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Thank you for participating in the virtual Detour Open House for the proposed bridge replacement at Redwing Circle over I-285, as part of PI Number 0017129. We are currently in costing plans design phase of this project and are holding this virtual meeting to gather information from the public as well as to share information that we have gathered on the proposed detour.

In this handout, you will find a description of the transportation issue we are attempting to solve, a proposed solution, a location map, a detour map, and a comment card for you to provide additional feedback for the project team.

You can provide comments by **Monday, July 13, 2020** using any of the following methods:

- Online at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/AboutGDOT/PublicOutreach>
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

All comments will become part of the project's official record and will be responded to by Thursday, August 13, 2020.

Again, thank you for participating in this virtual open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Xavier James, at 404-631-1583 or the environmental analyst, David Borchardt, at 404-631-1184 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eric Duff | SB'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

Why are we here and what is the issue we are seeking to address within your community?

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) proposes to replace the existing bridges along I-285 at Glenwood Road, Redwing Circle, and Covington Highway in DeKalb County, Georgia. This Advanced Improvement Project (AIP) was previously part of the Major Mobility Investment Program's (MMIP) I-285 Eastside Express Lanes project (PI No. 0013914) and the proposed bridge replacements were presented to the public during the Public Involvement Open House meetings held in June of 2019 for the MMIP project. Advancing this AIP sooner would provide general-purpose improvements in these areas, reduce traffic impacts during construction of the MMIP project, and would maintain competition among construction developer partners.

More information about the MMIP Program and projects discussed within this handout can be found at the links below:

- MMIP Program: <https://majormobilityga.com/>
- Advanced Improvement Projects: <https://majormobilityga.com/advancedprojects/>
- I-285 Eastside Express Lanes: <https://majormobilityga.com/projects/eastside/>

The purpose of this AIP is to improve safety and the project is needed because the existing bridges are considered to be in poor condition with observed deterioration in each of the structures. The bridge replacements at Glenwood Road and Covington Highway would be replaced on off-set alignments and would remain open to traffic during construction. The proposed bridge at Redwing Circle would be replaced on existing alignment and would be closed during construction, requiring a detour. GDOT is seeking feedback about the proposed detour associated with the bridge replacement at I-285 and Redwing Circle, as part of PI No. 0017129.

Current conditions at Redwing Circle over I-285:

The existing bridge is approximately 319 feet long and 40 feet wide. The bridge carries one 11-foot travel lane in the eastbound and westbound directions, 2-foot shoulders and a 5-foot sidewalk on both sides of the road. Existing right-of-way along Redwing Circle varies from approximately 70 feet to 90 feet.

Without this Project (No Build):

- The conditions of the bridge would continue to deteriorate.
- The safety of the traveling public would not be improved.

Proposed Solution: (Also See Project Location Map attached)

The proposed project would replace the existing Redwing Circle bridge over I-285, located approximately 2.6 miles north of the I-285/I-20 interchange in DeKalb County. The proposed bridge would be approximately 271.5-foot long and 41.5 feet wide. The bridge would consist of one 12-foot travel lane in the eastbound and westbound directions with a 2-foot gutter and 5.5-foot sidewalk on each side. The proposed bridge profile would be approximately 1 to 4.75 feet higher than the existing bridge in order to obtain current minimum vertical clearance over the I-285 mainline lanes. The length of construction along Redwing Circle is approximately 2,700 feet. Approximately 0.05 acre of right-of-way and 1.4 acres of permanent easements would be required for construction.

Proposed Detour Route and Duration: (Also See Detour Route Map attached)

The bridge would be replaced on existing alignment and would require a detour. The proposed detour route is approximately 1.25 mile utilizing Covington Highway to the north and the proposed detour duration is approximately six to eight months. Although the bridge would be closed to through traffic, properties located along Redwing Circle would remain accessible during the bridge closure and detour.

Benefits of Project Implementation:

- Improved safety for drivers utilizing functionally and structurally sound bridge that meets current design standards.

How Can You Assist: Please provide feedback about our proposed solution as well as information about any resources important to you or to the community. Are there events that future construction may affect once it begins?

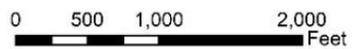
Where is this project in the process? This project is currently in the costing plans design phase of Design-Build delivery. Final design will be completed by a Design-Build Contractor once this project is let to construction. At that time, additional details will be available regarding the timing and duration of the proposed detour.

What are the Next Steps? After the comment period is completed, feedback will be assessed, and revisions may occur to the proposed plan initially brought to the public. Comments and questions received during the public comment period will be addressed in a response letter that will be provided within 30 days of the end of the public comment period.



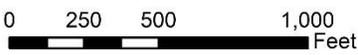
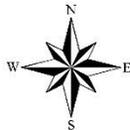
Project Location Map

I-285 at SR 12, Redwing Circle & Glenwood Road
Bridge Replacements Advanced Improvement Project
Georgia Department of Transportation
PI No. 0017129
DeKalb County, Georgia





Proposed Detour Route
 I-285 at SR 12, Redwing Circle & Glenwood Road
 Bridge Replacements Advanced Improvement Project
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 DeKalb County, Georgia



Legend

Bridge Closure

Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

For Against Conditional (I would support this project if... describe below) Uncommitted

Comments about the Proposed Detour: _____

Help GDOT Improve Future Meetings:

Advertising: How Did you hear about the meeting: Newspaper GDOT Website Word of mouth Social Media Post card Other_____

Questions:	Answer	If answer is no please provide a suggestion/comment
Were your questions answered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you understand the project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Were virtual materials understandable?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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

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