

# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## Press Release

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### **\$51 MILLION IN GA TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AWARDED**

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation has awarded contracts totaling approximately \$51 million for 25 road improvement projects throughout the state, including \$29 million for 12 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) federal stimulus program contracts. Georgia now has nearly \$290 million in highway stimulus work underway or about to begin.

“These awards are the beginning of Georgia DOT’s implementation of Phase Two of the stimulus program and also of our traditionally funded Fiscal 2010 construction program,” Transportation Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr., said. “This Department is totally focused on moving forward in FY ’10 to create and save jobs for Georgians while carrying out its principal mission of making important safety, capacity and maintenance improvements to our transportation system.”

Smith cautioned, however, that Georgia DOT’s ability to fulfill its mission faces a considerable challenge. “The federal stimulus money is a one-time proposition and we anticipate having committed all of Georgia’s stimulus funds to projects by January,” he explained. “The two primary means of funding our normal construction program are federal and state motor fuel tax collections. With state motor fuel receipts expected to continue to decline by as much as 20 percent, we have to find additional funding if we really want to resolve our transportation issues.”

Construction should begin in October on the just-awarded projects, which include the construction of new auxiliary lanes on a portion of U.S. Highway 23/State Route 87 in Bibb County, bridge replacements in Coffee, Cook and Colquitt counties, as well as resurfacings of Interstate Highway 85 in northeast Georgia and several other highways throughout the state. (Details on individual projects are provided at the conclusion of this announcement.)

A total of 109 highway system stimulus projects – valued at a combined \$287.7 million – have been awarded since May. Another \$450 million in ARRA-funded contracts will be awarded throughout the remainder of the (calendar) year.

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 \$29 million. Georgia also has applied for additional ARRA highway and high speed rail and aviation grants.

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](http://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](http://www.dot.ga.gov)).

#### **STIMULUS PROJECTS AWARDED IN AUGUST:**

- Franklin and Hart counties – Resurfacing 7 miles of Interstate Highway 85 from SR 17 to the South Carolina state line – Awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc., Marietta -- \$6,116,053;
- Gwinnett County – Installation of advanced traffic monitoring and closed circuit video monitoring equipment on 7 miles of I-85 between Pleasant Hill and Old Peachtree roads -- Awarded to R. J. Haynie & Associates, Inc., Lake City -- \$2,164,670;
- Pierce County – Intersection improvements on SR 203/Strickland Street at Old Alma Road – Awarded to Plant Improvement Co., Inc., Brunswick -- \$1,049,189;
- Bibb County – Construction of auxiliary lanes on US 23/SR 87 near Weaver Road – Awarded to C.W. Matthews -- \$8,334,922;
- Coffee County – Bridge replacement on US 221/SR 135 at Tiger Creek, northeast of Douglas – Awarded to Southern Concrete Construction Co., Inc., Albany -- \$1,231,783;
- Colquitt County – Bridge replacement on Hagin Still Road over Ochlockonee River southeast of Doerun – Awarded to Southern Concrete Construction -- \$1,235,527;
- Cook County – Bridge replacement on US 41/SR 7 at Giddens Mill Creek in north Adel – Awarded to Southern Concrete Construction -- \$1,842,281;
- DeKalb County – Bridge and culvert improvements on SR 155 at Shoal Creek – Awarded to Baldwin Paving Co., Inc., Marietta -- \$1,228,887;
- Douglas County – Intersection improvements to Kings Highway at Central Church Road – Awarded to R.J. Haynie & Associates -- \$695,599;
- Douglas County – Bridge replacement on Anneewakee Road at Anneewakee Creek – Awarded to C.W. Matthews -- \$1,731,660;
- Lincoln and Wilkes counties – Resurfacing 15.5 miles of US 378/SR 47 between Washington and Lincolnton – Awarded to Pittman Construction Co., Conyers -- \$2,410,028;
- Pike County – Intersection improvements at SR 18/SR 109 and SR 74 – Awarded to Hill Construction Co., Inc., Thomaston -- \$1,395,663.

## **NON-STIMULUS PROJECTS AWARDED IN AUGUST:**

- Burke County – Resurfacing 15 miles of SR 24 between SR 80 and Jefferson County line – Awarded to Reeves Construction Co., Macon -- \$2,717,786;
- Chatham County – Resurfacing sections of the SR 25 Connector – Awarded to APAC-Southeast, Inc., Savannah -- \$969,185;
- Coweta County – Resurfacing 10 miles of SR 54 from Meriwether County line to SR 16 – Awarded to C.W. Matthews -- \$1,216,202;
- Crawford County – Resurfacing 10 miles of SR 7 between the Monroe County line and SR 22 – Awarded to Hill Construction -- \$1,640,935;
- Evans and Tattnall counties – Resurfacing 8 miles of SR 292 from SR 23 in Tattnall to SR 30 in Evans – Awarded to Reeves Construction -- \$1,346,120;
- Harris County – Resurfacing 14 miles of SR 85 from SR 135 to Talbot County line – Awarded to C.W. Matthews -- \$2,324,532;
- Johnson County – Resurfacing 13 miles of SR 57 from Emanuel County line to SR 15 – Awarded to Reeves Construction -- \$1,984,710;
- Lamar and Pike counties – Resurfacing 11 miles of SR 18 from US 19 in Pike to US 341 in Lamar – Awarded to Hill Construction -- \$1,579,462;
- Monroe County – Resurfacing 2 miles of SR 18 from SR 83 to US 19 – Awarded to Hill Construction -- \$403,353;
- Montgomery County – Resurfacing 13 miles of US 221/SR 56 from Toombs County line to Church Street – Awarded to Reeves Construction -- \$1,673,443;
- Morgan County – Resurfacing 11 miles of SR 83 from Jasper County line to SR 12 – Awarded to Pittman Construction -- \$2,118,357;
- Sumter County – Resurfacing 11 miles of SR 308 from US 27 to SR 45 and a portion of SR 45 in Plains – Awarded to Robinson Paving Co., Columbus -- \$2,074,859;
- Tift County – Resurfacing 4.5 miles of SR 35 from Old Isabella Nashville Road to US 82/SR 520 – Awarded to Reeves Construction -- \$1,779,052.