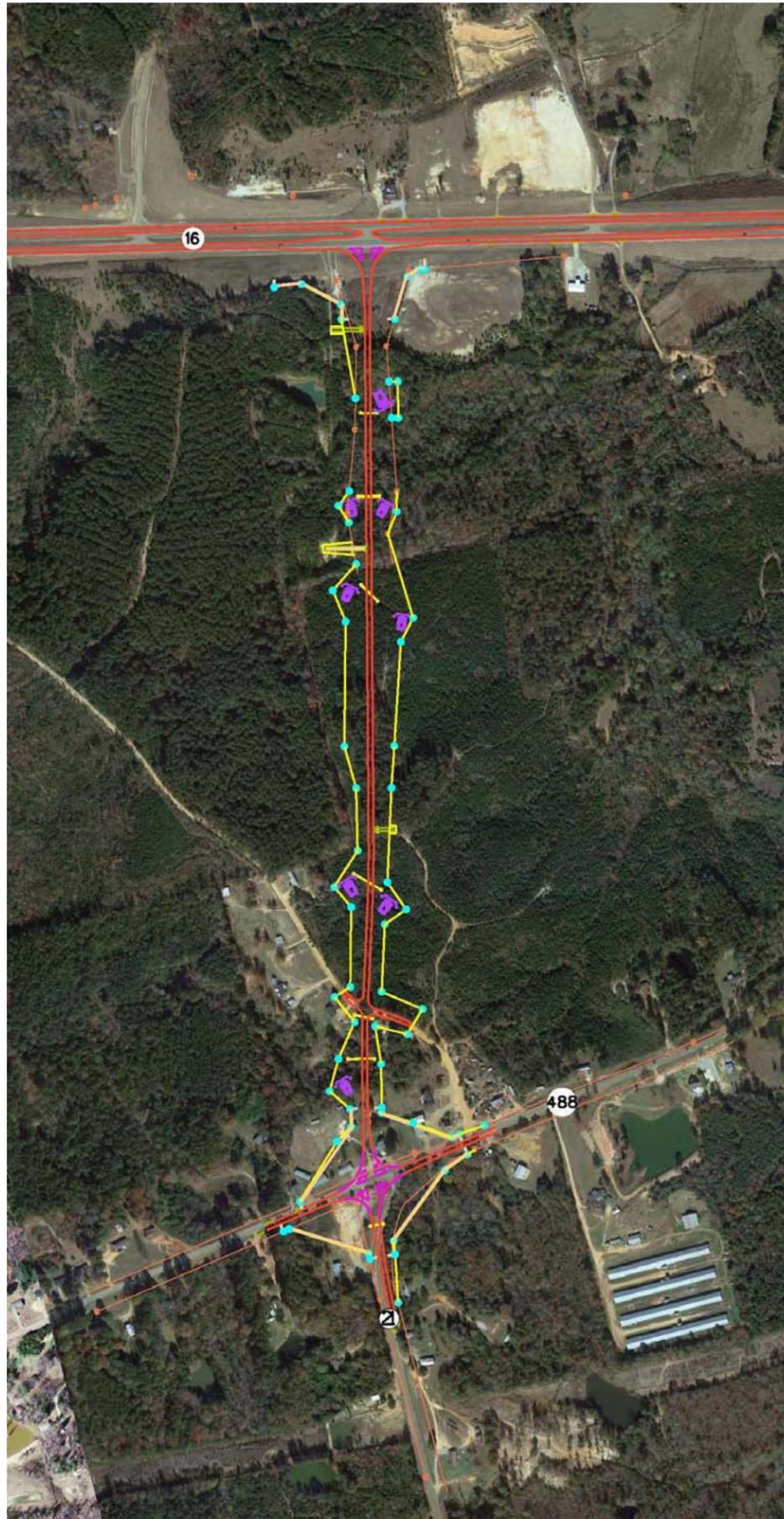


## SR 21 Connector

SR 21 will be extended north from its intersection with SR 488 to SR 16. This north-south route will provide better access to the Neshoba County Fairgrounds.





Mississippi Department of Transportation

## Philadelphia Bypass ReEvaluation

Extending SR 16 from SR 15 to SR 19  
Philadelphia, MS

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# Open Forum Public Meeting

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Monday, April 13, 2015 • 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Neshoba County Coliseum  
Philadelphia, MS



### Welcome

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) welcome you to this public meeting. We are here to provide an opportunity for the public to view photography and voice opinions and/or concerns relating to purchase of right-of-way and the construction of SR 16 between SR 15 and SR 19.

Public meetings benefit citizens as well as MDOT. They allow for an exchange of opinions, ideas, information and suggestions before a final plan is made for a highway design and its construction. The meetings also give MDOT and FHWA personnel the opportunity to share information about the project and to hear citizens' comments, which are often helpful in determining the project's final design.

### Your Comments are Important

All who attend this meeting are encouraged to voice their opinions by completing a Comment Sheet. Your comments can be sent by mail to MDOT Environmental Division, P.O. Box 1850, Jackson, MS 39215, or to [environmentalcomments@mdot.ms.gov](mailto:environmentalcomments@mdot.ms.gov) via e-mail.

### Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of this project is to provide better access to the Central Business District of the City of Philadelphia and to address traffic

congestion problems in the downtown area caused by gaming related traffic and large trucks hauling freight. Other project related goals include the promotion of economic development and the improvement of safety for the traveling public.

MDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) conducted an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project under the National Environmental Policy Act, and FHWA approved the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in December 2005. Currently a re-evaluation of the FONSI is being conducted to determine if there have been any changes to the project, its surroundings, and impacts that would result in a significant environmental impact.

### Project Location

Illustrations showing the project alignment and necessary right-of-way can be found in the following pages along with brief descriptions.



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### SR 16 Extension

The extension of SR 16 is a part of the overall SR 16 Philadelphia Bypass that was approved by the Federal Highway Administration in December 2005. The construction of this section of the bypass would begin at SR 15, continue east with a 4-lane divided highway, cross Deemer Road, and end at SR 19. Grade-separated interchanges would be constructed at SR 15, Deemer Road, and SR 19.

