

# Staff Report South Pinetree Boulevard Listening Session Held April 30, 2018

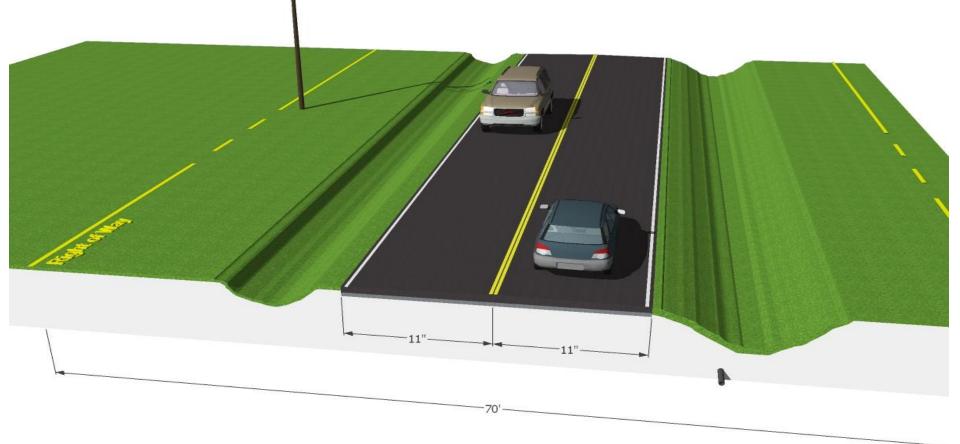
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# **Session Details**



- Session was facilitated by Lauren Radford, Director of Outreach and Engagement, and Chris White, Assistant Utilities Superintendent.
- Attended by 62 citizens (based on sign-in registration).
- Overview of project timeline was provided:
  - Language from 2012 SPLOST
  - Thomas County's first steps in the initiative.
  - Right of way intergovernmental agreements.
  - Georgia Department of Transportation grant funding for project.
  - Assumption of project by City of Thomasville.
- Presentation of roadway concepts:
  - Current configuration
  - Continuous center-turn lane configuration.
  - Two-lane configuration with widened shoulders.
- Questions to collect data.
- Public comments from citizens.

# Roadway Concepts Existing Two-Lane Typical Section



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# **Roadway Concepts**

#### **Proposed Continuous Center Lane Typical Section**



- Utility Relocation: High
- Traffic Disruption: •
- ROW Acquisition:

 $\begin{array}{l} High \\ ~~5/30/2018 \mbox{ City Council Meeting ECAP, Page 73 of 81 ~} \\ Yes \mbox{ - } 10 \mbox{ ft.} \end{array}$ 

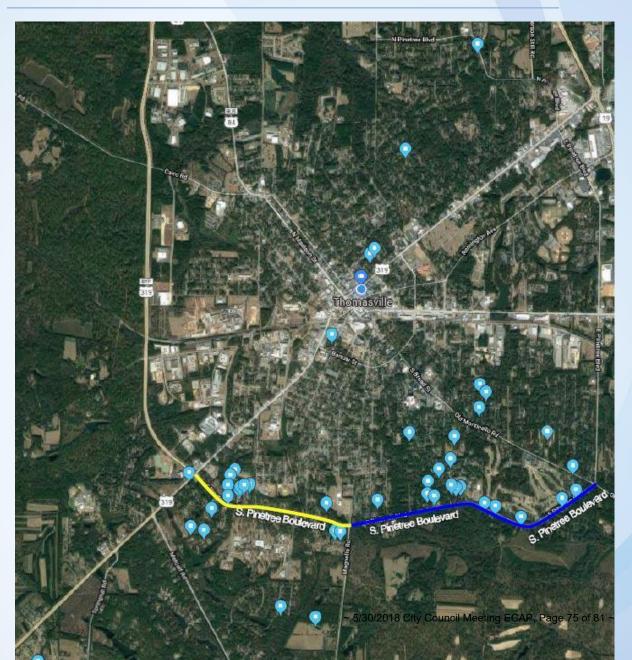
# Roadway Concepts

### Proposed Two-Lane/Widened Shoulder Typical Section



- Utility Relocation: Medium
- Traffic Disruption:
- ROW Acquisition:
- High ~ 5/30/2018 City Council Meeting ECAP, Page 74 of 81 ~ Only for Roundabout Installation

# Attendee Details





# **Attendee Details**



(12) Own/Live Directly on
S. Pinetree in Target Area

(10) Own/Live Adjacent to Target Area

 (22) Own/Live in Another Area of South Pinetree Blvd.

 (12) Frequent Traveler of Target Area

 (2) Occasional Traveler of Target Area

(2) Interested Citizen

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## **Identified Concerns**



(15) Speed

(22) Safety

At the request of the audience, an "all of the above" option was added. This option received <u>60 votes</u>.

(19) Traffic

(6) Project Cost

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(12) Look and Character

Concepts



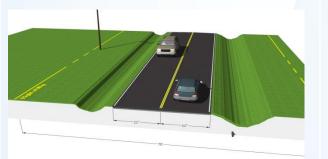
# Which concept do you think is the best fit for this area?

1 – Existing Roadway/No Changes 2 – Proposed Continuous Center Lane Concept 3 – Proposed Two Lane/Widened Shoulder Concept

32

Votes Received

27 Votes Received



Vote Received



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# Public Comment Recurring Themes



- Clarification regarding origination of project and why change is proposed.
- Safety concerns due to traffic and speed; free-flowing traffic will give no natural deceleration for left-turn motorists.
- Poor use of funds.
- Loss of right-of-way buffer.
- Safety concerns at curve (both for and against *~ 5/30/2018 City Council Meeting ECAP, Page 79 of 81 ~*

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- Desire to resurface only and add strategic turn lanes.
- Increased traffic due to faster moving roadway.
- Loss of character as a residential roadway.
- Traffic at West Jackson Street.
- Desire for increased police patrols now to address speeding.

