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Thank you for attending this public information open house for the Northwest Corridor Project on I-75 and I-575. In this handout package you will find a project location map, room layout map, a comment form, materials explaining the project purpose and need, and a newsletter about the project and alternatives under consideration. The objectives of this public information open house are to update you on recent changes to the project and gather your feedback on the information presented.

As you enter the room, you will notice a special automated presentation that will give you an update on changes to the project. Additionally, there are aerial displays of the preliminary layout for the project along with display boards with additional information. Signage is placed throughout the room to guide you through the progression in which to view the proposed project information. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) representatives, identified by their name tags, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. There will be no formal presentation.

As a convenience to you, we have provided a number of different ways for you to give us your comments on this project. A court reporter is 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 November 29, 2005. You may also submit your comments on the project web site at [www.nwhovbrt.com](http://www.nwhovbrt.com) or send an email to [hov\\_brt\\_comments@projectsolvemail.com](mailto:hov_brt_comments@projectsolvemail.com). You may also elect to leave a message on the project hotline at 404-377-4012. Comments submitted by mail should be sent to Mr. Harvey D. Keeper, State Environmental/Location Engineer, Georgia Department of Transportation, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30336-1593. All comments will be made a part of the project record. For further project information, copies of meeting handouts and to view project displays please visit the project website. The displays will also be available for review for ten days after the open house at the Georgia Department of Transportation District Six Office, located at 500 Joe Frank Harris Parkway, Cartersville, GA 30120 and the Georgia Department of Transportation, located at No. 2 Capitol Square, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30334.

Again, thank you for attending this open house and for giving us your comments.

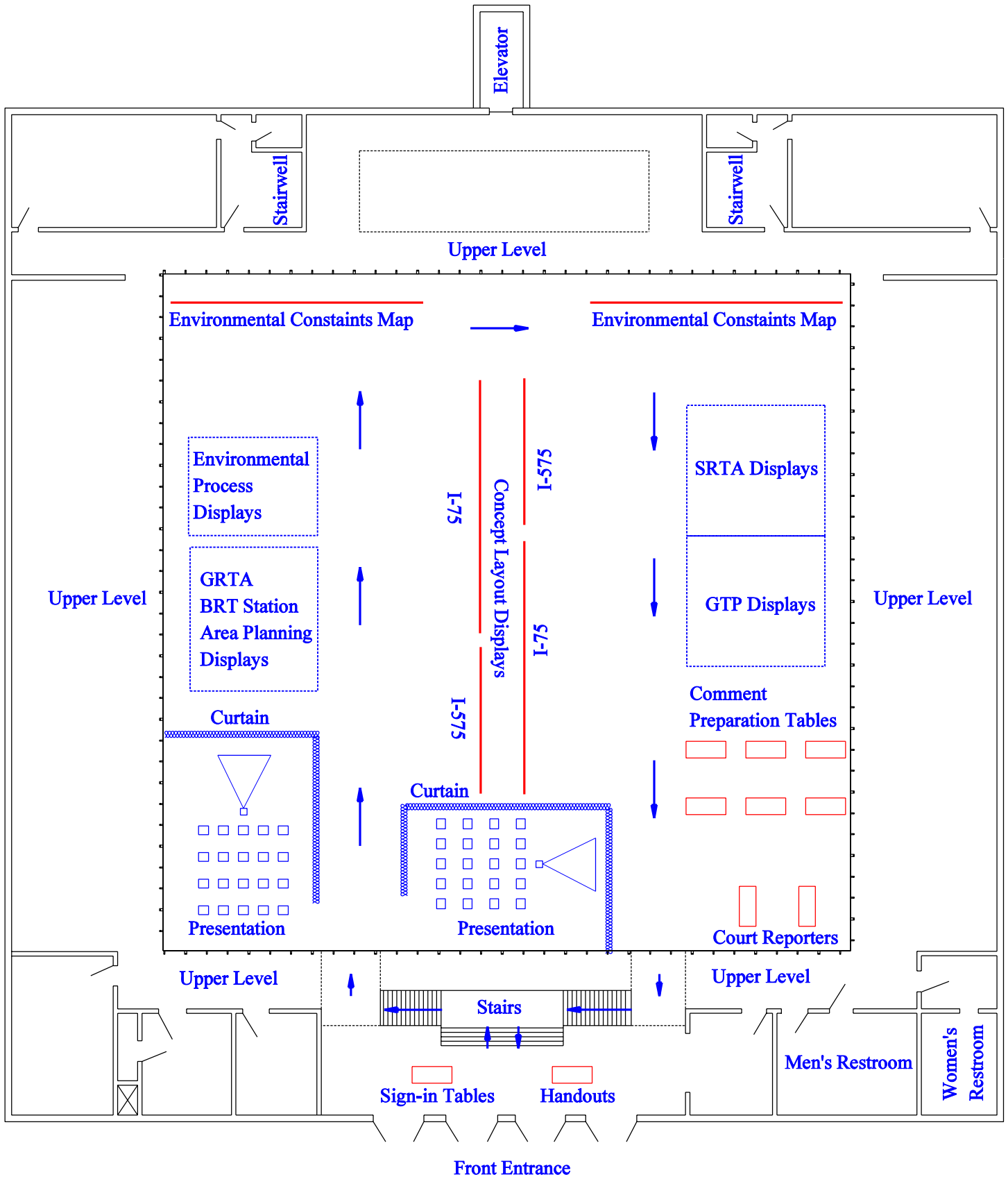
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Buddy Gratton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Buddy Gratton, P. E.  
Director of Preconstruction

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# Cobb County Civic Center



PIOH Display Layout



# STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND NEED

## Transportation-Related Problems in the Northwest Corridor

*The specific transportation problems in the corridor that contribute to the need for transportation improvements can be summarized as follows.*

- Growth in population and employment and continuation of urban sprawl has resulted in substantial increases in travel and congestion on I-75 and I-575 with a loss of mobility for corridor residents and employees. These trends are expected to continue in the future and result in an even further loss in mobility without coordinated transportation improvements and land use planning.
- The existing roadway system in the corridor does not have the capacity to accommodate current traffic. Furthermore, the existing transit services operated in the corridor by the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) and Cobb Community Transit (CCT) do not offer the frequency, reliability, and travel time needed to attract a major portion of existing or future travel demand. Without additional transportation choices that are competitive with single occupancy autos, congestion will worsen, and mobility will continue to decline.
- Several major activity and employment centers are located along I-75, including Midtown Atlanta, Cumberland-Galleria, Marietta, and Town Center. The continued growth of these centers is dependent on the ability to travel efficiently between the centers. Travel options other than by single-occupant auto on I-75 and I-575 are limited because of the lack of continuous HOV lanes and adequate transit connections.
- The Atlanta region has been designated as a severe nonattainment area for ozone. Emissions from cars and trucks are the primary contributor. To improve air quality, it is important that the solutions developed promote reductions in automobile travel.

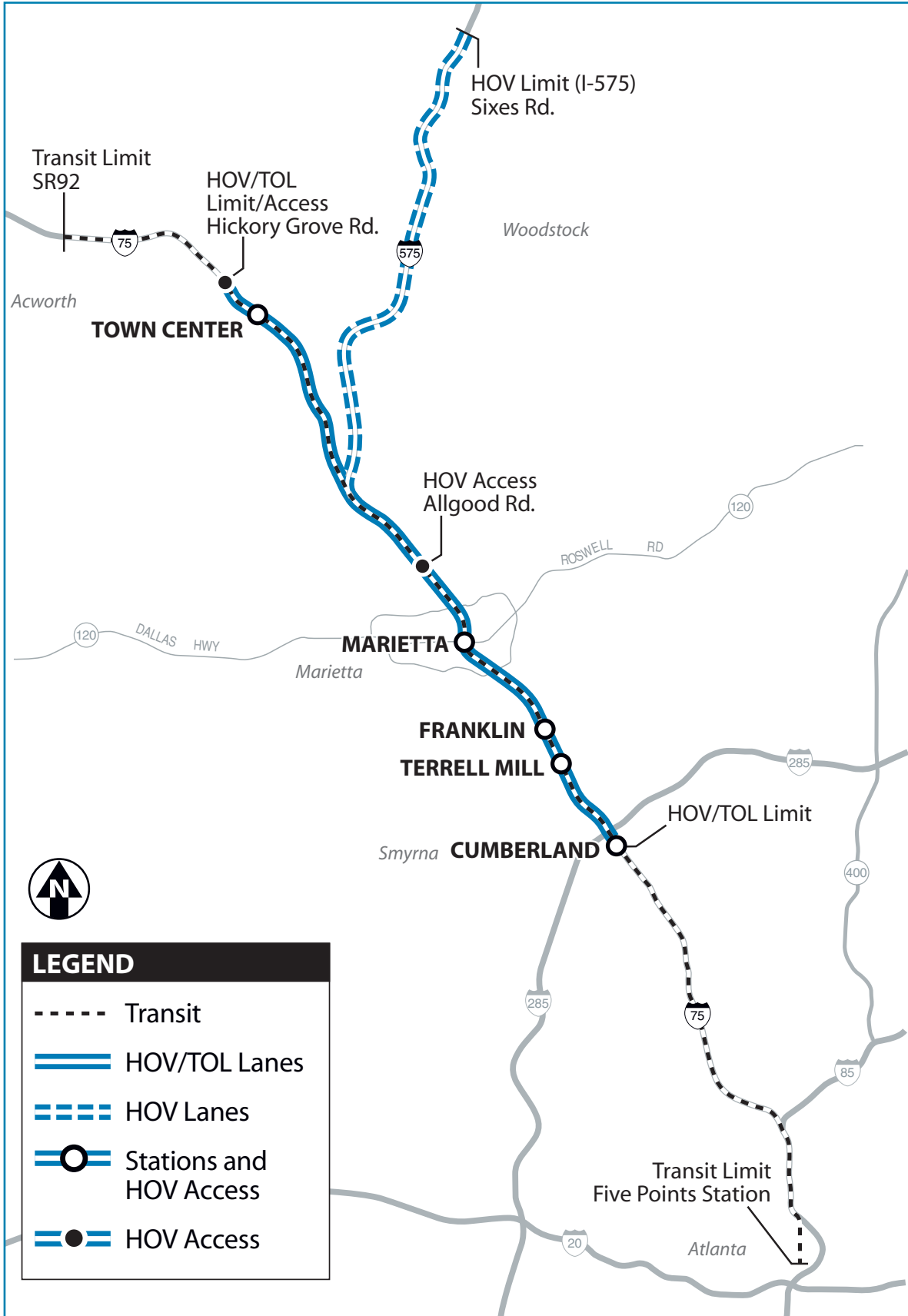
## Needs to be Addressed by Project

*Transportation needs to be addressed by the project are based on the transportation problems. They can be summarized as follows:*

- Need to coordinate transportation and land use solutions so that growth can be accommodated without overburdening the transportation system.
- Need to provide additional transportation choices that increase transportation system capacity and improve mobility
- Need to improve transit as alternative to travel by single-occupant autos so that it can attract a greater share of travel demand.
- Need to improve access to and connectivity between activity centers in the corridor, including Midtown Atlanta, Cumberland-Galleria, Marietta, and Town Center, as well as to downtown Atlanta.
- Need to improve air quality by providing alternatives that reduce emissions.



# Northwest Project Location Map





## Georgia Department of Transportation Public Information Open House Comment Form

*PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed Northwest Corridor Project currently under consideration provides for the construction of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes and truck-only lanes (TOL) on I-75 north from Akers Mill Road to Hickory Grove Road, construction of new HOV ramps and interchanges for access to the system, and implementation of express bus or bus rapid transit (BRT) services supported by transit stations, park-and-ride lots, and various bus priority improvements. Additionally, HOV lanes are also proposed on I-575 from the I-75/I-575 Interchange to Sixes Road in Cherokee County. The build alternatives under consideration in the AA/DEIS also include options for tolling the HOV and truck-only lanes. In addition to the build alternatives, the AA/DEIS will evaluate a No-Build Alternative without the proposed improvements. The purpose of this comment form is to collect input from interested stakeholders on the alternatives and issues to be evaluated in the DEIS.

**1. Seven BRT stations were originally proposed as part of the transit element of the project. Two stations have been eliminated: Allgood and Bells Ferry. Five stations are currently proposed: Cumberland, Terrell Mill, Franklin Rd., Roswell Rd. and Town Center. Do you agree with the current locations and elimination of the stations at Allgood and Bells Ferry? Do you have any recommendations for improvements to the BRT stations?**

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**2. Truck-only lanes have been added to the project alternatives for study in the AA/DEIS. Do you have any comments on the addition of truck-only lanes to the I-75 corridor? Do you have any recommendations for improvements to the truck-only concept?**

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**3. A decision has been made to place the HOV lanes in the center of I-75 because of impacts and costs. Do you have any concerns with that decision? Do you have any recommendations for improvements to the HOV lane concept?**

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**4. In the space provided below, please list any additional comments regarding any aspect of the HOV, BRT and truck-only lane concepts presented at the meeting.**

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**5. Are there any impacts associated with the alternatives under consideration that are of concern to you?**

Yes [ ] No [ ]

**If yes, please list them in the space below.**

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**6. Were your questions completely answered by project personnel? Yes [ ] No [ ]**

**7. What is the best way to keep you informed as the project progresses?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Website  | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Information Open Houses       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email    | <input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to Neighborhood Groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mailings | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                         |