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Blueprint 2000, Capital Circle Southwest, Springhill Road to S.R. 20
Public Information Meeting To Be Held On Tuesday, August, 16, 2005

The Blueprint 2000 & Beyond Intergovernmental Agency (IA) will host a fourth Public Information Meeting regarding investigating the best location for future improvements to Capital Circle (State Road 263) between Springhill Road (County Road 2203) and Blountstown Highway (State Road 20) - a distance of approx. 4.5 miles.

Blueprint 2000 staff developed and conducted a preliminary analysis on ten alternatives, which were presented at the third public meeting. However, since then the Airport Gateway Advisory Committee and the Lake Bradford Homeowner’s Association have proposed several new alternatives for consideration. Three of the new alternatives follow Aenon Church Road, and the other follows Tyson Road. In an effort to solicit input from residents and businesses along the new alternatives, Blueprint will be holding a fourth public meeting. This Public Information Meeting will be held on August 16, 2005 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be a presentation at 6:15 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, 2nd Floor. At this meeting, Blueprint 2000 is seeking public input regarding the evaluation of the new proposed alternatives and will provide area citizens an opportunity to express any concerns.

Blueprint 2000 staff will present its recommendations to the IA at their September 19, 2005 meeting, for review and approval. The subsequent Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study is tentatively funded in the Blueprint 2000 budget for Fiscal Year 2006. If authorized by the IA, the PD&E Study would begin this fall. The PD&E Study will continue the evaluations completed thus far with more in-depth data collection, analysis, documentation and public involvement consistent with all local, state and federal guidelines, and in keeping with the Blueprint philosophy.

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