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Georgia DOT Awards Transportation Investment Act Projects in Columbia and Dodge Counties

Forty-seven projects awarded to date...

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation’s Office of TIA announced two major construction project awards set to begin in early 2014. A \$34 million widening and reconstruction project in Columbia County and a \$6 million project on S.R. 87 Connector in Dodge County are the latest TIA projects to get the green light.

“These projects represent important road improvements for their respective communities,” State Transportation Board Chair Jay Shaw commented. “Attracting economic development and jobs and improving safety and mobility are tremendous benefits the TIA program brings to these areas of Georgia. We are fortunate the citizens of these regions voted for the TIA program so we can see progress like this and much more in the years to come.”

E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. located in Snellville, GA, is the bid winner for the \$34 million project in Columbia County on Old Petersburg Road/Old Evans Road. The project consists of approximately 3 miles of widening and reconstruction from old Baston Road to Washington Road, and includes the construction of two bridges and approaches over the CSX Railroad and Reed Creek. The project is projected to be completed in Spring 2017.

The low bidder for the \$6 million, 2.25 miles of widening and reconstruction on S.R. 87 Connector/Eastman Bypass beginning at U.S. 341/S.R. 27 and extending to U.S. 23/S.R. 87 is Everett Dykes Grassing Company, Inc. based in Cochran, Georgia. This project is scheduled for completion in Fall 2015.

Construction details and lane closure schedules on all projects will be forthcoming before work begins.

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/>

The Georgia Department of Transportation continues its construction program this summer. Dozens of important roadway improvement projects are ongoing throughout the state as we work to deliver projects on time and on budget while keeping our transportation network the nation's finest. Pardon the necessary inconvenience and please drive cautiously and safely at all times, especially in work zones. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit www.dot.ga.gov or subscribe to our Press Release [RSS feed](#).

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