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ARCHIBALD W. BUTT MEMORIAL BRIDGE REHABILITATION TO BE FUNDED WITH TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ACT DOLLARS

Augusta, GA – The Georgia Department of Transportation’s TIA Office joined State Transportation Board (STB) Vice Chair Don Grantham and local Augusta leaders in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Archibald W. Butt Memorial Bridge on 15th Street. The bridge, honoring Archibald W. Butt and his service to the community and fellow mankind, is scheduled to undergo an extensive rehabilitation made possible through collections of the penny transportation sales tax.

“We are seeing the benefits of the transportation tax right here in Augusta with projects like this moving forward as a direct result of this region approving the one-cent tax,” said STB Vice Chair Don Grantham. “There are many more projects that we will be seeing in the coming years that other areas of the state will wish they were getting.”



STB Vice Chair Don Grantham greets attendees at the Butt Bridge 100th anniversary event.

The Butt Memorial Bridge was built in 1914 and dedicated to Major Archibald Willingham Butt who perished helping to save many others during the sinking of the Titanic. Originally dedicated to Butt’s memory by President William Howard Taft, the bridge is the only memorial to the Titanic in Georgia. The \$1.5 million rehabilitation of the bridge includes concrete overlay, reconfiguring the lanes to allow for a bikes and sidewalks and repair and preservation of the historical decorative elements such as the eagle lanterns.



Current deterioration on the Butt Bridge will be repaired as part of the \$1.5 million TIA project.

More information on the rehabilitation project, including construction schedules will be posted on the TIA website at www.GA-TIA.com when available.

The TIA Office also announced the recent completion of the first TIA project let to construction by GA DOT on State Route 47 in Lincoln County. Completed in March, the \$4.1 million project included a combination of federal funds and TIA collections, and enhances roadway safety with the construction of new passing and climbing lanes between Clarks Hill Lake and Lincolnton.

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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