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\$ 2.3 MILLION IN GA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 11 TRANSPORTATION STIMULUS PROJECTS AWARDED

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation today awarded two American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) federal stimulus program contracts, valued at nearly \$2.3 million, in the state's 11th Congressional District in northwest Georgia. The projects are among hundreds to be awarded in coming months to create and sustain jobs throughout the state, according to Transportation Board 11th District Member David Doss and Georgia DOT Commissioner Gerald Ross.

Construction should begin next month on the projects to include resurfacing a state route in Bartow County and a new park and ride lot in Cobb County. (Details on individual projects can be found on the Department's ARRA Web page at www.dot.ga.gov/gastimulus.)

"The primary goal of the department is to move motorists safely and efficiently throughout the state," Doss said. "Investing in these projects will create much needed new jobs and put fresh money into the region's economy. Additionally, the new park and ride lot will give commuters an alternative to driving their own car to work and alleviate congestion on I-75 for other motorists."

The two 11th Congressional District ARRA projects are among 36 awarded today throughout Georgia. Cumulatively, they are valued at some \$50 million. Another 41 projects worth an additional \$138 million are expected to be awarded in late June. Combined, they represent much of Georgia DOT's Phase One highway and intermodal stimulus program. In addition, by December the Board is expected to select projects for another \$340+ million in Phase Two ARRA funding.

Projects awarded today in CD 11 are:

- Bartow County - Resurfacing 1.6 miles of State Route (SR) 3 from south of Peachtree Street to north of MLK Jr. Drive in Cartersville (Project No. M003921) – Awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Company, Inc. of Marietta for \$710,082.62.
- Cobb County – Construction of a Town Center-Busbee park and ride lot for the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (Project No. 0007918) – Awarded to Astra Group, Inc. of Woodstock for \$1,674,340.46.

"Our goal throughout this process has been to carefully evaluate and select those 'most-needed' projects throughout Georgia and then award projects that will create and sustain as many jobs in as many parts of the state as possible, especially those area considered economically depressed," Ross said.

The Department is responsible for 70 percent of Georgia's \$932 million in highway system stimulus funds. The remaining 30 percent goes to the state's 15 metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), which are funding projects directly from their respective allocations. The state also is receiving \$144

million in stimulus funds for public transit and is eligible for additional highway, rail and aviation grants from funds totaling \$12.1 billion.

The ARRA is a national effort to create jobs and transform America's economy to compete in the 21st century. Nationwide, some \$48 billion in stimulus investments are being made in transportation infrastructure, including highways, public transit, high speed rail and aviation. As noted previously, Georgia DOT has created a Web page (www.dot.ga.gov/gastimulus) devoted to stimulus activities to provide specific program information and promote transparency of the process.

The State Transportation Board determines policy and exercises general governance of Georgia's Department of Transportation. The Board's 13 members, representing each of the state's congressional districts, serve staggered, five-year terms. Board members are elected by those state senators and representatives whose legislative districts fall within all or part of the relevant congressional district.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

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