

February 26, 2009

Thank you for attending the public information open house for NH000-0085-02(153), Fulton County, P.I. No. 762380, the proposed addition of connector ramps between State Route (SR) 400 and I-85 in the City of Atlanta. In this handout package you will find a project description, location map and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, who can be identified by the nametags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with a GDOT representative. There will be no formal presentation.

A court reporter will be available for those persons who would like to make a verbal statement about the project. You may also complete a comment card and deposit it into the box provided here, or send in written comments about the project until March 12, 2009. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental/Location Engineer, Georgia Department of Transportation, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30336-1593. Comments can also be made via the web at [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov).

- Click on **Information Center** in the upper right corner.
- Click **Public Outreach** from the list of Public Involvement links.
- Using the drop down box, scroll to select **Fulton County** and then click **Go**.
- Scroll down and click on **SR 400/I-85 Connector Ramps**.

All comments will be made a part of the project record. We hope you will take advantage of one of these opportunities to let the GDOT know your view of the proposal.

The displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after the public information open house at the Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Environment/Location, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, GA 30336-1593. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at this same location, as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public information open house and for giving us your comments. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager Albert Shelby at (404) 631-1675 of the GDOT Office of Urban Design or Amber Phillips of the GDOT Office of Environment/Location at (404) 699-4408.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James B. Buchan".

James B. Buchan, P.E.  
State Urban Design Engineer

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Attachments

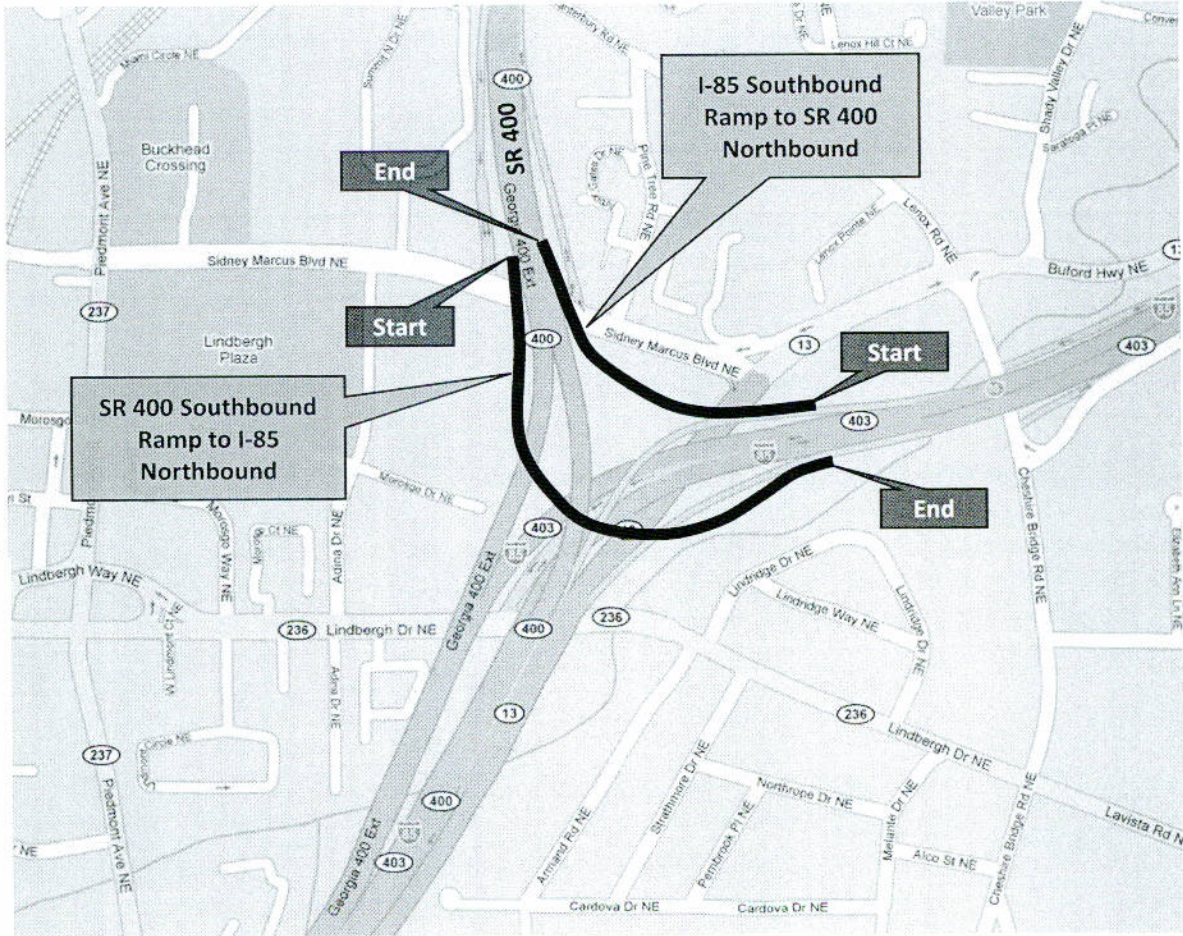
## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

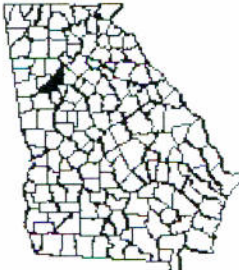


The proposed Project NH000-0085-02(153), Fulton County, would construct connector ramps between State Route (SR) 400 and I-85 in the City of Atlanta, which do not exist as part of the existing interchange. The proposed project would be approximately 0.34 mile in length. No ramps are currently provided for southbound I-85 traffic to access northbound SR 400, or for southbound SR 400 traffic to access northbound I-85. Currently motorists must exit from I-85 and SR 400 and use surface streets (Sidney Marcus Boulevard, SR 13/Buford Highway, and Lenox Road) to transition from I-85 southbound to SR 400 northbound and from SR 400 southbound to I-85 northbound. The posted speed limit for SR 400 and I-85 in this area is 55 mph.

This project would improve interchange capacity by constructing two separate ramps. The first proposed ramp would exit I-85 southbound providing direct access to SR 400 northbound. The second proposed ramp would exit SR 400 southbound, cross over the mainline of I-85, and directly merge onto I-85 northbound.

***SR 400 Southbound to I-85 Northbound Ramp*** – The new access ramp would diverge from the right side of SR 400 southbound south of the Sidney Marcus Boulevard exit. From this point, the new access ramp would continue south on a bridge and cross over Sidney Marcus Boulevard. Turning east the new ramp would cross over the existing SR 400/I-85 Interchange structures and Buford Highway to join the I-85 northbound mainline. The ramp's typical cross section would consist of a 6-foot inside shoulder, a 16-foot lane, and a 10-foot outside shoulder. The proposed speed limit for this ramp would be 45 miles per hour (mph).

***I-85 Southbound to SR 400 Northbound Ramp*** – The new proposed access ramp would share the existing exit ramp to Buford Highway southbound. After exiting I-85, this ramp would consist of two lanes for a distance of 1,000 feet before splitting into two ramps. One ramp is the existing ramp to Buford Highway southbound and the second ramp would be the new proposed access ramp to SR 400 northbound. The proposed ramp to SR 400 northbound would turn north to cross over Sidney Marcus Boulevard and join SR 400 northbound mainline. The proposed ramp's typical cross section would consist of a 4-foot inside shoulder, a 16-foot lane, and a 12-foot outside shoulder. The proposed speed limit for this ramp would be 45 mph.



	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Project Location Map</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>Construction of SR 400/ I-85 Connector Ramps Fulton County</p> <p>Project No. NH000-0085-02(153)</p> <p>P.I. #: 762380</p>
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