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GA DOT APPROVES \$97+ MILLION IN NEW STATEWIDE WORK

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation has approved more than \$97 million in 10 new transportation infrastructure improvement and maintenance projects across the state, including \$52 million to be spent on Interstate Highway 75 improvements in Dooly County and \$30 million to widen Interstate Highway 520 (the Bobby Jones Expressway) in Augusta.

This work – added to that already awarded since May – means that Georgia DOT has begun 125 new projects this summer, valued at more than \$500 million.

Among the 10 most-recently authorized projects are:

- A \$52-million contract to replace 11.5 miles of the concrete surface of I-75 in Dooly from the Crisp County line to Pinehurst/Hawkinsville Road; to joint venture of E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc., of Snellville, and McCarthy Improvement Co., of Davenport, IA;
- Adding one lane in each direction on Bobby Jones for the approximate five miles between U.S. Highway 1 and Gordon Highway, including constructing a new I-520 bridge over Deans Bridge Road; to Pittman Construction Co., of Conyers, for \$29.9 million;
- The erection of center median cable barrier on 34 miles of Interstate Highway 20 in Douglas, Carroll and Haralson counties from State Route 5 to the Alabama state line; for \$2.2 million, to the Crowley Company, Inc., of Minneapolis, MN.

Information on construction and lane closure schedules will be forthcoming before work begins. Further details on these projects and others awarded in the Department's September letting are available via this link: <http://tomcat2.dot.state.ga.us/ContractsAdministration/uploads/A110916.pdf>.

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. Safer Driving;

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