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\$42 MILLION IN GA STIMULUS PROJECTS AWARDED IN GWINNETT COUNTY

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation has awarded 3 more American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) federal stimulus program contracts, valued at \$42 million. They are among hundreds being awarded to create and sustain jobs throughout the state, according to Georgia DOT Commissioner Vance Smith, Jr.

“These awards represent the conclusion of Georgia DOT’s implementation of Phase One of the stimulus program,” Smith said. “We’ve injected more than \$250 million into Georgia’s economy to create and save jobs for our citizens while at the same time make important safety, capacity and maintenance improvements to our highway system. And there is more progress to come as we move into Phase Two stimulus projects.”

The projects awarded are all in Gwinnett County.

- The .8 mile long widening of SR 324 and construction of a bridge over I-85 to Strickland and Sons Pipeline, Inc of Gainesville for \$11,234,933.29 with a completion date of May 31, 2012.
- The 2.5 mile long widening of SR 20 from Ozora Road to Brand Road to Gary’s Grading and Pipeline Company, Inc out of Lawrenceville for \$10,995,837.85 with a completion date of December 31, 2011.
- The 2.6 mile long extension of McGinnis Ferry Road from SR 317 to Satellite Blvd to ER Snell Contractor, Inc. of Snellville for \$20,406,795.25 with a completion date of September 30, 2011.

Construction should begin in September on these projects.

A total of 97 highway system stimulus projects – valued at a combined \$258.6 million – were awarded in Georgia during ARRA Phase One implementation, which focused on those projects ready to begin construction immediately. Phase Two, which begins with the Department’s August 21st letting (prospective contractors’ bids opened), will pump some \$500 million more into the state’s economy through the remainder of 2009 while allowing Georgia DOT to continue to make important safety, maintenance and capacity infrastructure improvements.

“Our Phase Two priority will continue to be carefully evaluating and selecting ‘most-needed’ projects throughout Georgia and then awarding projects that will create and sustain as many jobs in as many parts of the state as possible, especially those areas considered economically depressed,” Smith added.

Georgia DOT is responsible for 70 percent of Georgia's \$932 million in highway system ARRA funds. The remaining 30 percent is divided among the state's 15 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and designated rural areas. The MPOs, in conjunction with the Department, are funding projects from these respective allocations. The state also received \$144 million in stimulus funds for public transit and Georgia DOT has awarded related local grants totaling approximately \$39 million. Georgia is eligible for additional highway, rail and aviation grants from funds totaling \$12.1 billion.

All selected ARRA stimulus projects are fully funded by the federal government; no state or local matching funds are required.

Georgia DOT maintains a Web page (www.dot.ga.gov/gastimulus) devoted to stimulus activities to provide specific program information and promote transparency of the process.

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.

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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