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Thank you for attending the virtual Stakeholder Meeting for the potential Ball Ground Truck Bypass in Cherokee County, PI Number 0002525. We are currently in the scoping study phase of this project and are here to solicit information from the public as well as to share information that we have already gathered. Cherokee County is gathering information at this stage to determine if this potential project has merit to warrant further solicitation of funding based on construction costs, impacts, and need. Cherokee County will not be able to select a preferred alternative until funding is identified for the project and additional public involvement is completed.

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

Your comments are important to us. You may provide your comments today by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and mailing or emailing it back to the contacts below.

You can provide comments by **Friday, July 3, 2020** using any of the following methods:

- Online at [https://www.cherokeega.com/\\_focus/ball-ground-truck-bypass.php](https://www.cherokeega.com/_focus/ball-ground-truck-bypass.php).
- Submit comment cards to Mr. Jim Wilgus, Cherokee County SPLOST Program by mail to 1130 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, Georgia 30114 or by email at [jawilgus@cherokeega.com](mailto:jawilgus@cherokeega.com)

The project displays and materials seen here at the virtual meeting will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the Ball Ground City Hall located at 215 Valley St, Ball Ground, GA 30107 and the lobby of the Cherokee County Administration Building located at 1130 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, GA 30114. All comments will become part of the project's official record and will be responded to by July 31, 2020.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Jim Wilgus, at [jawilgus@cherokeega.com](mailto:jawilgus@cherokeega.com) or Geoff Morton at [gmorton@cherokeega.com](mailto:gmorton@cherokeega.com).

Sincerely,

Jim Wilgus  
SPLOST Roadway Project Manager  
Cherokee County, Georgia

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

The Cherokee County Roadway SPLOST Program is conducting a scoping study for the Ball Ground Truck Bypass, GDOT PI No. 0002525. The County is seeking feedback about potential alternatives to provide a truck bypass around the south side of Ball Ground for trucks using State Route (SR) 5 Business (BU) and SR 372 through downtown Ball Ground to reduce crashes, improve traffic operations, and reduce maintenance costs. The information included with this handout presents several potential alternatives for a truck bypass. These alternatives are not final, and all information provided is for public input only. Funding for this project has not been identified at this time. Additional public engagement will be required once funding is identified with the potential of revised and additional alternatives.

**Current conditions within downtown Ball Ground:**

- Total crashes are 30% higher than the statewide average
- Existing Level of Service (LOS) C through downtown Ball Ground
- Pedestrian safety concerns in downtown Ball Ground due to high truck volumes
- Less than desirable lane widths and roadway grades for truck traffic
- Inadequate pavement structure for high truck volumes

**Potential Alternatives: (Also See Project Location Map attached)**

The project proposes to construct a truck bypass to route trucks out of and around downtown Ball Ground. Several alternatives are being studied. In order to ultimately select a preferred alternative, the County is evaluating construction costs, property impacts, environmental impacts, and utility impacts of the potential alternatives. A preferred alternative has not been selected at this time.

**Benefits of Project Implementation:**

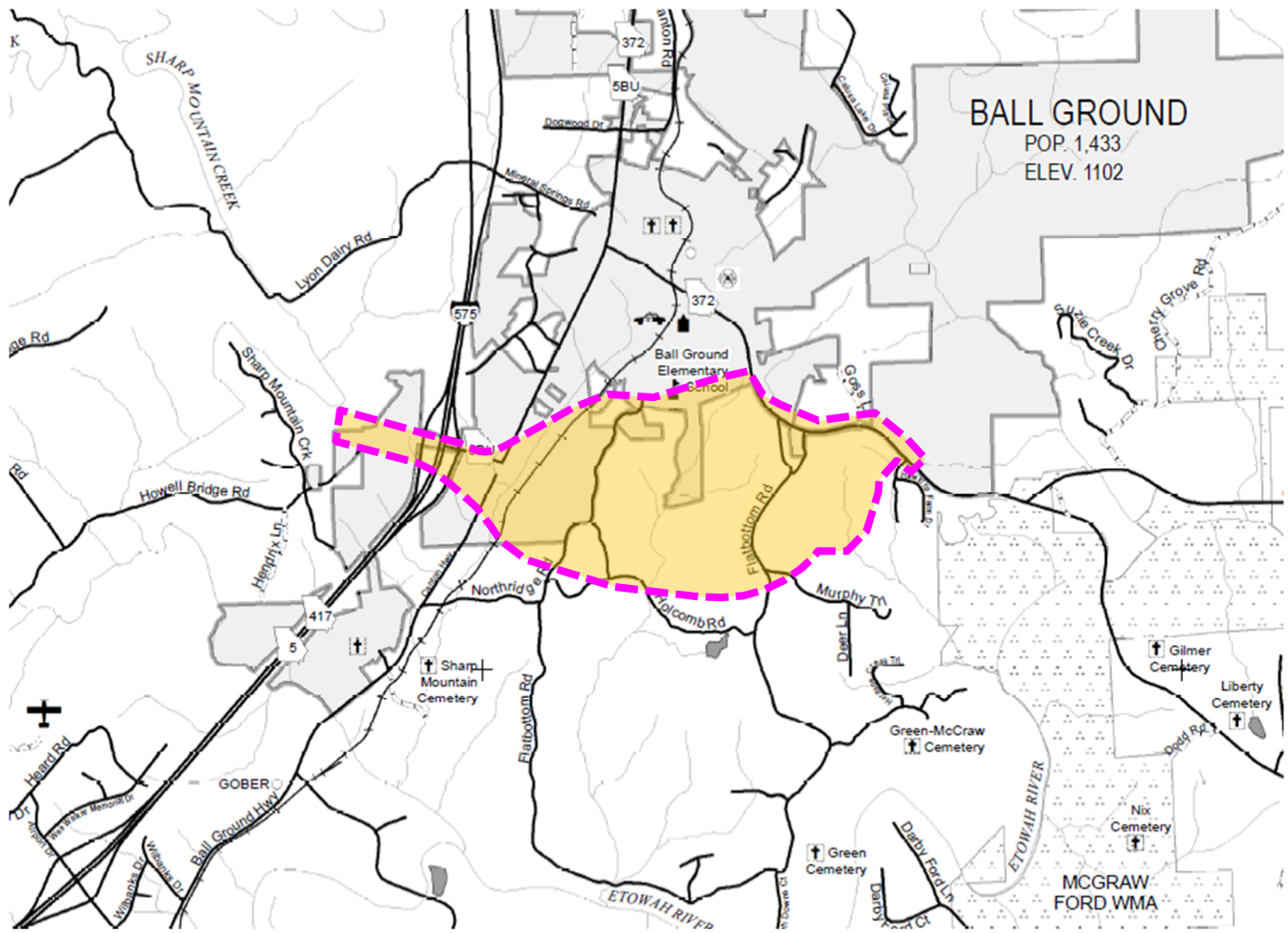
- Improved LOS through downtown Ball Ground
- Reduced crashes within downtown Ball Ground
- Reduced pavement maintenance costs

**How Can You Assist:** Please provide feedback about the potential alternatives as well as information about any resources important to you or to the community. Are there events that future construction may affect?

**Where is this project in the process?** This project is currently in the scoping study phase. Several potential alternatives are being presented to the stakeholders for public input and feedback. Cherokee County will not be able to select a preferred alternative until funding is identified for the project and additional public involvement is completed. As public feedback and more agency and government input is provided, additional alternatives outside of those proposed in this stakeholder information may be studied.

**What are the Next Steps?** After the stakeholder meeting is held, feedback will be assessed, and revisions may be made to provided alternatives. Cherokee County will then decide whether or not to solicit funding for this project. If the project funding is identified and programmed, then detailed conceptual design and environmental studies will proceed, and further public involvement will be conducted to eventually determine a preferred feasible alternative.

### Project Location Map



## Comment Card

*Please print responses.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you support the project *Choose an item (check your response)*

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

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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