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## Georgia DOT's Transportation Investment Act Office Joins the City of Vidalia in Celebrating the Completion of \$1.6 Million Project

*Adams Street/State Route 130 renovation and paving project accomplished with TIA funds*

**VIDALIA, Ga.** – The Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Office participated with officials from the City of Vidalia and Toombs County in marking the completion of the renovation and resurfacing project on Adams Street/State Route 130 yesterday. The \$1.6 million project is one of the first for the area resulting from funds generated through the TIA collections.



Officials cut the ribbon on the \$1.6 million project on Adams Street/State Route 130 in Vidalia

“The most important thing we did for transportation was helping the locals raise the money they needed for their own projects through the TIA tax,” State Senator Tommie Williams commented. “Projects like this are being taken care of in these Regions.”

The project on Adams Street was a Band 1 priority on the approved investment list that voters in the Region passed in 2012. In addition to the pavement resurfacing, the project scope included extensive work on the water, sewer and storm water drainage infrastructure, and upgrades to the sidewalks to bring them into compliance with the current

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.

Vidalia Mayor Ronnie Dixon, Chamber President Bill Mitchell and City Manager Bill Torrance and several Commissioners participated in the ribbon cutting.

GDOT's State TIA Administrator Mike Dover noted that because of the success of TIA in the Heart of Georgia Region, a solution to the long-standing issues with drainage and accessibility on Adams Street had been found. The project was needed for years, but funding for it had not been identified until TIA was brought to the voters.

To date, collections from the Transportation Investment Act total more than \$316 million in the three Regions – Central Savannah River Area, Heart of Georgia Altamaha and River Valley. The Heart of Georgia Altamaha Region has 764 projects on the approved investment list valued at over \$255 million during the 10-year program.

*Forty-six counties and their respective cities comprise the three regional districts that approved the TIA referendum last July. Cumulatively, they are expected to self-generate approximately \$1.8 billion in new revenue dedicated to local transportation improvements. Georgia DOT will coordinate work for cities and counties on some smaller jobs, and also assist in the engineering and construction management of larger projects. All of the projects were selected by regional commission roundtables of local elected officials after much public input. Seventy-five 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.*

*Committed to full disclosure of its TIA-related activities, Georgia DOT maintains a webpage devoted to the program and featuring current updates on all project activities; it may be accessed by visiting: <http://www.ga-tia.com/>*

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