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### Georgia Historical Society to Partner with GDOT on Dixie Highway Project

SAVANNAH, Ga., *October 16, 2012* – The Georgia Historical Society is pleased to announce that it will be partnering with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration on a study of the Dixie Highway. The Society's library and archives will be the repository of records collected during the project.

"The Georgia Historical Society is very pleased to be partnering with the Georgia Department of Transportation on this project as it provides us with an opportunity to highlight the importance of transportation networks in our state and broaden our collection resources on the Dixie Highway," said Todd Groce, GHS President and CEO. "We encourage the public to bring their photographs, scrapbooks, diaries, letters, and personal accounts to the public meetings. The Dixie Highway was among the first highway systems in our region connecting cities with rural areas for the first time and we rely on you and your personal materials and memories to help us document and celebrate this significant milestone in Georgia history."

The Dixie Highway was an important early road system that extended from Michigan to Florida. First planned in 1914 to connect the Midwest with the Southern United States, it was built in response to the growing number of motorists in the early decades of the twentieth century. The project will look at the cultural and historic impacts on the cities and towns the road passed through. Members of the public are invited open house events held around the state to learn more about the project, but also to bring photographs and other memorabilia relating to the Dixie Highway.

Meeting locations include: Macon, Sandersville, Albany, Waycross, Savannah and Rome. Click [here](#) to view a schedule of all meetings.

Atlanta-based New South Associates, a women-owned small business providing cultural resource management services is consulting with GDOT on this statewide context study of the historic road and the development of an evaluative framework for the historic road system.

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## **Public Meeting Schedule**

### **Macon**

October 16, 2012

4p.m. – 7 p.m.

Macon Auditorium at GDOT Office

4499 Riverside Drive

Macon, Georgia

### **Sandersville**

October 18, 2012

4p.m. – 7 p.m.

Civic Room, Washington County EMC Building

258 North Harris St

Sandersville, Georgia

### **Albany**

October 22, 2012

4p.m. – 7 p.m.

Bridge House

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

11. N. Front St

Albany, Georgia

### **Waycross**

October 23, 2012

4p.m. – 7 p.m.

Downtown Waycross Development Authority Community Room

315 Plant Ave

Waycross, Georgia

### **Savannah**

October 25, 2012

4p.m. – 7 p.m.

Hodgson Hall

501 Whitaker St

Savannah, Georgia

### **Rome**

November 8, 2012

4p.m. – 7 p.m.

Chieftain's Museum

501 Riverside Parkway

Rome, Georgia

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