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\$10 MILLION IN GA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1 TRANSPORTATION STIMULUS PROJECTS AWARDED

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation today awarded six American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) federal stimulus program contracts, valued at more than \$10 million, in the state's 1st Congressional District in south and southwest Georgia. The projects are among hundreds to be awarded in coming months to create and sustain jobs throughout the state, according to Transportation Board 1st District Member Roy Herrington and Georgia DOT Commissioner Gerald Ross.

Construction should begin next month on the projects, all of which are resurfacings of state roads in Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Coffee and Ware counties. (Details on individual projects can be found on the Department's ARRA Web page at www.dot.ga.gov/gastimulus.)

"All across Georgia, we have seen the devastation facing our citizens since the onset of the economic downturn, and South Georgia has been especially affected by the slow economy," Herrington said. "This work will create much needed new jobs and, at the same time, put fresh money into the region's economy and help us repair and maintain our transportation infrastructure."

The six 1st 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 1 are:

- Bacon County - Resurfacing four and one-half miles of State Route (S.R.) 32 from west of County Road (C.R.) 317/Apple Tree Lane to east of Hurricane Creek. (Project No. M003914) – Awarded to J. Hiers Company, Incorporated, Baxley, for \$1,097,696.50;
- Brantley County – Resurfacing twenty five miles of S.R. 23 from south of Humphries Road/Charlton to north of S.R. 520/Brantley. (Project No. M003980) – Awarded to J. Hiers Company, Incorporated, Baxley, for, \$3,505,947.51;
- Charlton County – Resurfacing twelve miles of S.R. 4/US 1 from north or S.R. 4 south to Ware County line. (Project No. M003916) – Awarded to Dixie Road Builders, Inc., Waycross. The combined Charlton County projects total \$4,127,869.95 (see below);
- Charlton County – Resurfacing one and one-half miles of S.R. 40 Connector from S.R. 40 to S.R. 4 (Project No. M003917) – Awarded to Dixie Road Builders, Inc., Waycross. The combined Charlton County projects total \$4,127,869.95 (see above);

- Coffee County – Resurfacing two and one-half miles of S.R. 31 northbound/US 441 from S.R. 135 to 787 McNeal Drive (Project No. M003897) –Awarded to Ricketson Construction Co., Inc., Douglas, for \$633,588.50
- Ware County – Resurfacing six miles of S.R. 4 BU/US 1 from south of C.R. 341/Short Street to north of C.R. 255/Smith Road. (Project No. M003978) – Awarded to Dixie Road Builders, Inc., Waycross, for \$1,018,376.78.

“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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