

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS TABLE**

PI#: 0011657 | County: Cobb | Date Updated: 10/02/13 | Stage: PCE Approval  
 Transmittal Date for Plans Reviewed by OES:

These commitments are feasible.  
 (must be checked at all stages)  
 GDOT Project Manager Merishia Robinson  
 PM Signature/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Plans incorporate the commitments.  
 (must be checked to certify for letting)  
 Engineer of Record (EOR) Michael Wright, P.E.  
 EOR Signature/Date Michael S. West

Air/Noise AP Arch MM  
 Eco-TT \_\_\_\_\_ Hist CL  
 NEPA LB

**A. Resources to be Delineated on the Plans and/or Listed in the Environmental Resource Impact Table (ERIT)**

Resource Name	Additional Information	Refer to	Name and Date of Report or Transmittal	Correctly Shown?	
				Plan Sheet	ERIT
A-1 Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church Cemetery	No impacts	C-1	Memorandum to File, Delineation and Investigation of Historic Cemetery (May 24, 2013) <u>Please see date</u>	Yes	Yes
A-2 Shiloh United Methodist Church Cemetery	No impacts	C-1	History Survey Report (SHPO concurrence on 05/31/13)	No	Yes

**B. Special Provisions (Attach all special provisions to the commitments table, if available)**

Special Provision	Purpose	Est. Cost	SP's Latest Date
NONE			

**C. Plan Notes and Design Features (Description: For plan notes, provide exact wording in "quotes" and approximate location)**

Purpose	Description	Est. Cost	Correctly Shown?
C-1 Protect resources	Orange fencing shall be installed around the boundary of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) of the Mt. Zion AME Church Cemetery from north of the church to the intersection of Wade Green Road with I-75 to protect the cemetery from construction activities. This area shall be designated an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) and the following note shall be included on the plan sheet for this resource. "The contractor shall ensure that no construction-related activities other than those shown on the approved plans, including the use of easements, staging, construction, vehicular use, borrow or waste activities, sediment basins, and trailer placement, occur within those areas designated as ESAs."	Negligible	No

**D. Necessary Permits, Buffer Variances and Mitigation Credits**

Permit, Variance, etc	Additional Information (permit details, number of credits needed, etc...)	Est. Cost	Acquired?
D-1 Notice of Intent (NOI) for NPDES	The Office of Bidding Administration and Construction Contractor will submit a NOI to the NPDES General Permit following award of the contract but prior to construction.	Negligible	Will be acquired following letting

**E. Other Commitments or Requirements (Status: Pre- and Post - Complete or Incomplete; During - Signature Req'd)**

Pre-, During, or Post	Commitment	Responsible party	Est. Cost	Status
NONE				
		Total Estimated Cost		

If Project is Complete or Under Construction, Area or Construction Engineer affirms that all Special Provisions, Plan Notes and During Construction Commitments were or are being adhered to during the project's construction.  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Please provide an explanation if unable to sign.  
 Please Print Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Stevens, Robin

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**From:** Phillips, Amber <aphillips@dot.ga.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2013 10:26 AM  
**To:** Wright, Michael; Bowman, Larry  
**Cc:** Racha, Sujith; Stevens, Robin; Poudel, Shamir; Hudgins, James  
**Subject:** RE: P.I. No. 0011657 - Wade Green Road at I-75 Interchange Improvements

Thanks the noise is approved.

Amber L. Phillips  
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**From:** Wright, Michael [<mailto:Michael.Wright@cobbcounty.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2013 10:33 AM  
**To:** Phillips, Amber; Bowman, Larry  
**Cc:** Racha, Sujith; Stevens, Robin; Poudel, Shamir; Hudgins, James  
**Subject:** FW: P.I. No. 0011657 - Wade Green Road at I-75 Interchange Improvements

Amber and Larry,

Attached is the revised noise study for the above referenced project.

Michael S. Wright, PE, District 1 Engineer

### COBB COUNTY DOT

1890 County Services Pkwy / Marietta, GA 30008 / Tel: (770) 528-4375 / Cell: (770) 885-3282  
Cobb County DOT Website: [www.cobbdot.org](http://www.cobbdot.org)  
Road Closure Information: [www.cobbgis.org:81/CobbCountyRoadClosuresPublic/public/](http://www.cobbgis.org:81/CobbCountyRoadClosuresPublic/public/)

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**From:** Racha, Sujith [<mailto:Sujith.Racha@arcadis-us.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 26, 2013 11:35 AM  
**To:** Wright, Michael  
**Cc:** Stevens, Robin; Poudel, Shamir  
**Subject:** RE: P.I. No. 0011657 - Wade Green Road at I-75 Interchange Improvements

Mike,

## **Bowman, Larry**

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**From:** Tenney, James  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2013 8:21 AM  
**To:** Bowman, Larry  
**Subject:** RE: Cobb County Project PI #0011657 Green Sheet Review

Larry,

I have reviewed the green sheet and don't have any further comments to add.

Thank you,

Jay Tenney  
Transportation Ecologist, Associate  
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**From:** Bowman, Larry  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 06, 2013 9:40 AM  
**To:** Phillips, Amber; McKay, Melissa; Tenney, James; Lawrence, Charles W.  
**Cc:** Jackson, Keisha; Robinson, Merishia  
**Subject:** Cobb County Project PI #0011657 Green Sheet Review

All,

Please review the attached green sheet and let me know if I need to change, add, or delete any commitments on the green sheet.

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## **Bowman, Larry**

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**From:** Westberry, Lisa  
**Sent:** Friday, October 25, 2013 3:13 PM  
**To:** Bowman, Larry  
**Subject:** RE: Cobb County Project PI #0011657 Green Sheet Review

No comments.

Lisa

Lisa Westberry  
Special Projects Coordinator  
Office of Environmental Services  
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404-631-1772

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**From:** Bowman, Larry  
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**Sent:** Monday, October 28, 2013 9:30 AM  
**To:** Bowman, Larry  
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Larry,

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PI#: 0011657, County: Cobb

**General Information**

Project Name: Wade Green Road @ I-75 Interchange Improvements		
GDOT District #: 7	STIP/TIP #: AR-106-2015 - Lump Sum - 2015	
Funded Years	Right of Way: N/A	Construction: 2015

PROGRAM 11  
LS-00074  
IN STIP

*Project Description:* The proposed project consists of operational improvements to the interchange of Wade Green Road and Interstate 75 (I-75). The existing traditional diamond-type interchange would be converted to a diverging diamond interchange (DDI) to utilize the existing bridge while providing operational improvements through this interchange. The current roadway and bridge consist of two, 12-foot-wide travel lanes plus one left-turn lane in either direction. A new eastbound right-turn lane is currently under construction in the vicinity of I-75 southbound ramps (by Cobb County DOT) to serve traffic heading to I-75 southbound ramps. There are no existing sidewalks in the vicinity of the interchange. The existing right-of-way (ROW) varies from 120 to 165 feet along Wade Green Road. The project is approximately 0.5 mile in length.

Re-construction of the eastbound lanes of Wade Green Road would begin just to the east of Shiloh Road. An additional right-turn lane would be constructed along Wade Green Road eastbound to serve traffic entering the southbound lanes of I-75 (making this a dual right-turn lane configuration). The two eastbound through lanes of Wade Green Road would cross from the southern side of the roadway to the northern side of the roadway in the vicinity of the Wade Green Road intersection with the I-75 southbound ramps. These two eastbound travel lanes would continue across I-75 on the northern side of the existing Wade Green Road Bridge until reaching the intersection with the I-75 northbound ramps. At this intersection, an option lane exit would open up serving traffic entering the I-75 northbound lanes. The two eastbound through lanes would cross back to the southern side of the road and continue east until tying to the existing roadway just east of the I-75 northbound ramps. Re-construction of the westbound lanes of Wade Green Road would begin just to the east of the intersection of Wade Green Road and the I-75 northbound ramps. A right-turn lane for traffic going to I-75 northbound would be added from the existing driveway of the BP gas station to the intersection with I-75 northbound. Approaching the Wade Green Road intersection with the I-75 northbound ramps, a left-turn lane would be added to the two Wade Green Road westbound through lanes. At the intersection with the I-75 northbound ramps, three westbound lanes of Wade Green Road would cross to the southern side of the existing Wade Green Bridge over I-75. These two eastbound travel lanes would continue across I-75 on the southern side of the existing Wade Green Road Bridge until they reach the intersection with the I-75 southbound ramps. At that location, the two westbound through lanes would cross back to the northern side of the roadway while the left-turn lane would continue to the I-75 southbound ramp. The Wade Green Road westbound through lanes would tie to the existing roadway before reaching the intersection of Shiloh Road. The existing I-75 southbound on-ramp would be widened to a two-lane ramp to provide additional vehicle storage. This two-lane ramp would taper to a single-lane ramp prior to reaching the gore point with I-75 southbound.

This project would also add new sidewalks within the project limits. On the west side of I-75, a 5-foot wide sidewalk would be added on the south side of Wade Green Road. Sidewalk would not be added along north side of Wade Green Road to avoid construction within and adjacent to a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible church and cemetery. Within the interchange, a 10-foot sidewalk would be included in center of the existing bridge. On the east side of I-75, a 5-foot sidewalk would be included on both the north and south sides of Wade Green Road. These sidewalks would tie to the existing sidewalks at the eastern end of the project.

This project would be constructed within existing ROW. Figure 1 shows the project's location.

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**Eligibility Determination for Type III Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE)**

**Qualifies as a project type eligible for a PCE:** s. Modification of an existing interchange, limited to the types listed in the latest PCE Agreement.

**Right of Way (ROW):** The project requires the following ROW/easement amounts:

<i>Required Right of Way</i>	Approximately 0 acre(s)
<i>Permanent Easement</i>	Approximately 0 acre(s)
<i>Temporary Easement</i>	Approximately 0 acre(s)

Further evaluation of the ROW and easement requirements demonstrates the following conditions apply:

- No commercial or residential displacements are required.
- No access changes from existing conditions.  
(example: median removals, driveway access removals/modifications.)
- No impairments to land use functions.  
(example: net loss of parking or substantial loss of residential front yards.)

**Public Involvement:** Please list all public involvement activities to date in the table below.

<i>Type of Public Involvement</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i># Attendees</i>	<i># Comments</i>	<i>Date of Response</i>
Public Information Open House	6/20/13	44	14	July 15, 2013

(Add rows as needed. If no public involvement activities will occur, note as NONE in the table.)

This public involvement was required to inform the public of the interchange reconfiguration and to provide information on how to use the proposed new diverging diamond interchange.

**Public Controversy:** This project is minor in scope and not anticipated to have public controversy.

**Community Impacts:** This project is minor in scope and not anticipated to result in community impacts.

**Economic Impacts:** This project is minor in scope and not anticipated to result in economic impacts.

**Churches and Institutions:** This project is minor in scope and not anticipated to impact churches or institutions.

**Environmental Justice (EO 12898):** Based on the nature of this project, environmental justice communities would not be affected. [DOT Order 5610.2 (a).]

**Floodplain/way (EO 11988):** The proposed project will not encroach upon floodplains or floodways.

**Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA):** The proposed project is not within one of the eleven counties along the coast. Therefore, the CZMA does not apply.

**Farmland Protection Policy Act:** The project does not occur within an area with Prime farmland.

**Traffic Disruptions:** The GDOT Project Manager, Merishia Robinson, verified that the project would not require temporary or permanent removal of access and that traffic disruptions will be low intensity and/or short duration (compared to the construction life of the project and, other than off-site detours meeting the conditions discussed below). Verification date: 9/26/2013.

**Detour potential and conditions:** The project requires a short-term road closure or detour (less than 5 days). This detour location and proposed detour route was shown at the June 20, 2013 PIOH. Additionally, coordination with local governments, EMS providers, and school board officials took place. Cobb County DOT completed coordination on July 30, 2013 with the Cobb County School Board and on August 1, 2013 with Cobb County Public Safety.

**Underground Storage Tanks (USTs)/Hazardous Materials:** The proposed project would not involve UST or hazardous material removal.

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**Archaeology Resources (National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106):** The following determination is from the archaeology evaluation dated 5/24/2013. The project has one Archaeological Resource(s) Present with No Adverse Effect resulting from the project. This resource is listed in the attached Environmental Commitments Table. As a result of this determination, no further concurrence is necessary. Because there are no adverse effects to archaeological resources, the project is eligible for processing under the PCE agreement.

**Historic Resources (National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106):** The following determination is from the history evaluation dated 7/17/2013. The project has two Historic Resource(s) Present with No Effect resulting from the project. These resources are listed in the attached Environmental Commitments Table. This determination was concurred by the GA State Historic Preservation Officer on July 30, 2013. Because there are no adverse effects to historic resources, the project is eligible for processing under the PCE agreement.

**Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act:** The proposed project corridor has been evaluated for Section 4(f) resources. The following Section 4(f) resources were identified: the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligible Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church and Cemetery and the Shiloh United Methodist Church Cemetery. It has been determined that the project does not require the use of Section 4(f) land (including *de minimis* uses). Since no Section 4(f) uses were identified, the proposed project is eligible for processing under the PCE agreement.

**Ecological Resources:** The following determinations are from the ecology evaluation dated 6/19/2013.

***Waters of the U.S./Jurisdictional Waters (Clean Water Action, Section 404):***

	<i>Wetlands</i>	<i>Streams</i>	<i>Open Waters</i>
<i>Total Number Identified</i>	1	0	0
<i>Largest Individual impact (ft or ac)</i>	0	0	0
<i>Cumulative impact to all sites (ft or ac)</i>	0	0	0

A complete listing of jurisdictional waters and associated are provided in the attached Environmental Commitments Table.

Based on the results listed above, the project does not need a Section 404 Permit. Thus, it is eligible to be processed under the PCE Agreement.

***Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA):*** Coordination is not required.

***Protected Species (Endangered Species Act, Section 7):*** The proposed project has been evaluated for impacts to federal and state protected species. To qualify for processing under the PCE Agreement, the project must either qualify under Appendix A of the Joint Coordination Procedures (JCP) as having been programmatically determined to have No Effect, or receive a No Effect determination for all species from FHWA prior to PCE approval. Determination: The project did not qualify under Appendix A of the JCP but FHWA made a No Effect Determination, dated 07/09/13.

If the project qualified under the JCP, list the project type it qualified under: NA

***Bald or Golden Eagle Protection Act:*** The project will have No Take/No Effect to Bald Eagles or Golden Eagles or their habitat.

***Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act:*** The project is not within one of the eleven coastal counties and no marine habitat is present.

***Wildlife and Habitat:*** The project will not involve migratory birds or bat roosting habitat.

***Air (Clean Air Act):*** The following determinations are from the air quality impact assessment dated 10/2/2013.

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<i>Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5:</i>	In a non-attainment or maintenance area and interagency concurrence was provided on July 26, 2013.
<i>Ozone:</i>	In a non-attainment or maintenance area and the conforming TIP number is # AR-106-2015.
<i>Carbon Monoxide (CO):</i>	Ambient emissions do not exceed federal standards.
<i>Mobile Source Air Toxins (MSATs):</i>	No meaningful effects.

**Noise (23 CFR 772):** The following determination is from the noise impact analysis dated June 2013 (approved July 11, 2013): The project is considered a Type III project (for noise assessments).

**Permits**

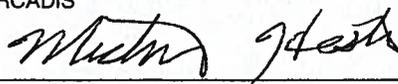
<i>Permit Type</i>	<i>Applicable to Project?</i>
Section 404 Permit (if Individual Permit needed, project not eligible for PCE)	no
US Coast Guard Permit (if needed, project not eligible for PCE)	no
Stream Buffer Variance	no
Tennessee Valley Authority Permit (TVA)	no
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)	yes
Other: (List Type)	no

**Supporting File Documentation:** The preparer, reviewer, and approver should confirm that all supporting documentation is in the GDOT file. The following should be included, if applicable:

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| 1. All Section 106 documentation (including tribal coordination)  | yes |
| 2. All Section 7 documentation, including effect determinations and correspondence                          | yes |
| 3. FWCA Coordination documentation, including correspondence  | NA  |
| 4. Early Coordination Letters and Responses   | yes |
| 5. Public Involvement Information (including: Summary of Comments, Public Comments, Responses to Comments.) | yes |
| 6. Air Quality Analysis (including PM 2.5 concurrence, if needed)   | yes |
| 7. Noise Impact Analysis  | yes |
| 8. Special Provision(s)   | NA  |
| 9. Ecology Reports and Addenda (including survey reports)   | yes |
| 10. Reference Page from STIP/TIP  | yes |
| 11. Farmland Rating Form (NRCS Form AD 1006)  | NA  |
| 12. Floodplain/way (H&H study cover page or anticipated H&H results)  | NA  |

**The Environmental Commitments Table is attached.**

Prepared By:  10/4/13  
 Robin Stevens, Senior NEPA Specialist  
 ARCADIS  
 Date

Reviewed By:  10/17/13  
 GDOT Reviewer's Name, Reviewer's Position/Title  
 Georgia Department of Transportation  
 Date

Approved By:  10/24/13  
 GDOT Approver's Name, NEPA Section Manager (or Higher)  
 Georgia Department of Transportation  
 Date

*This PCE is approved on behalf of FHWA Georgia Division, Division Administrator.*

cc: Provide PDF (or link) to Project Manager, State Project Review Engineer, and Project Documents; Hardcopy to General Files

# Preconstruction Status Report

## I-75 @ CR 4396 WADE GREEN ROAD

**PI Number:** 0011657

**COUNTY:** Cobb  
**LENGTH (MI):** 0.8  
**PROJ NO:** [Blank]  
**PROJ MGR:** Robinson, Meishia  
**AOHD INITIALS:** AVS  
**OFFICE:** Program Delivery  
**CONSULTANT:** [Blank]  
**SPONSOR:** GDOT

**PRIORITY CD:** QUICK  
**DOT DIST:** 7  
**CONG. DIST:** 11  
**BIKE:** N  
**MEASURE:**  
**SUFF:**

**BASELINE LET DAT**  
**SCHED LET DATE:** [Blank]  
**LIGHTING TYPE:** None

**MGMT LET DATE:** [Blank]  
**WHO LETS?** Local Let  
**LET WITH:** [Blank]

### \*\*\* QUICK PROJECT \*\*\*

**Print Date** 10/25/13  
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BASE START	BASE FINISH	TASKS	ACTUAL START	ACTUAL FINISH	%
		EIS: PCE NotAppl NoSched Int-Pro   Oct'14 Let per Consult QA/QC form  L Bowman 8OCT13			
		LGPA: PFA SGN COBB DO PE ROW & CST GDOT TO DO UTIL & CONTRIBUTE UP TO \$970,000 TOWARD CST 4-18-13.			
		Programming: PE LS 0007496			
		Utility: CC: NEED CERT. LTR. FM LOCALS 09/13			

Phase	Approved	Proposed	Cost	Fund	Status	Date Auth
PE	2013	2013	\$30,000.00	Q24	AUTHORIZED	3/5/13
PE	LOCL	LOCL	\$225,000.00	LOC	PRECST	3/5/13
CST	LUMP	LUMP	\$1,970,000.00	M240	PRECST	

#### COST EST AMTS

	Activity	Cost	Fund
PE	10/4/12	\$255,000.00	LOC
CST	10/4/12	\$1,970,000.00	Q24
			M240

#### STIP AMOUNTS

	Activity	Cost	Fund
PE	PE	\$0.00	LOC
PE	PE	\$0.00	Q24
CST	CST	\$0.00	M240

#### District Comments

(2/18/13) PFA submitted to Cobb County for execution on 2/13/13

<b>Pre Parcel CT Under Review Released:</b>	<b>Total Parcel in ROW System:</b>	<b>Cond Filled:</b>	<b>Acquired by:</b> NIR
	<b>Options Pending:</b>	<b>Relocations:</b>	<b>Acquisition MGR:</b>
	<b>Condemnations - Pend:</b>	<b>Acquired:</b>	<b>R/W Cert Date:</b>
			<b>DEEDS CT:</b>

FY 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program - Sorted by ARC Project Number

<b>AR-105-2016</b>	<b>GDOT REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM - FY 2016</b>		Jurisdiction	Regional	Existing	N/A	Planned	N/A	Length (mi.)	N/A	Network Year	2020
0009549			Sponsor	GDOT								
Programmed			Service Type	Roadway / Operations & Safety	Analysis		Exempt from Air Quality Analysis (40 CFR 93)					

Status	Year	Fund Type	Fund Type			Local	State	Total	Bonds	Total
			Federal	State	Local					
CST	2016	STP - Statewide Flexible (GDOT)	\$8,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0,000	\$2,000,000	\$0,000	\$0,000	\$10,000,000	
			\$8,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0,000	\$2,000,000	\$0,000	\$0,000	\$10,000,000	

<b>AR-105-2017</b>	<b>GDOT REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM - FY 2017</b>		Jurisdiction	Regional	Existing	N/A	Planned	N/A	Length (mi.)	N/A	Network Year	2020
0009810			Sponsor	GDOT								
Programmed			Service Type	Roadway / Operations & Safety	Analysis		Exempt from Air Quality Analysis (40 CFR 93)					

Status	Year	Fund Type	Fund Type			Local	State	Total	Bonds	Total
			Federal	State	Local					
CST	2017	STP - Statewide Flexible (GDOT)	\$8,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0,000	\$2,000,000	\$0,000	\$0,000	\$10,000,000	
			\$8,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0,000	\$2,000,000	\$0,000	\$0,000	\$10,000,000	

<b>AR-106-2014</b>	<b>GDOT ROADWAY OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM IN THE METROPOLITAN ATLANTA AREA - FY 2014</b>		Jurisdiction	Regional	Existing	N/A	Planned	N/A	Length (mi.)	N/A	Network Year	2015
0007497			Sponsor	GDOT								
Programmed			Service Type	Roadway / Operations & Safety	Analysis		Exempt from Air Quality Analysis (40 CFR 93)					

Status	Year	Fund Type	Fund Type			Local	State	Total	Bonds	Total
			Federal	State	Local					
CST	2014	STP - Statewide Flexible (GDOT)	\$1,710,000	\$427,500	\$0,000	\$427,500	\$0,000	\$0,000	\$2,137,500	
			\$1,710,000	\$427,500	\$0,000	\$427,500	\$0,000	\$0,000	\$2,137,500	

<b>AR-106-2015</b>	<b>GDOT ROADWAY OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM IN THE METROPOLITAN ATLANTA AREA - FY 2015</b>		Jurisdiction	Regional	Existing	N/A	Planned	N/A	Length (mi.)	N/A	Network Year	2020
0007498			Sponsor	GDOT								
Programmed			Service Type	Roadway / Operations & Safety	Analysis		Exempt from Air Quality Analysis (40 CFR 93)					

Status	Year	Fund Type	Fund Type			Local	State	Total	Bonds	Total
			Federal	State	Local					
CST	2015	STP - Statewide Flexible (GDOT)	\$3,420,000	\$855,000	\$0,000	\$855,000	\$0,000	\$0,000	\$4,275,000	
			\$3,420,000	\$855,000	\$0,000	\$855,000	\$0,000	\$0,000	\$4,275,000	



**WADE GREEN ROAD AT I-75  
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Figure 1: Project Location Map

## GDOT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SHORT FORM FOR NEGATIVE FINDINGS

Phase I Archaeological Survey for the Proposed Wade Green Road at I-75 Diverging Diamond

Report Title: Intersection

Prime Consultant: ARCADIS U.S., Inc.

Sub Consultant: Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc.

GDOT Project No.: None assigned

P.I. No.: 0011657

GA SHPO HP#: 130228-008

Draft Report Submitted on: 05 / 24 / 2013

### PROJECT LOCATION AND AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT

County(ies):

Cobb

USGS Quadrangle(s):

Kennesaw USGS 7.5" Quadrangle; UTM Zone 16 North

Project Description:

Please see attached sheet.

Area of Potential Effect (APE):

The APE for the project includes the maximum length and width of proposed construction within the existing right-of-way as described on the attached sheet.

**SURVEY CONDITIONS**

**Soil Descriptions:**

Soils varied by location; however most soil profiles encountered consist of 0-10 centimeters below surface of dark brown loamy clay over rocky red clay subsoil or 10-15 centimeters below surface of brownish yellow clay loam over the same rocky red clay subsoil.

**Topography:**

The natural topography has been modified by grading and construction (transportation, commercial, etc.) activities. Gentle roadside ditches and slopes as well as artificial embankments make up the proposed project corridor.

**Land Use/Vegetation/Ground Cover:**

Current land use is associated with transportation and commercial activity. Vegetation throughout the majority of the project area consists of dense grassy roadsides and occasional paved surfaces.

**Survey Limitations and Disturbance(s):**

The survey area was limited by road, driveway, parking lot, and utility construction. Grading and landscaping were encountered as well.

**Survey Methods:**

The majority of the project area was surveyed through systematic and judgmental shovel testing, in addition to pedestrian visual inspection. The remainder of the area has been previously affected by commercial and road construction, as well as utility line placement. Field notes and digital photos document the project area.

No. of STs: 53 No. of Transects: 5

- This archaeological survey included all areas of the APE and an additional 100 foot expanded survey corridor.
- This archaeology survey covers the APE only and does not require the survey of the additional 100 foot expanded corridor.

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND RESEARCH**

Previously Recorded Sites:  
Please see attached sheet.

Previous Surveys:  
Please see attached sheet.

Ref:  
Please see attached sheet.

**ATTACHMENT CHECKLIST**

- 1. Project Location Map
- 2. USGS Topographic Map
- 3. References Cited
- 4. VITA
- 5. Photograph(s)
- 6. Field Notes

**CONSULTANT INFORMATION**

Archaeological Consultant: Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc.

Address: 1250 Winchester Pkwy., Suite 200  
Smyrna, Ga 30080

Phone No.: (770)-333-9484

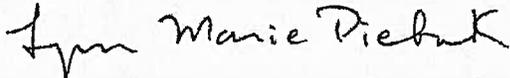
Principal Investigator: Lynn Marie Pietak Ph.D.

Project Archaeologist: Andrew Carbo

**CONSULTANT CERTIFICATION**

I, the Principal Investigator: Lynn Marie Pietak Ph.D. do hereby certify that the Area of Potential Effect (as described on Page 1 of this form) for GDOT Project P.I. No. 0011657

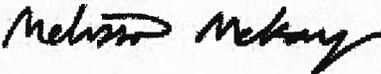
has been thoroughly surveyed for archaeological resources and that no such resources were located or identified.

PI Signature: 

Comments:

The ESC for this project was waived by Jim Pomfret as construction will occur only in the existing ROW. Please see attached sheet for additional information regarding the Mt. Zion AME cemetery delineation.

**REVIEW**

  
GDOT Archaeologist: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 6 / 13 / 2013

Comments:

Draft Accepted as Final

**By agreement, because no archaeological resources were located within the project's area of potential effect, no signed concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Office is required.**

Cc:

- Dr. David Crass, Director and Deputy SHPO
- Mr. Rodney Barry, P.E., FHWA (Attn: Jennifer Giersch)
- Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Muscogee (Creek) Nation,
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Seminole Tribe of Florida

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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**INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE**

**FILE** P.I. # 0011657

**OFFICE** Environmental Services

**DATE** May 21, 2013

**FROM** Charles W. Lawrence

**TO** Files

**SUBJECT** GDOT Project Operational Improvements: Wade Green Road at I-75, Cobb County  
PI# 0011657, HP# 130228-008:  
Historic Resources Survey Report

Attached is the Historic Resources Survey Report prepared by Mark Grindstaff of Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc. for the subject project. This document describes the Department's efforts to identify historic properties located within the proposed project's area of potential effects and the evaluation of all identified properties through the application of the Criteria of Eligibility to determine eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The Department has reviewed and concurs with the contents of this report.

CWL

cc: Rodney N. Barry, P.E., FHWA, w/attachment (Attn: Kelly Wade)  
David Crass, Deputy SHPO, w/attachment  
Atlanta Regional Commission, w/attachment

CONCUR:

  
David Crass, Deputy SHPO

DATE: 5.31.13

cc: Mark Grindstaff, Edwards-Pitman  
Larry Bowman, GDOT NEPA

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

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**INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE**

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**FILE** P.I. # 0011657 **OFFICE** Environmental Services

**DATE** July 17, 2013

**FROM** Charles W. Lawrence

**TO** Files

**SUBJECT** GDOT Project Operational Improvements: Wade Green Road at I-75, Cobb County  
PI# 0011657, HP# 130228-008:  
No Historic Properties Affected

Attached is the Finding of No Historic Properties Affected document prepared by Mark Grindstaff of Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc. for the subject project. The Department has reviewed and concurs with the contents of this report. This finding fulfills the Department's responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 and subsequent amendments. A report which fulfills the Department's responsibilities under Section 106 for archaeological sites will be submitted separately.

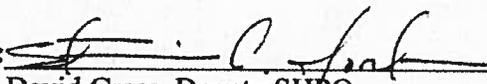
CWL

cc: Rodney N. Barry, P.E., FHWA, w/attachment (Attn: Kelly Wade)

David Crass, Deputy SHPO, w/attachment

Atlanta Regional Commission, w/attachment

CONCUR:

  
for David Crass, Deputy SHPO

DATE: 7.30.13

cc: Mark Grindstaff, Edwards-Pitman  
Larry Bowman, GDOT NEPA

**Keith Golden, P.E., Commissioner**



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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June 19, 2013

Mr. Rodney N. Barry, P.E., Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Suite 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104  
ATTN: Jennifer Glersch

Re: Transmittal and Coordination of Ecology Report Addendum for GDOT Project P.I. # 0011657 Cobb County,

Dear Mr. Barry:

Georgia Department of Transportation project P.I. #0011657 is an intersection improvement located at the intersection of Wade Green Road and I-75 approximately 2.3 miles northeast of Kennesaw within Cobb County. The project would convert the existing traditional diamond type interchange to a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) to utilize the existing bridge while providing operational improvements. The existing right-of-way (ROW) width varies between 120 to 165 feet along Wade Green Road. The project length is approximately 0.5 mile in length and the total project study corridor is approximately 46 acres. This report addresses five federally protected species [i.e., Cherokee darter (*Etheostoma scottii*), fine-line pocketbook (*Hamiota altills*), Gulf moccasinshell (*Medionidus penicillatus*), pool sprite (*Amphianthus pusillus*), dwarf sumac (*Rhus michauxii*), monkeyface orchid (*Platanthera integrilabia*) and Georgia aster (*Symphytotrichum georgianum*)].

This report evaluates potential impacts to wetlands, streams, and protected species for the referenced project. Anticipated impacts and findings of ecological resources include:

- No permanent or temporary wetland/open water impacts
- No permanent or temporary stream impacts
- No stream buffer impacts
- No effect to protected species

The Department respectfully requests concurrence of its biological determination of "no effect" for federally protected species in Cobb County. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jay Tenney of the Office of Environmental Services, at 404-631-1174, or Sharilyn Meyers at 404-631-1594.

Sincerely,  
  
Glenn Bowman, P.E.  
State Environmental Administrator

GB:HDC:jt

cc:

Merishia Robinson, GDOT PM  
Larry Bowman, GDOT NEPA  
Catherine Samay, GA EPD  
Eugene Hopkins, GDOT ECB



## WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION

MARK WILLIAMS  
COMMISSIONER

DAN FORSTER  
DIRECTOR

January 10, 2013

Claire Ike  
Ecologist  
ARCADIS U.S., Inc.  
2410 Paces Ferry Road  
Suite 400  
Atlanta, GA 30339

**Subject: Known occurrences of natural communities, plants and animals of highest priority conservation status on or near Wade Green Road at I-75, Cobb County, Georgia**

Dear Ms. Ike:

This is in response to your request of December 13, 2012. According to our records, within a three-mile radius of the project site there are the following Natural Heritage Database occurrences:

- US *Etheostoma scotti* (Cherokee Darter) approx. 2.0 mi. N of site in Clarke Creek and Tributaries
- US *Etheostoma scotti* (Cherokee Darter) approx. 2.0 mi. NW of site in Clarke Creek and Tributaries
- US *Etheostoma scotti* (Cherokee Darter) approx. 2.0 mi. W of site in Proctor Creek
- US *Etheostoma scotti* (Cherokee Darter) approx. 2.5 mi. NW of site in Clarke Creek and Tributaries

\* Entries above preceded by "US" indicates species with federal status (Protected, Candidate or Partial Status). Species that are federally protected in Georgia are also state protected; "GA" indicates Georgia protected species.

### Recommendations:

We have no records of high priority species or habitats within the project area. However, a federally listed species, *Etheostoma scotti* (Cherokee Darter) is within three miles of the proposed project. The Endangered Species Act states that taking or harming of a listed species is prohibited. We recommend all requestors with projects located near federally protected species consult with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. For southeast Georgia, please contact Strant Colwell (912-265-9336, ext.30 or [Strant\\_Colwell@fws.gov](mailto:Strant_Colwell@fws.gov)). In southwest Georgia, please contact John Doresky (706-544-6999 or [John\\_Doresky@fws.gov](mailto:John_Doresky@fws.gov)). In north Georgia, please contact Robin Goodloe (706-613-9493, ext.221 or [Robin\\_Goodloe@fws.gov](mailto:Robin_Goodloe@fws.gov)).

We recommend that stringent erosion control practices be used during construction activities and that vegetation is re-established on disturbed areas as quickly as possible. Silt fences and other erosion control devices should be inspected and maintained until soil is stabilized by vegetation. Please use natural vegetation and grading techniques (e.g. vegetated swales, turn-offs, vegetated buffer strips) that will ensure that the road or ROW does not serve as a conduit for storm water or pollutants into the water during or after construction. These measures will help protect water quality in the vicinity of the project as well as in downstream areas.

**Disclaimer:**

Please keep in mind the limitations of our database. The data collected by the Nongame Conservation Section comes from a variety of sources, including museum and herbarium records, literature, and reports from individuals and organizations, as well as field surveys by our staff biologists. In most cases the information is not the result of a recent on-site survey by our staff. Many areas of Georgia have never been surveyed thoroughly. Therefore, the Nongame Conservation Section can only occasionally provide definitive information on the presence or absence of rare species on a given site. Our files are updated constantly as new information is received. **Thus, information provided by our program represents the existing data in our files at the time of the request and should not be considered a final statement on the species or area under consideration.**

If you know of populations of highest priority species that are not in our database, please fill out the appropriate data collection form and send it to our office. Forms can be obtained through our web site (<http://www.georgiawildlife.com/node/1376>) or by contacting our office. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

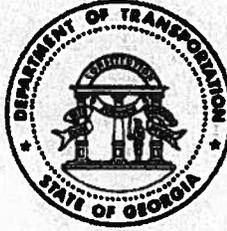


Katrina Morris  
Environmental Review Coordinator

**Data Available on the Nongame Conservation Section Website**

- Georgia protected plant and animal profiles are available on our website. These accounts cover basics like descriptions and life history, as well as threats, management recommendations and conservation status. Visit <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/node/2721>.
- Rare species and natural community information can be viewed by Quarter Quad, County and HUC8 Watershed. To access this information, please visit our GA Rare Species and Natural Community Information page at: <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/conservation/species-of-concern?cat=conservation>.
- Downloadable files of rare species and natural community data by quarter quad and county are also available. They can be downloaded from: <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/node/1370>.

Keith Golden, P.E., Commissioner



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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October 2, 2013

Mr. Rodney N. Barry, P.E.  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
Atlanta Federal Center  
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Suite 17 T100  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104

ATTN: Jennifer Giersch

Dear Mr. Barry:

Re: Project: Cobb County, P.I. No. 0011657 - Wade Green Road Operational Improvements

Please find enclosed the Air Quality Assessment. It is being sent to you for your information and files.

Should you need further information, please contact Andrew Clay at (404) 631-1597 or Amber Phillips at (404) 631-1117.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenn Bowman".

Glenn Bowman, P.E.  
State Environmental Administrator

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Enclosures

cc: Project Manager (letter, report)  
General File (letter, report)

Air Quality Impact Assessment  
PI No. 0011657  
Cobb County  
September 2013

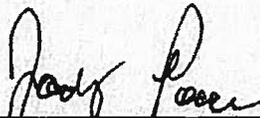
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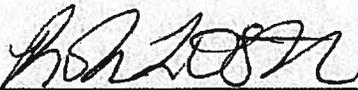
Traffic Data Years: Current (2012), Open (2015), and Design (2035)

The proposed project consists of operational improvements to the interchange of Wade Green Road and I-75. The existing traditional diamond type interchange would be converted to a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) to utilize the existing bridge while providing operational improvements through this interchange. The current roadway and bridge consists of two, 12-foot-wide travel lanes plus one left-turn lane in either direction. The proposed improvement would consist of two through lanes in the eastbound direction and three lanes (two through lanes and a dedicated left turn-lane) in the westbound direction. Pedestrian accommodations would be provided in the median of the travel lanes as is typical for DDIs. The project was evaluated for its consistency with state and federal air quality goals, including carbon monoxide (CO), ozone, particulate matter 2.5 (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), and mobile source air toxics (MSATs) as part of this assessment. Results indicated that the project is in compliance with both state and federal air quality standards.

Prepared By:

QC/QA Name and signature:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jody Peace, PE

  
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Robin Stevens

Approved By (GDOT): Andrew Clay

Date: 10-2-2013

## **Determination of Project Categorization for PM2.5 Hotspot Requirements for Cobb County**

**Project Name:** Wade Green Road at I-75 Interchange Improvements

**Project Number:** P.I. # 0011657

**Location:** Cobb County

**Document Type:** Categorical Exclusion (CE)

**Project Status:** In Progress

**FHWA Contact:** Jennifer Giersch

**GDOT NEPA Planner:** Larry Bowman

### **Project Description:**

The proposed project consists of operational improvements to the interchange of Wade Green Road and I-75. The existing traditional diamond type interchange will be converted to a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) to utilize the existing bridge while providing operational improvements through this interchange. The current roadway and bridge consists of two, twelve foot wide travel lanes plus one left turn lane in either direction. A new eastbound right turn lane is currently under construction in the vicinity of I-75 SB ramps (by Cobb County DOT) to serve traffic heading to I-75 southbound ramps. There are no existing sidewalks in the vicinity of the interchange. The existing right-of-way varies from 120 to 165 feet along Wade Green Road. The project is approximately 0.5 mile in length.

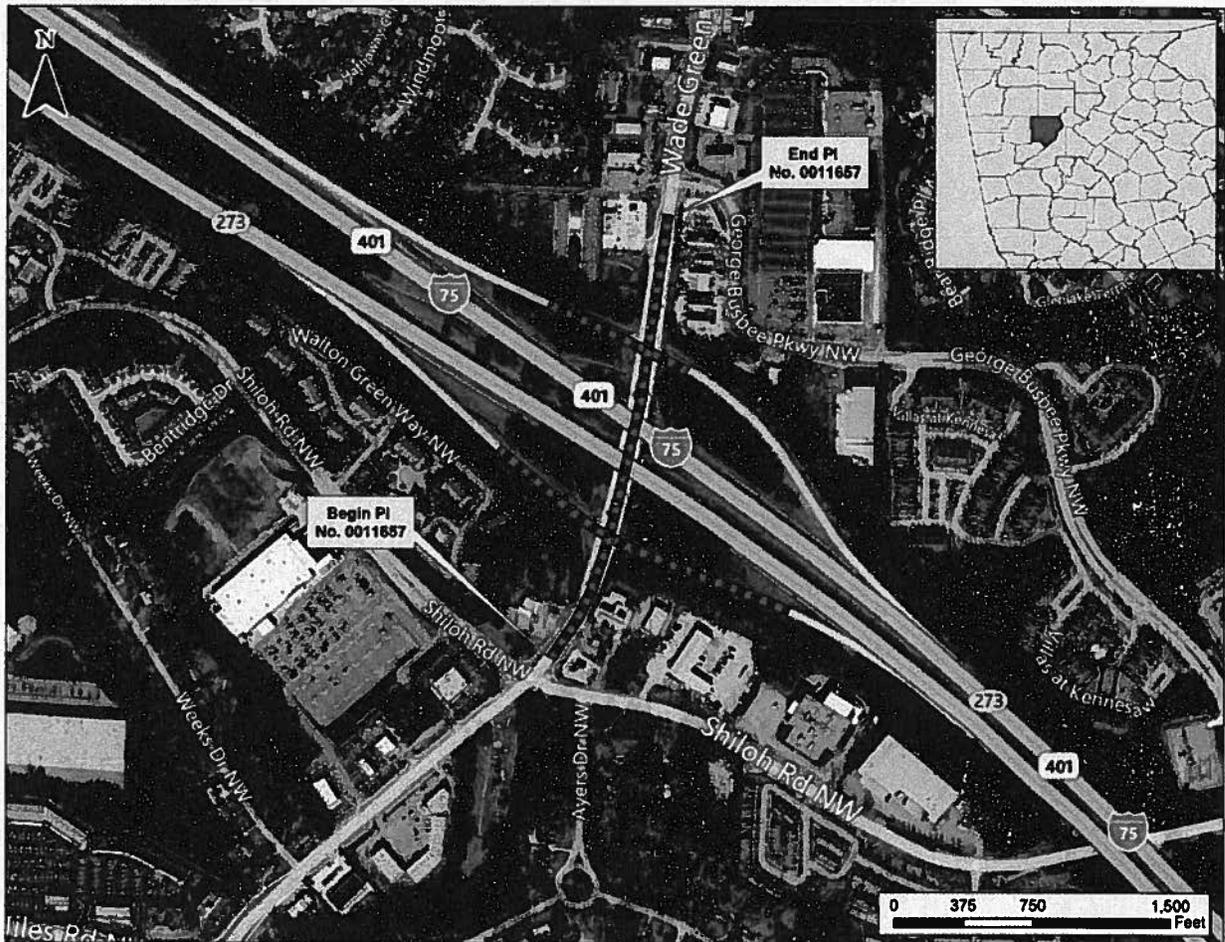
Re-construction of the eastbound lanes of Wade Green Road will begin just to the east of Shiloh Road. An additional right turn lane will be included to serve the eastbound lanes of Wade Green Road at this location making this a dual right-turn lane configuration. These right turn lanes will serve traffic leaving Wade Green Road and entering the southbound lanes of I-75. The two eastbound thru lanes of Wade Green Road will cross from the southern side of the roadway to the northern side of the roadway in the vicinity of Wade Green Road intersection with I-75 southbound ramps. These two eastbound travel lanes will continue across I-75 on the northern side of the existing Wade Green Road Bridge until reaching the intersection with the I-75 northbound ramps. At this intersection, an option lane exit will open up serving traffic entering I-75 northbound lanes. The two eastbound thru lanes will cross back to the southern side of the road and continue east until tying to the existing roadway just east of the I-75 northbound ramps intersection.

Re-construction of the westbound lanes of Wade Green Road will begin just to the east of the intersection of Wade Green Road and the I-75 northbound ramps. A right turn lane for traffic going to I-75 northbound will be added from the existing driveway of the BP gas station to the intersection with I-75 northbound. Approaching the Wade Green Road intersection with the I-75 northbound ramps, a left turn lane will be added to the two Wade Green Road westbound thru lanes. At the intersection with the I-75 northbound ramps, three westbound lanes of Wade Green Road will cross to the southern side of the existing Wade Green Bridge over I-75. These two eastbound travel lanes will continue across I-75 on the southern side of the existing Wade Green Road Bridge until they reach the intersection with the I-75 southbound ramps. At that location, the two westbound thru lanes will cross back to the northern side of the roadway while the left turn lane continues to I-75 southbound ramp. The Wade Green Road westbound thru lanes will tie to the existing roadway before reaching the intersection of Shiloh Road. The existing I-75 southbound on-ramp will be widened to a two-lane ramp to provide additional storage. This two lane ramp will taper to a single lane ramp prior to reaching the gore point with I-75 southbound.

This project will also add new sidewalks within the project limits. On the west side of I-75, a 5-foot wide sidewalk would be added on the south side of Wade Green Road. Sidewalk will not be added along north side of Wade Green Road to avoid construction within and adjacent to a National Register Eligible Church and Cemetery. Within the interchange, a 10-foot sidewalk will be included in center of the existing bridge. On the east side of I-75, a 5-foot sidewalk will be included on both the north and south sides of Wade Green Road. These sidewalks will tie to the existing sidewalks at the eastern end of the project.

It is anticipated that the project can be constructed within existing right-of-way. Figure 1 shows the study area.

## Determination of Project Categorization for PM2.5 Hotspot Requirements for Cobb County



**Figure 1: Study Area Map**

*Is this project in a conforming Plan/TIP?* Yes, this project is in the approved FY 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The reference number in the TIP is AR-106-2015.

*Is the project on a new highway that has a significant number of diesel vehicles (such as a facility with greater than 125,000 average daily traffic (ADT) and 8% or more of such ADT is diesel truck traffic) or an expanded highway with a significant increase in the number of diesel vehicles?* No, the design year build and no-build ADT and truck volumes are anticipated to be the same per the traffic study. Table 1 shows existing, open, and design year traffic and truck volumes.

**Determination of Project Categorization for PM2.5 Hotspot Requirements for Cobb County**  
**Table 1: Traffic Volumes in the Project Area**

<b>Wade Green Road North of I-75</b>	<b>Existing (2012) Year</b>	<b>Open Year (2015) No-Build</b>	<b>Open Year (2015) Build</b>	<b>Design Year (2035) No-Build</b>	<b>Design Year (2035) Build</b>
ADT (Vehicles per day)	32,560	34,230	34,230	41,860	41,860
Trucks per day	1,302	1,369	1,369	1,674	1,674
Percent Trucks (rounded)	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
<b>Wade Green Road South of I-75</b>	<b>Existing (2012) Year</b>	<b>Open Year (2015) No-Build</b>	<b>Open Year (2015) Build</b>	<b>Design Year (2035) No-Build</b>	<b>Design Year (2035) Build</b>
ADT (Vehicles per day)	36,790	38,740	38,740	47,250	47,250
Trucks per day	1,472	1,550	1,550	1,890	1,890
Percent Trucks (rounded)	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%

*Does the project construct new exit ramps or other highway facility improvements that connect a highway or expressway to a major freight, bus, or intermodal terminal?* No, the project will only improve operations at the interchange and will not add capacity.

*Does the project expand an existing highway or other facility that affects a congested intersection (Operates at LOS D, E, or F) that has a significant increase in the number of diesel trucks?* No, the design year build and no-build volumes are anticipated to be the same per the traffic study. Additionally, the project will only make operational improvements at the intersection and will not increase segment capacities.

*Does the highway project involve a significant increase in the number of diesel transit buses and/or diesel trucks?* No, the truck percentages as well as traffic volumes are expected to be the same for design year build and no-build per the traffic study.

Based on the above, a qualitative PM2.5 hotspot analysis is not required for this project since it is NOT a project of local air quality concern under 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). The Clean Air Act and 40CFR 93.116 requirements were met without a hotspot analysis since this project has been found not to be of air quality concern under 40CFR 93.123(b)(1). Therefore, the project meets statutory and regulatory transportation conformity requirements without a hot-spot analysis.

## Stevens, Robin

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**From:** Peace, Jody  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2013 9:24 AM  
**To:** Stevens, Robin  
**Subject:** FW: (1) PM Determination, Atlanta Nonattainment Area  
**Attachments:** 0011657\_LOD.pdf

FYI

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**To:** Peace, Jody  
**Cc:** Bowman, Larry  
**Subject:** FW: (1) PM Determination, Atlanta Nonattainment Area

Please find below the LOD concurrence for the above attached project.

Thanks,

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Office of Environmental Services  
One GA Center  
600 West Peachtree Street  
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Phone: 404-631-1117  
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**From:** Smith, Dianna [<mailto:Smith.Dianna@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2013 1:05 PM  
**To:** [Jennifer.Giersch@dot.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Giersch@dot.gov)  
**Cc:** [rgoodwin@grta.org](mailto:rgoodwin@grta.org); [KKim@atlantaregional.com](mailto:KKim@atlantaregional.com); Somerville, Amanetta; [dhaynes@atlantaregional.com](mailto:dhaynes@atlantaregional.com); [ddonofrio@atlantaregional.com](mailto:ddonofrio@atlantaregional.com); Benjamin, Lynorae; [james\\_kelly@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:james_kelly@dnr.state.ga.us); [JOrr@atlantaregional.com](mailto:JOrr@atlantaregional.com); [syamala@hallcounty.org](mailto:syamala@hallcounty.org); [Keith.Melton@dot.gov](mailto:Keith.Melton@dot.gov); [jbarrett@atlantaregional.com](mailto:jbarrett@atlantaregional.com); Heath, Andrew; Hester, Michael; Crane, Jason; Jackson, Keisha; Harris, Krystal; Woods, Reuben; Phillips, Amber; Shakshuki, Soli; [Katy.Allen@dot.gov](mailto:Katy.Allen@dot.gov); [Chetna.Dixon@dot.gov](mailto:Chetna.Dixon@dot.gov); [Kelly.Wade@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Wade@dot.gov); Smith, Dianna  
**Subject:** (1) PM Determination, Atlanta Nonattainment Area

Hello Jennifer,

Thanks for sending this for our review. We have completed our review and agree that these project(s) do NOT appear to be a "Project of Concern" per the Transportation Conformity Rule, and thus meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for PM 2.5 hotspots without a qualitative analysis.

Dianna B. Smith  
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**From:** [Jennifer.Giersch@dot.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Giersch@dot.gov) [<mailto:Jennifer.Giersch@dot.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2013 9:24 AM

**To:** Smith, Dianna; [rgoodwin@grta.org](mailto:rgoodwin@grta.org); [KKim@atlantaregional.com](mailto:KKim@atlantaregional.com); Somerville, Amanetta; [dhaynes@atlantaregional.com](mailto:dhaynes@atlantaregional.com); [ddonofrio@atlantaregional.com](mailto:ddonofrio@atlantaregional.com); Benjamin, Lynorae; [james\\_kelly@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:james_kelly@dnr.state.ga.us); [JOrr@atlantaregional.com](mailto:JOrr@atlantaregional.com); [syamala@hallcounty.org](mailto:syamala@hallcounty.org); [Keith.Melton@dot.gov](mailto:Keith.Melton@dot.gov); [jbarrett@atlantaregional.com](mailto:jbarrett@atlantaregional.com)

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**Subject:** PM Determination, Atlanta Nonattainment Area

Hello Interagency Group,

Please see the attached PM 2.5 Determination sheet for a project in the Atlanta Nonattainment Area. FHWA has determined that the project is NOT of air quality concern and is requesting consensus from the Interagency consultation group.

Please review and provide comments back by **COB 7/29/13**.

If no comments are received from your agency, consensus with this determination will be assumed. Thanks in advance for responding quickly.

Jennifer Giersch

Environmental Specialist

Federal Highway Administration

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**Figueroa, Danny**

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**From:** Jim Ozier <Jim.Ozier@dnr.state.ga.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2013 10:26 AM  
**To:** Ike, Claire  
**Subject:** RE: Bald Eagle Information Request for Intersection Improvememts at Wade Green Road and I-75 in Cobb County

The nearest known bald eagle nest is about 8.5 miles to the north.

Jim Ozier  
Wildlife Biologist / Program Manager  
Nongame Conservation Section  
Wildlife Resources Division  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
116 Rum Creek Drive  
Forsyth, GA 31029  
478-994-1438 office  
404-821-2194 cell

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**From:** Claire Ike [<mailto:Jessica.Ike@arcadis-us.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 11:03 AM  
**To:** Jim Ozier  
**Subject:** Bald Eagle Information Request for Intersection Improvememts at Wade Green Road and I-75 in Cobb County

Hello Jim,

On behalf the Georgia Department of Transportation, ARCADIS is in the beginning stages of project development for intersection improvement at wade Green Road and I-75 in Cobb County, Georgia.

While we've already coordinated with Trina Morris for Element Occurrence data within 3 miles of the project corridor from the Georgia DNR Non-Game Wildlife Program, we respectfully request the approximate bearing and distance between the Wade Green Road at I-75 intersection (midpoint Latitude 34.053826, Longitude -84.593612) and the nearest known bald eagle nesting site(s).

In providing the requested information, your assistance will facilitate careful project planning and design with respect to sensitive natural resources and would anticipate any required resource agency coordination, as well as the incorporation of appropriate conservation recommendations into project commitments.

Sincerely,

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## Stevens, Robin

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**From:** Robinson, Merishia <mrobinson@dot.ga.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2013 6:18 PM  
**To:** Poudel, Shamir; Hester, Michael  
**Cc:** Stevens, Robin; Bowman, Larry  
**Subject:** Cobb - 0011657 - NEPA Traffic Disruptions  
**Attachments:** Concept\_shape\_PIOH\_Detour\_Handout2.pdf; FW 0011657 Wade Green Traffic Weekend Detour during construction; FW Wade Green Road DDI Project; FW Wade Green Road DDI Project

"Traffic Disruptions: The GDOT Project Manager, Merishia Robinson, verified that the project would not require temporary or permanent removal of access and that traffic disruptions will be low intensity and/or short duration (compared to the construction life of the project and, other than off-site detours meeting the conditions discussed below). Verification date: 09/26/2013.

Detour potential and conditions: The project's construction requires an off-site detour that will last for a weekend so that the traffic can be shifted from one side of the bridge to the other." See the attached detour map, and correspondence from Cobb EMS and School.

If you have any questions/comments, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Merishia Robinson, E.I.T.  
Project Manager  
Georgia Dept. of Transportation  
Office of Program Delivery - District 7 Projects  
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**From:** Poudel, Shamir [<mailto:Shamir.Poudel@arcadis-us.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2013 2:42 PM  
**To:** Robinson, Merishia  
**Cc:** Stevens, Robin  
**Subject:** FW: Wade Green Road Detour Coordination with EMS and Schools

Merishia

We are getting ready to submit the PCE for this project (we think air report will be approved soon). One of the requirement is that we get a statement from you, the GDOT PM, regarding the project construction and access. Can you confirm that the planned Wade Green Road improvement will have low intensity traffic disruption and will not require temporary or permanent removal of access?

## Stevens, Robin

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**From:** Figueroa, Danny  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 07, 2013 3:43 PM  
**To:** Stevens, Robin  
**Subject:** FW: No Effect Determination for 0011657

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**From:** Tenney, James [<mailto:jtenney@dot.ga.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 07, 2013 3:41 PM  
**To:** Figueroa, Danny  
**Subject:** FW: No Effect Determination for 0011657

Good afternoon Danny,

Below is the response and No Effect Concurrence message received from FHWA for PI 0011657. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thank you,

Jay Tenney  
Transportation Ecologist, Associate  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
Office of Environmental Services  
One Georgia Center, 16th Floor  
600 West Peachtree Street, NW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308  
Office: (404) 631-1174  
email: [jtenney@dot.ga.gov](mailto:jtenney@dot.ga.gov)

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**From:** [Jennifer.Giersch@dot.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Giersch@dot.gov) [<mailto:Jennifer.Giersch@dot.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 09, 2013 11:27 AM  
**To:** [Pete.Pattavina@fws.gov](mailto:Pete.Pattavina@fws.gov)  
**Cc:** Tenney, James; Meyers, Sharilyn  
**Subject:** No Effect Determination for 0011657

Hello Pete,

The subject project provides for reconstruction of the Wade Green Road and I-75 interchange from an existing traditional diamond interchange to a Diverging Diamond Interchange in Cobb County, Georgia. Work will be performed primarily within the footprint of the existing interchange. No permanent or temporary impacts to streams or wetlands are anticipated for this project.

Based on the information provided to us by the Georgia DOT, we have determined that the project will have no effect on federally protected species listed in this county.

Please let us know if you need additional information or if you do not concur with our determination.

Regards,  
Jen Giersch

## **Stevens, Robin**

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**From:** Hudgins, James <James.Hudgins@cobbcounty.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2013 10:01 AM  
**To:** Stevens, Robin  
**Cc:** Wright, Michael  
**Subject:** FW: 0011657 Wade Green Traffic Weekend Detour during construction

Thanks,

**James Hudgins**, Program Pre-Construction Manager

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**From:** VanHoozer, Stuart  
**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2013 9:58 AM  
**To:** Hudgins, James  
**Cc:** VanHoozer, Stuart  
**Subject:** FW: 0011657 Wade Green Traffic Weekend Detour during construction

James,

We do not see any issues at this point. Let us know when further coordination ins needed.

Stu

Captain Stuart VanHoozer  
Executive Officer  
Cobb County Department of Public Safety  
100 Cherokee St Suite 460  
Marietta, GA 30090  
Phone 770-528-3806  
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**From:** Cox, Charles T.  
**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2013 9:00 AM  
**To:** VanHoozer, Stuart  
**Subject:** RE: 0011657 Wade Green Traffic Weekend Detour during construction

Stuart, I believe we will be fine with this and should not cause us any problems.

### **Deputy Chief C.T. Cox**

Cobb County Police Department  
140 North Marietta Parkway  
Marietta, Georgia, 30060  
770-499-3903  
[charles.cox@cobbcounty.org](mailto:charles.cox@cobbcounty.org)

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**From:** VanHoozer, Stuart  
**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2013 8:55 AM  
**To:** Cox, Charles T.  
**Cc:** VanHoozer, Stuart  
**Subject:** FW: 0011657 Wade Green Traffic Weekend Detour during construction

Chief Cox,

Would you check with TSU for any comments on the below?

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Executive Officer  
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**From:** Hudgins, James  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2013 7:13 AM  
**To:** VanHoozer, Stuart  
**Subject:** RE: 0011657 Wade Green Traffic Weekend Detour during construction

Captain, thanks for your message. I took a few days off last week.

In regards to my original request, we are planning to convert the Wade Green bridge over I-75 from a standard interchange configuration to a Diverging Diamond Interchange or DDI. We are planning to do this over a weekend in which the bridge would be closed to all traffic but not until 2014 or 2015. So we are sometime away from any actual construction.

But the Federal environmental process that we have to follow requires us to coordinate with local Public Safety officials for them to comment on a pending weekend closure. The ramps would remain open and the detour would be Shiloh Road and Busbee Pkwy. So my original email to Mr. Forsythe was just this initial coordination and to see if you guys had any initial comments on a weekend closure and for Public Safety to acknowledge that this early coordination had occurred. This is what we need. Please let us know if you have any comments to any of the above and to let us know of any concerns that Public Safety may have to a future bridge closure for a weekend.

Please contact me if you have comments, questions or if you need additional information.

Thanks,

**James Hudgins**, Program Pre-Construction Manager

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**From:** VanHoozer, Stuart  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2013 9:45 AM  
**To:** Hudgins, James

**Cc:** VanHoozer, Stuart

**Subject:** FW: 0011657 Wade Green Traffic Weekend Detour during construction

James,

I tried to call you today to discuss this. I know that plans are a long way away, but I did not receive the word doc that you refer to in this email. Can you send it to me so I can read it? Once coordination is needed with the PD, I will get you in touch with Lt Hite or someone else who can assist. Thanks.

Stu

Captain Stuart VanHoozer  
Executive Officer  
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**From:** VanHoozer, Stuart

**Sent:** Friday, August 02, 2013 1:05 AM

**To:** Forsythe, Jack

**Cc:** VanHoozer, Stuart

**Subject:** RE: 0011657 Wade Green Traffic Weekend Detour during construction

Sir,

Can you please forward me the original email so that I can read the Word Doc to see what I need to do. Thanks.

Stu

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**From:** Forsythe, Jack

**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2013 2:20 PM

**To:** Hudgins, James; Houser, John; Cox, Charles T.; Prince, Ronald; VanHoozer, Stuart

**Cc:** Wright, Michael; DiMassimo, Faye; Pruitt, Chris; Sobieski, Christopher

**Subject:** RE: 0011657 Wade Green Traffic Weekend Detour during construction

James

Thank you for the notification, Stu will coordinate for my office

jack

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**From:** Hudgins, James

**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2013 10:49 AM

**To:** Forsythe, Jack

**Cc:** Wright, Michael; DiMassimo, Faye; Pruitt, Chris

**Subject:** FW: 0011657 Wade Green Traffic Weekend Detour during construction

Jack, CCDOT is working on plans for the conversion of the Wade Green Road bridge over I-75 from a typical diamond type interchange to a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI). As a part of the Federal Environmental process, we have to prove that we have coordinated and communicated with emergency agencies regarding a road closure. The second paragraph of the attached WORD document explains this. The .PDF file shows our intended detour for the future weekend closure.

As described in the WORD document, this actual construction work isn't going to happen until 2014 or 2015. There will be more intense coordination at that time through the regular coordination and notification processes that Cobb County has.

This email notification is just for the Environmental requirements. We need a response back from you that basically states that Public Safety has been notified of this future road closure.

Please contact us if you have questions, comments or if you need additional information.

Thanks,

**James Hudgins**, Program Pre-Construction Manager

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## Stevens, Robin

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**From:** Wright, Michael <Michael.Wright@cobbcounty.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 06, 2013 1:51 PM  
**To:** Stevens, Robin  
**Subject:** FW: Wade Green Road DDI Project

Michael S. Wright, PE, District 1 Engineer

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**From:** Garrett, Dave  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2013 3:53 PM  
**To:** [Rick.Grisham@cobbk12.org](mailto:Rick.Grisham@cobbk12.org); Ron Storey  
**Cc:** Wright, Michael; Patrick, Kelly  
**Subject:** Wade Green Road DDI Project

Rick and Ron,

There is an upcoming GDOT project to improve traffic on Wade Green Road at I-75 by creation of a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI). The project will require closure of Wade Green Road on a weekend in early 2015 (starting late Friday until early Monday morning). Right turns will be allowed from the interstate ramps with all other traffic detoured. The proposed detour route is Shiloh Road and George Busbee Parkway (an added distance of 1.5 miles).

We have been asked by GDOT to confirm that CCSD is OK with this detour. Can you provide this confirmation for our records?

Thanks,

Dave Garrett, Traffic Operations/Special Projects

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