



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## **\$ 2.6 MILLION IN GA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS 4, 5 AND 13 TRANSPORTATION STIMULUS PROJECTS AWARDED**

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation today awarded four American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) federal stimulus program contracts, valued at just over \$2.6 million, in the state's 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts in metro Atlanta. The projects are among hundreds to be awarded in coming months to create and sustain jobs throughout the state, according to Transportation Board Members from those districts Robert Brown, Emory McClinton and Dana Lemon and Georgia DOT Commissioner Gerald Ross.

Construction should begin next month on the projects, all of which are resurfacings of state roads in Clayton, Fulton and Rockdale counties. (Details on individual projects can be found on the Department's ARRA Web page at [www.dot.ga.gov/gastimulus](http://www.dot.ga.gov/gastimulus).)

The four ARRA projects in these Congressional Districts 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.

Project awarded today in CD 4 is:

- Rockdale County - Resurfacing 1.3 miles of State Route (S.R.) 20 from Sigman Road to S.R. 138 (Project No. M003983)– Awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. for \$273,296.71.

“This is only the beginning of the stimulus projects and we are hopeful that as more money comes in and more projects come into the area, jobs will come with it and the citizens will benefit as we maintain and repair our transportation infrastructure,” said Brown, who represents Congressional District 4 on the Board.

Projects awarded today in CD 5 are:

- Fulton County – Resurfacing 1.1 miles of S.R. 139 from West Whitehall Street to Cascade Avenue (Project No. M003948) – Awarded to Butch Thompson Enterprises, Inc. for \$490,784.34.
- Clayton County – Resurfacing 4.2 miles of S.R. 3/U.S. 19 from I-285 to Cleveland Avenue (Project No. M003943) – Awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. for \$940,841.23.

“I’m very pleased that we are ready to get this stimulus money working for the citizens of Georgia,” said McClinton, the CD 5 representative on the Board. “We’re looking forward to round two in June.”

Project awarded today in CD 13 is:

- Fulton County – Resurfacing 3.8 miles of S.R. 92 from S.R. 14 to South Fulton Parkway (Project No. M003950) – Awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. for \$896,958.67.

“This is all about creating jobs and as we begin to get these projects underway I am glad that we will be putting people back to work as well as completing the necessary maintenance and repairs on our highway system,” said State Transportation Board Member Dana Lemon, who represents the 13<sup>th</sup> CD.

“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](http://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](http://www.dot.ga.gov)).

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