

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **1. When will the project be built?**

Because the state of Georgia is paying for the construction of these improvements, we are required to follow the Georgia Department of Transportation's Plan Development Process, which will require approximately 6 years for design and approval. The construction is currently scheduled to be let in late 2017/early 2018, which will allow for the facility to be open to traffic in 2020.

## **2. Will there be sidewalks/bike paths?**

Bicycle and pedestrian facilities will be included along the entire length of proposed improvements, and there is money in the budget to pay for these improvements. Further, the project will connect to bike/pedestrian facilities on Hog Mountain Road and New Friendship Road to allow for a more comprehensive network of bike/pedestrian options. The design team is currently evaluating the use of a multi-use trail vs. on street bike lanes.

## **3. What type of median will be constructed?**

We are currently evaluating medians and landscaping options that bring you the most value for your tax dollars. Options include a landscaped median, a raised concrete median, and a flush median that will serve as a turning lane.

## **4. Where will the improvements begin and end?**

The project is anticipated to begin in the vicinity of the I-985 and Hog Mountain Road area and ends at the intersection of Spout Springs Road and Thompsons Mill Road. Limited improvements are proposed on Spout Springs Road between the Hog Mountain Road and I-985 segment. At the southern terminus, the road will transition back to the existing two lane section.

## **5. Where will median breaks be located?**

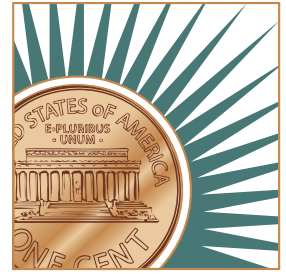
The project team is evaluating the safest locations for median openings where vehicles can turn left. Those left turn locations will be based on the traffic study for the corridor. Additionally, the team is looking into realigning side streets to meet in order to facilitate the placement of traffic signals. Separate right turn lanes will be proposed at all public side roads, and separate left turn lanes/U-turn lanes will be proposed at all regular median openings.

## **6. Will the sewer be expanded?**

The county does not have plans to include a sewer expansion in the scope of this project.

## **7. Where will the road be widened?**

The design team is looking at multiple options for widening the road to cause the fewest impacts. Among the factors being considered are impacts to natural and community features, historic designations, and the terrain and curvature of the roadway.



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