Road onto Big Shanty Road.

Project Description

The Campus Loop Road/Big Shanty Road/Chastain Road project includes the following elements to improve traffic flow at the Campus Loop Road/Big Shanty Road intersection and to facilitate vehicular movement along Big Shanty Road to the Chastain Road intersection.

- **Campus Loop Road**: A short raised median of approximately 100 feet is proposed on Campus Loop Road from the intersection of Big Shanty Road stopping short of the first driveway to the KSU facility. This median will occupy the space of the existing left-turn lane and restrict left turns from Campus Loop Road to Big Shanty Road.
- **Big Shanty Road**: A raised median is proposed along Big Shanty Road, starting just west of Wetherbyrne Road and ending at the Big Shanty Road/Chastain Road intersection. A median break will be located at the Campus Loop Rd intersection to allow left turns from Big Shanty Road to Campus Loop Road.
- **Wetherbyrne Road**: A raised concrete island is proposed at the Wetherbyrne Road/Big Shanty Road intersection. This allow right turns in and right out of Wetherbyrne Road.

This project also will include replacing the existing 5-foot sidewalk on the northern side of Big Shanty Road

from Wetherbyrne Road to Chastain Road with a 10-foot multi-use path within the project limits as well as new curb and gutter.

Impacts to Existing Traffic Flow

The raised medians will have the following impacts on vehicular movements:

- Left turns from Big Shanty Road to Wetherbyrne Road will be prohibited.
- Left turns from Wetherbyrne Road onto Big Shanty Road and from Campus Loop Road onto Big Shanty Road will be prohibited. Instead, drivers will turn right onto Big Shanty Road and use the new roundabout to make a U-turn, then continue toward the Chastain Road intersection. The raised median on Wetherbyrne Road will deter Campus Loop Road traffic from using Wetherbyrne Road as a location for a U-turn movement instead of traveling to the roundabout, which is the desired traffic movement.

Adjacent Projects

Cobb DOT projects adjacent to the Campus Loop Road/Big Shanty Road/Chastain Road Project (Project No. X2303) include McCollum Parkway at Ben King Road (Project No. X2309), Big Shanty Road Sidewalk (Project No. X27704) and McCollum Parkway Sidewalk (Project No. E7350). Construction of these projects is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2020. These projects will be constructed concurrently due to their proximity and to minimize impacts to traveling public. A brief description of these projects follow and a location map for these projects is included in this welcome packet.

- Project No. X2309: McCollum Parkway at Ben King Road is an approved intersection improvements project in the 2016 SPLOST. This joint project with the City of Kennesaw consists of intersection improvements on McCollum Parkway at Ben King Road and Big Shanty Road, including construction of a roundabout at the intersection of McCollum Parkway at Ben King Road. Also included are the addition of turn lanes and road realignment of Lockhart Drive and McCollum Parkway. A fact sheet for this project is available at the welcome table.
- Project No. X2704: Big Shanty Road Sidewalk consists of installing sidewalk along the northern side of Big Shanty Road from McCollum Parkway to Chastain Road.
- Project No. E7350: McCollum Parkway Sidewalk (also known as McCollum Parkway Multi-use Trail) is an approved pedestrian improvements project in the 2011 SPLOST TIP. The project consists of constructing a multi-use trail along the western side of McCollum Parkway from Ben King Road to Olympic Lane.

PIOH Displays

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

The project displays are included in your welcome packet and will be available for review for 10 days after this open house at the CCDOT office located at 1890 County Services Parkway, Marietta, Georgia 30008.

Public Comments

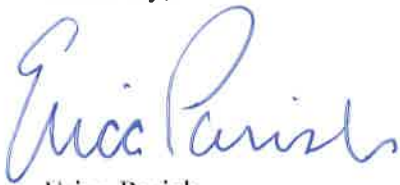
While you are attending the open house, you can provide your comments today by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box. You can also **provide your comments by Monday, January 30, 2020** by using any of the following methods:

- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Brian Loudermilk, Project Manager, CCDOT, 1890 County Services Parkway, Marietta, Georgia 30008-4014.
- Email your comment to: Brian.Loudermilk@cobbcounty.org. Be sure to include the Project No. X2303 and meeting date in the Subject line.

We hope you will take the opportunity to tell CCDOT what you think. Your comments are important to us and, should you provide comments, we will respond to you in writing usually within 60 days of the close of the comment period. All comments will become part of the project's official record. Following the public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request by contacting Mr. Brian Loudermilk at the address above.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact Mr. Brian Loudermilk at (770) 528-4378.

Sincerely,



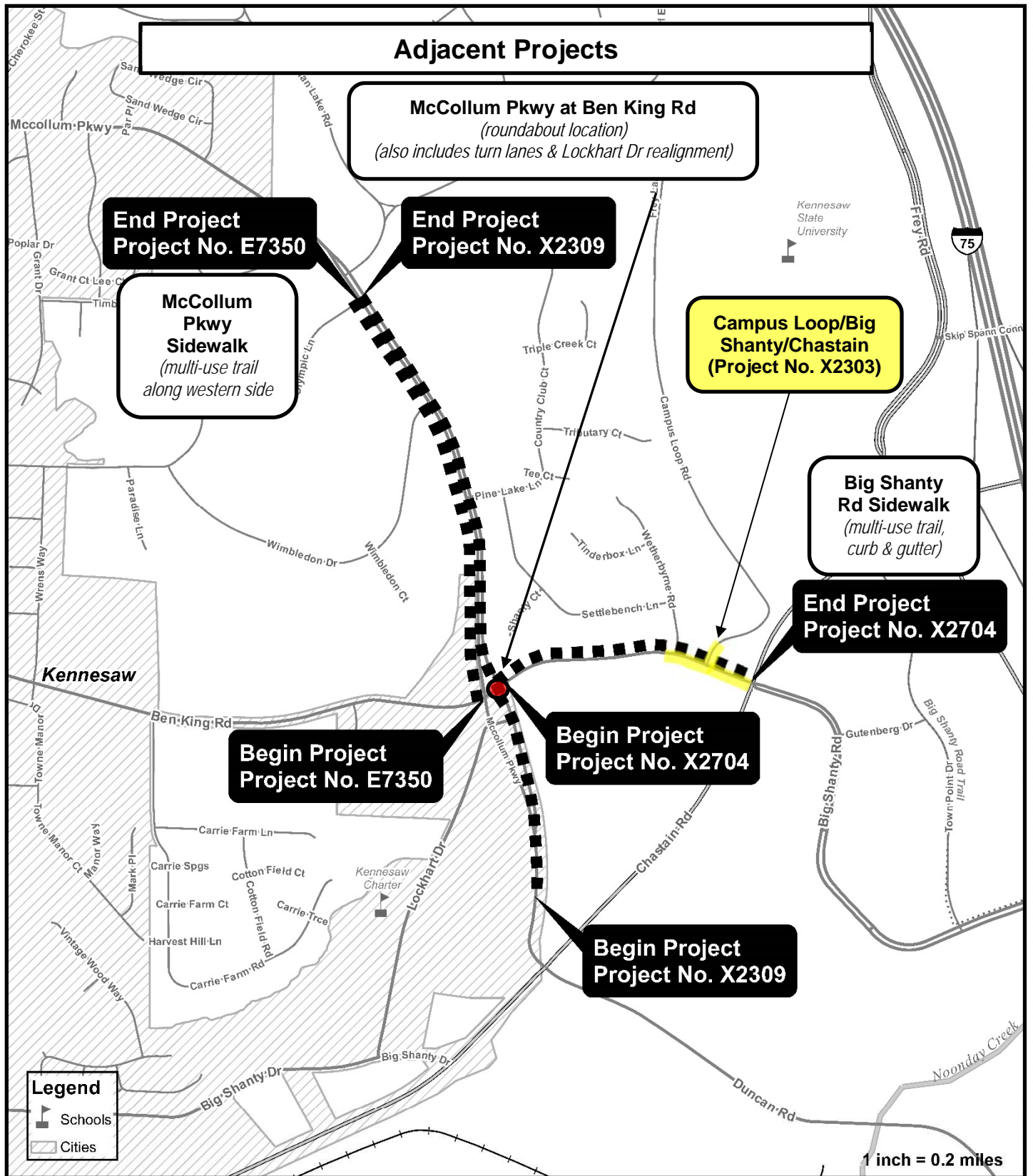
Erica Parish

Director

Cobb County Department of Transportation



LOCATION MAP



Department of Transportation

Notes: Commission District 3

PROJECT:

McCollum Parkway at Ben King Road / Big Shanty Road; Big Shanty Road Sidewalk and McCollum Parkway Multi-Use Trail
Project Nos. X2309; X2704 and E7350

DATE: December 16, 2019



Campus Loop Road – Big Shanty Road – Chastain Road
Intersection Improvements
Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project? (check your response)

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

General Comments _____

Would you have any objections to changing the name of the road west of the proposed roundabout to be consistent throughout the project length? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** Comments: _____

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) ☐ **Newspaper** ☐ **Signs** ☐ **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 Cobb County personnel? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

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

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways Cobb County DOT conducts Open Houses:

Comments can be dropped in the comment box or mailed to:

Brian Loudermilk, Project Manager

OR

Emailed to: Brian.loudermilk@cobbcounty.org

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY January 30, 2020