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

Proposed Continuous Center Lane Typical Section

Considerations:

- ROW Ownership: City
- Utility Relocation: High
- Traffic Disruption: High
- ROW Acquisition: Yes - 10 ft.
Roadway Concepts

Proposed Two-Lane/Widened Shoulder Typical Section

Considerations:

- **ROW Ownership:** City
- **Utility Relocation:** Medium
- **Traffic Disruption:** High
- **ROW Acquisition:** Only for Roundabout Installation
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
Identified Concerns

At the request of the audience, an “all of the above” option was added. This option received 60 votes.
Which concept do you think is the best fit for this area?

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![Existing Roadway/No Changes](image1)

![Proposed Continuous Center Lane Concept](image2)

![Proposed Two Lane/Widened Shoulder Concept](image3)

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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 improvements).
Public Comment
Recurring Themes

• 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.