

16@95 Improvement Projects

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Frequently Asked Questions

About the Projects

The 16@95 Improvement Projects will improve traffic flow and enhance safety along I-16 and I-95, one of Georgia's busiest freight corridors as well as the gateway to Georgia's growing port in Savannah, by reconstructing the interchange at I-16 and I-95 in Chatham County to increase operational efficiency and safety of passenger cars and trucks and widening I-16 to relieve traffic congestion.



The 16@95 Improvement Projects will consist of:

- Replace the existing loop ramps on the west side of the interchange with flyover ramps
- Add collector-distributor (CD) lanes on I-95 northbound to help eliminate weaving to and from I-16
- Widen I-16 from four lanes to six lanes in each direction
- Add lighting at the I-16/I-95 interchange

- Install Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technology to link to Georgia NaviGator
- Build a two-lane emergency-use ramp across the median between I-95 and Dean Forest Road to aide hurricane evacuations

What are Georgia DOT's goals for this project?

The 16@95 Improvement Projects will reduce congestion and enhance safety along I-16 and I-95 in Chatham County. The project is part of Georgia DOT's Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP), which includes an initial 11 large-scale projects that will build a better Georgia by enhancing mobility and safety, fueling economic growth, and improving Georgians' quality of life.

What is the schedule for the project?

Georgia DOT has selected the Design-Build Team, Savannah Mobility Contractors JV, that will design and construct the project using an accelerated process. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2019 and complete in 2022.

What are the construction hours?

Construction will take place during the day, evenings, and weekends. Nighttime construction is anticipated, and activities will be posted on the project website.

What is the cost of the project?

The estimated cost is \$295 million.

How is the project funded?

Investments have been made possible by the General Assembly's passage of the state Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015. Georgia DOT has worked with the governor, general assembly, partner agencies, and local communities to prioritize a set of comprehensive projects to maintain the state's economic competitiveness and allow Georgia to remain the number one state for business.

What improvements will the traveling public see?

The project adds new lane miles on I-16 in metropolitan Savannah. The completed project is expected to add highway capacity for more than 100,000 vehicles. The improvements will reduce traffic congestion and improve safety in the area. Motorists will also see new lighting at the I-16/I-95 interchange and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technology linked to Georgia NaviGator along the corridor.

What are the traffic impacts?

Travelers will experience lane closures along the project corridor and detours when construction is underway. Georgia DOT works diligently to minimize impacts to travelers, commuters, and businesses. The project team will communicate proactively with stakeholders, the media, transit agencies, and local organizations about any lane changes and closures in advance of construction activity. These construction notices will be communicated through the projects webpage, Georgia NaviGator 511, social media, and traditional media.

How is this project being delivered?

The 16@95 Improvement Projects are following a Design-Build (DB) delivery method. Design-Build is a method of project delivery in which one entity – the Design-Build Team – works under a single contract with Georgia DOT to provide final design and construction services. A key benefit of Design-Build is that it brings both design and construction functions together as one team in a single contractual entity to the department.

How do I stay informed about the project?

Georgia DOT will provide regular updates through the project website, Georgia NaviGator 511, social media, newsletters, media announcements, and community outreach events. By bookmarking the project webpage to phones/tablets and computers, travelers can stay updated throughout the project duration. Project representatives are also available to speak to groups. A speaker's request form is available at the project webpage. To be added to the project distribution list to receive updates, please email 1695improvements@dot.ga.gov.

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