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Georgia DOT Announces Awards of Three Improvement Projects Utilizing TIA Funding

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation today announced awards for three improvement projects under the Transportation Investment Act (TIA). The awarding of these projects signifies the major push the TIA Program and Georgia DOT are making towards letting all Band 1 projects.

TIA is a \$1.6 billion investment that provides additional funds for local governments to provide much needed rehabilitation and repairs to transportation infrastructure in the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA), Heart of Georgia Altamaha (HOGA) and River Valley regions of Georgia. In addition to roadway improvements, TIA has been able to foster job creation and enhance economic development in these underserved regions. As Band 1 nears completion, TIA has let over 200 projects to construction to-date with nearly all coming in at or under budget. “These projects represent more than just improved infrastructure for the state,” said TIA Program Manager Mike Dover. “Completion of these projects has been directly linked to increased employment opportunities, promotion of economic growth, and the establishment of new businesses for these regions.”

The most recent lettings indicate the Department’s commitment to efficiently deliver region-sensitive projects and ensure that dollars collected in a specific region stay in that region. The awards announced today, totaling nearly \$10 million, will improve the Sparta, Americus, and Gibson areas of Georgia.

An award of \$8.5 million was made to Reeves Construction Company of Macon, GA for reconstruction of 5.16 miles on South Georgia Tech Parkway beginning at US 19/SR 3 and extending to SR 49 just outside of Americus. This project will provide operational improvements for Georgia citizens by alleviating truck traffic through downtown Americus while also adding pedestrian facilities around South Georgia Technical College. The project will also involve construction of a roundabout at SR 49 and the South Georgia Tech Parkway intersection.

A \$449,212 award was given to Southern Asphalt, LLC of Evans, GA for 0.242 mile of paving and construction on J.W. Braswell Road beginning at Beall Springs Road and extending to School Circle Drive in Gibson. This project will benefit the public by relieving congestion caused by vehicles turning into Glascock County High School. This will also increase access to the school by providing an additional entry location.

The final award of \$791,999 was given to Matriarch Construction Company of Tyrone, GA for safety and drainage improvements to 0.477 mile of Ghattis Street beginning at SR 15 and extending to SR 16 in Sparta. The project will address existing drainage issues on Ghattis Street and provide enhanced pedestrian facilities, as well as resurfacing and striping.

“The beauty of TIA is that no project is too big or too small,” Dover added. “When catering to the needs of a region, every project is significant because it impacts the welfare of the community.”

With Band 2 beginning in 2016, the Georgia DOT continues its pledge to voters and residents in the regions TIA affects.

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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 \$1.5 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. 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. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit www.dot.ga.gov or you also may follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/transportationinvestmentact) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/TIAatGDOT>).

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