



Georgia Department of Transportation Fact Sheet

State Route 72

CORRIDOR FACTS

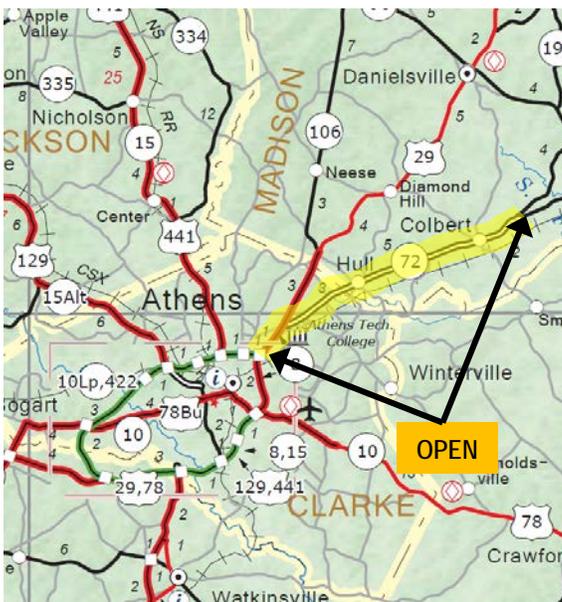
- ◆ The State Route 72 corridor extends from US 29 in Athens to the South Carolina line.
- ◆ Completed projects will provide **4-lanes** of roadway, usually divided with a grass median.
- ◆ The State Route 72 corridor is the shortest GRIP corridor, approximately **45 miles** in length.
- ◆ Approximately **20 miles (44%)** of the corridor is open to traffic.
- ◆ The current estimated cost to complete the four-lane construction of State Route 72 is **\$82,940,000**.

PREPARING A HIGHWAY PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION

Highway construction demands adherence to an exact project development process, as specified in federal and state laws. This process incorporates a number of key stages that are vital to the development of a highway construction project:

- ◆ Concept Development: Data analysis, conceptual studies and alternatives analysis
- ◆ Environmental Approval: Surveys for environmental resources, public meetings and environmental document approval
- ◆ Preliminary Design Plans: Design and preparation of preliminary roadway plans and utility coordination
- ◆ Right of Way Acquisition: Property title research, right of way plans, property appraisal, purchase of right of way
- ◆ Final Design Plans: Design and preparation of final construction plans and contract documents
- ◆ Let to Contract: Advertise for bids, award to construction contract and begin construction

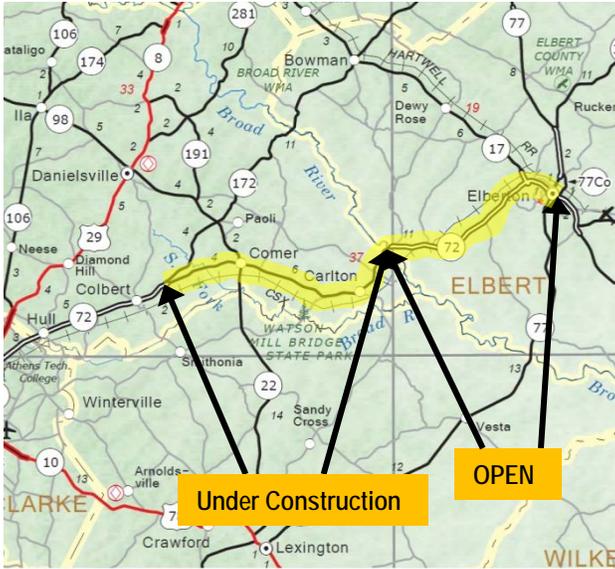
STATE ROUTE 72 STATUS FROM ATHENS IN CLARKE COUNTY TO SOUTH CAROLINA



SR 72 FROM ATHENS IN CLARKE COUNTY
TO MADISON COUNTY

The first 10.0 miles eastward from US 29 in Athens/Clarke County to SR 172/Bowman Highway in Madison County are complete and open to traffic.

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SR 72 CORRIDOR IN MADISON COUNTY
AND ELBERT COUNTY

Two projects are currently under construction from SR 172 in Madison County and extending 12.1 miles to east of the Broad River in Elbert County (**Project ID Nos. 122100- and 122650-**). These projects are scheduled to be completed in mid 2017 and early 2018, respectively.

From east of the Broad River to just west of the SR 72 interchange at SR 17 in Elbert County, the widening of SR 72 to four lanes is complete and open to traffic.



SR 72 CORRIDOR IN ELBERT COUNTY
TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LINE

SR 72 interchange with SR 17 and the widening to four lanes through the city of Elberton is complete and open to traffic.

The next two projects (**Project ID Nos. 0013308 and 0013309**) along this corridor extend 13.4 miles from SR 17 in Elberton to the Bobby Brown State Park Road just over the South Carolina line. Funding for these two projects has not been identified.

Project ID No. 0013308 includes construction of a new 2-lane bridge parallel to the existing bridge over the Savannah River. This project will be designed to coordinate with future roadway widening plans in South Carolina (SC DOT Project No. NH-0062(105) in Abbeville County).