

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# Press Release

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## GEORGIA DOT STIMULUS AWARDS SURPASS \$600 MILLION

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation has awarded more than \$82 million in new construction contracts, including 12 projects valued at \$13.2 million and funded by the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) economic stimulus program. Georgia DOT has now awarded more than \$600 million for 243 separate stimulus projects since the program began last May.

“Stimulus funds continue to play an integral role in the Department’s ability to maintain and expand the state’s transportation infrastructure and provide Georgians with good-paying jobs,” Georgia DOT Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr., said.

In addition to the dozen stimulus projects (primarily resurfacings and bridge replacements), the January bid awards included a \$67.5 million contract to construct the fifth and final segment of the Harry S. Truman Parkway in Savannah. The three-mile project, which includes building six bridges, was awarded to Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc., of Wilmington, NC. Work is expected to begin by summer and is scheduled for completion by 2014. Complete information on all contracts awarded in January can be found at: <http://tomcat2.dot.state.ga.us/ContractsAdministration/uploads/A100122.pdf>

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. 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 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. Georgia is the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49<sup>th</sup> in per capita spending on transportation. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. 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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