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November 15, 2021

Georgia Dept. of Transportation  
Office of Planning  
Attn: Radney Simpson  
Transmitted via Email

Dear Mr. Simpson:

This letter is to inform you that Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional Transportation Study (MACORTS) has completed amendments to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program to reflect the following information. The signed MACORTS Resolution from the November 10, 2021 Policy Committee meeting and the project sheets are attached to this memo.

Watkinsville Truck Bypass from SR 24 to SR 15 (PI# 0017970), P-79: Scoping to determine a potential alignment for a bypass connecting SR 24 and SR 15 south of Watkinsville. \$400,000 of Z240 funds would be used along with \$100,000 in state funding in FY 2022.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If you should need additional information, please contact Ms. Sherry F. McDuffie, of this office at (706) 613-3515 or by e-mail at [macorts@accgov.com](mailto:macorts@accgov.com).

Sincerely,

Brad Griffin, Director  
Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional  
Transportation Study (MACORTS)

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**RESOLUTION BY THE MADISON ATHENS-CLARKE OCONEE  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (MACORTS)  
POLICY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, federal regulations require that Transportation Plans for urbanized areas must maintain a twenty-five year planning horizon and,

WHEREAS, the Technical Coordinating Committee of MACORTS in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and the Georgia Department of Transportation has reviewed the Plan amendments following the transportation planning process,

WHEREAS, the Technical Coordinating Committee at its October 27, 2021 meeting recommended the approval of the amendments to the MACORTS 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as follows:

Watkinsville Truck Bypass from SR 24 to SR 15 (PI# 0017970), P-79: Scoping to determine a potential alignment for a bypass connecting SR 24 and SR 15 south of Watkinsville. \$400,000 of Z240 funds would be used along with \$100,000 in state funding in FY 2022.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MACORTS Policy Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Technical Coordinating Committee of MACORTS and approved the amendments to the MACORTS 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and FY 2021 – 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional Transportation Study Policy Committee at their meeting held on November 10, 2021.

  
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John Daniell  
MACORTS Policy Committee Chair

November 10, 2021

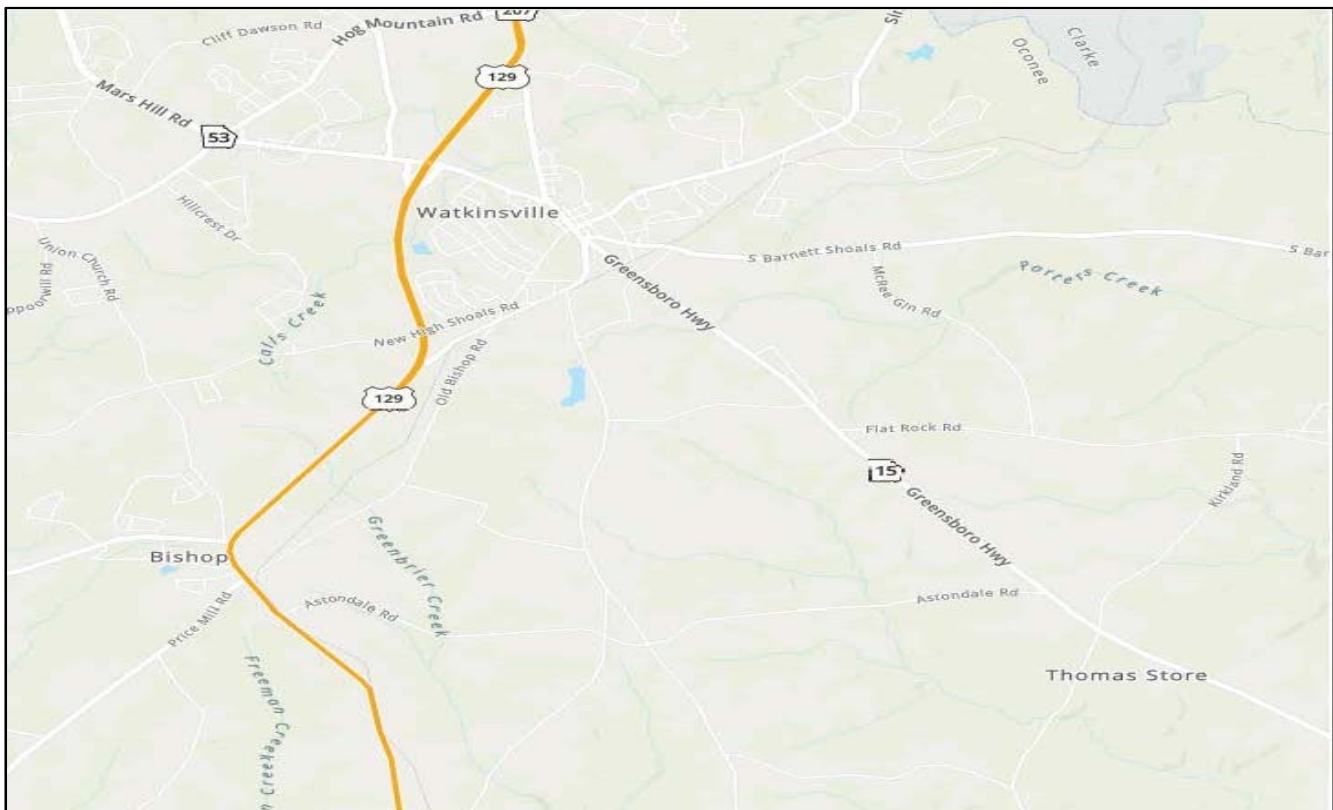
  
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Brad Griffin  
MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee Chair

November 10, 2021

# MACORTS 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

## To Be Added to the MTP

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b> Watkinsville Truck Bypass from SR 24/US441 to SR 15		<b>PROJECT ID:</b> P-79	
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b> This project would construct a connector road between SR 24/US441 and SR 15 south of Watkinsville to enable truck traffic to avoid downtown Watkinsville.		<b>Estimated Cost:</b> unknown	<b>County:</b> Oconee
		<b>P.I. #</b> 0017970	
<b>Length (Miles):</b> unknown	<b># of Existing Lanes:</b> unknown	<b># of Lanes Planned:</b> unknown	
<b>DOT District #</b> 1	<b>Congressional District:</b> 10	<b>RC:</b> Northeast Georgia	
<b>Average Daily Traffic Volumes</b>	<b>2015</b> N/A	<b>2045 (Projected):</b> unknown	
<b>PROJECT PHASE</b>	<b>FY 2019 - 2025 MEDIAN COST</b>	<b>FY 2026 - 2035 MEDIAN COST</b>	<b>FY 2036 - 2045 MEDIAN COST</b>
Scoping: Preliminary Engineering (PE): Right-of-way (ROW): Utilities: Construction (CST):	\$ 500,000		
<b>PROJECT COST</b>	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Federal Cost</b>	\$ 400,000		
<b>State Cost</b>	\$ 100,000		
<b>Local Cost</b>			



**MADISON ATHENS-CLARKE OCONEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b> Watkinsville Truck Bypass		<b>MTP Project / TIP #</b> P-79		<b>Fund:</b> Z231		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b>		Estimated Cost:		\$500,000		
This project would involve construction of a connector road between SR 24/US 441 and SR 15 to divert truck traffic south of Watkinsville.		County:		Oconee		
		P.I. #:		0017970		
		GDOT Prj.#:				
Length (miles):	unknown	# of existing lanes:	unknown	# of lanes planned:	unknown	
DOT District #:	1	Congressional Dist. #:	10	RDC:	Northeast Georgia	
Average Daily Traffic Volume	2018 ADT:	N/A	2045(projected):	unknown		
<b>COMMENTS/REMARKS:</b>						
This project has only scoping included in the 2045 MACORTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan.						
No PE, ROW, or Construction phases are included at this time and would have to be added to the 2045 MTP through the amendment process.						
PROJECT PHASE	SOURCE	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	TOTAL
Scoping (\$)	Fed/State		\$500,000			\$500,000
Preliminary Engineering (\$)	Fed/State					\$0
Right-of-Way (\$)	Fed/State					\$0
Construction Costs (\$)	Fed/State					\$0
Utilities Costs (\$)	Fed/State					\$0
<b>PROJECT COST</b>		\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
Federal Cost (\$)		\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
State Cost (\$)		\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
Local Cost (\$)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**PROJECT LOCATION**

