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TIA funds push major fourth quarter construction in Richmond and Columbia Counties

As the first band of the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) comes to a close, Richmond and Columbia County residents will see their TIA dollars at work with an influx of construction in the area. Per TIA guidelines, all projects scheduled in Band 1 must be in the construction phase by December 31, 2015, and according to TIA Administrator Kelvin Mullins, all projects are track to reach this milestone.

“With eight Band 1 projects complete in the Central Savannah River Area region, and Band 2 projects already moving forward in the Design Phase, we’re making significant progress,” Mullins said.

The majority of these projects, listed below, are in Richmond and Columbia Counties and will utilize \$106,251,890 in TIA funds. The Georgia Department of Transportation will work to keep residents updated as projects progress, especially concerning major construction throughout Augusta and along the Riverwatch Parkway. In addition to local media outlets, residents are encouraged to follow @GDOTEastTraffic on Twitter, check the Georgia NaviGator website or call 511 for the most up to date information on lane closures, detours and construction updates.

TIA projects currently under construction in Richmond and Columbia Counties:

- *Wrightsboro Road widening* – \$1,000,000 TIA fund contribution towards \$21,565,887 budget
- *Riverwatch Parkway Extension* – \$20,000,000 TIA fund contribution towards \$34,183,352 budget
- *Windsor Springs Road widening* – \$4,000,000 TIA fund contribution towards total \$25,315,164 budget
- *Stevens Creek/Fury’s Ferry at Riverwatch intersection improvements*– \$430,739 budget, all TIA funding
- *Gordon Hwy/Deans Bridge Int. Imp.* – \$1,065,000 budget, all TIA funds
- *Berckman’s Road realignment and widening (Wheeler Road to Washington Road)*- \$16,700,000 budget, all TIA funds
- *Old Petersburg Road improvements* - \$20,000,000 TIA fund contribution towards \$40,373,738 budget

TIA projects to begin construction by December 31, 2015 in Richmond and Columbia Counties:

- *Riverwatch Barrier/Resurfacing* – \$8,600,000 total budget, all TIA funds
- *Wrightsboro Road widening* - \$2,000,000 TIA contribution towards \$21,565,887 budget
- *Robinson Ave widening* – \$8,000,000 budget, all TIA funds
- *Riverwatch Parkway turn lane* – \$2,518,810 TIA contribution towards \$6,238,810
- *Windsor Springs widening* – \$2,000,000 TIA contribution towards \$17,771,044 budget
- *11th Street over Augusta Canal, bridge repair and restoration* - \$579,642 budget, all TIA funds
- *15th Street over Augusta Canal, bridge repair and restoration* - \$1,491,057 budget, all TIA funds
- *7th Street Bridge over Augusta Canal, bridge replacement* - \$748,856 budget, all TIA funds

- *Broad Street over Hawks Gully, bridge repair and restoration* - \$713,562 budget, all TIA funds
- *Broad Street over Augusta Canal, bridge repair and restoration* - \$1,320,929 budget, all TIA funds
- *Calhoun Expressway repair and reconstruction* - \$8,505,470 budget, all TIA funds
- *Druid Park improvements (Walton Way and Wrightsboro Road)* – \$3,512,456 budget, all TIA funds
- *North Leg Road improvements (Sibley Road to Wrightsboro Road)* - \$3,832,757 budget, all TIA funds
- *Old Waynesboro Road over Spirit Creek, bridge replacement* - \$3,138,288 budget, all TIA funds
- *Scott's Way over Rae's Creek, bridge replacment* - \$1,358,566 budget, all TIA funds
- *Milledgeville Road bridge maintenance at Rocky Creek* - \$83,842 budget, all TIA funds

Forty-six counties and their respective cities comprise the three regional districts that approved the TIA referendum in July 2012. Cumulatively, they are expected to self-generate approximately \$1.8 Billion in new revenue dedicated to local transportation improvements. All projects were selected by regional commission roundtables of local elected officials after much public input. 75 percent of the revenues will be utilized for the construction of these roundtable pre-selected projects while the remaining 25 percent will be disbursed to the regions' governments each month on a predetermined formula basis for discretionary use on local transportation-related efforts. For more information visit www.ga-tia.com , or follow TIA on Facebook (www.facebook.com/transportationinvestmentact) and Twitter (@TIAatGDOT).