Staff Report
South Pinetree Boulevard
Listening Sessions Held August 6-7, 2018
Session Details

• Marketing Initiatives:

– Press release distributed to all media partners.
– Information was included in Plugged In, our customer and community e-newsletter, which is distributed to more than 1,000 citizens.
– Posts and boosted advertisements on Facebook, which reached more than 3,500 users.
– NextDoor app, which includes more than 1,100 households.
– CNS scroll
– Advertisements on CNS local channel 6, WPAX, WHGH and the Times-Enterprise.
Session Details
Information for August Sessions Only

• Sessions were facilitated by Sheryl Sealy, Director of Marketing, Communications & Events, and Chris White, Assistant Utilities Superintendent.

• Attended by 88 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
  – Resurfacing only, no improvements

• Questions to collect data.

• Public comments from citizens.
Attendee Details

A total of 88 attendees signed in. 3 did not provide an address or the address provided was not complete. 1 attendee was from out of state.

The attendee number does not account for individuals who attended but did not sign.

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The top concerns identified in both sessions held this week were:

- Look and character
- Safety
Which concept do you think is the best fit for this area?
Public Comment
Recurring Themes

- Concerns about how Pinetree Blvd. beyond project area might be affected long term
- Lack of understanding regarding origination of project and why the change is proposed
- Roundabout is not wanted and/or needed at Magnolia intersection
- Concerns about placement of turn lanes and their affect on side road traffic in a two-lane/widened shoulder concept
- Safety concerns due to traffic and speed as well as safety at the curve
Public Comment
Recurring Themes

- Questions about sidewalks on other portions of South Pinetree Blvd
- Questions related to the GDOT grant, stipulations and acceptable uses of the funding as well as funding overall
- Desire to preserve character and history of South Pinetree Blvd
- Need for accommodations for cyclists
- Need for a turn lane at West Jackson Street
- Impact to land owners along target area