

Georgia
Department Of Transportation
2009 Annual Report

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Mission Statement

The Georgia Department of Transportation provides a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to the environment.

Letter From The Commissioner



Vance C. Smith, Jr.

As you will find in this annual report, 2009 was a defining year for the Georgia Department of Transportation, one that challenged us to further maximize our financial and human resources to achieve our strategic goals. Our staff of more than 5,000 employees across the state demonstrated our commitment to four areas of focus, all aimed at creating a quality transportation network that meets the needs of all Georgians. And despite our funding challenges in 2009, we continued to work toward that end by using our resources even more efficiently to fulfill our ambitious mission and goals.

Throughout 2009, we remained committed to **maintaining the safety of our roadways; keeping traffic moving; offering superior customer service and preserving our infrastructure and planning for the future** – examples of which you will find on the pages of this annual report. Though challenged by an economic

downturn that meant fewer motor fuel dollars to fund our important work, we marked several milestones during what has been arguably one of our most difficult years.

For instance, using funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), we let more than \$69 million in projects over a two-month period in 2009. Additionally, we continued our efforts to improve safety and reduce congestion on our roadways with investments in cable barriers and ramp meters and an unprecedented sponsorship agreement for our HERO program with insurer State Farm. We also underscored our commitment to delivering projects on time with the implementation of a new project management system that seeks to seamlessly move projects from design to construction. And finally, we worked with local governments, Municipal Planning Organizations (MPO's), our transportation partners and others to plan for future transportation in Georgia under provisions established by the new governance law approved by state legislators in 2009.

Equally important as these milestones and achievements has been the unwavering commitment of employees who were asked to perform their important work with fewer resources – in other words, do more, with less. We asked in 2009 – and we continue to ask – that our employees

reduce spending where they can. Across the state, they responded admirably.

As we move forward, we will remain focused on operating more efficiently as we respond to the diverse transportation needs of our state. Our commitment is to a quality, safe transportation network that meets the needs of the 21st century and beyond – one that Georgians and the traveling public deserve.

Vance C. Smith, Jr.
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State Transportation Board

District Map

District 1
Gainesville

District 2
Tennille

District 3
Thomaston

District 4
Tifton

District 5
Jesup

District 6
Cartersville

District 7
Chamblee



Most of the 5,000 employees of the Georgia Department of Transportation are divided among seven district offices statewide. Employees in these district offices are responsible for operating and maintaining the transportation system at the local level. Each district has a District Engineer, who is responsible for planning, organizing and directing the activities of the district. The districts are further divided into several area offices, which are managed by Area Engineers.

GDOT District Offices

District 1 - Gainesville
2505 Athens Highway S.E.
P.O. Box 1057
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District 2 - Tennille
801 Highway 15 South
P.O. Box 8
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District 3 - Thomaston
115 Transportation Blvd.
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District 4 - Tifton
701 West 2nd Street
P.O. Box 7510
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District 5 - Jesup
P.O. Box 608
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(912) 427-5711
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Baxley, Waycross,
Brunswick, Glennville,
Savannah, Statesboro

District 6 - Cartersville
500 Joe Frank Harris Parkway
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770.387.3602

District 7 - Chamblee
5025 New Peachtree Road
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Duties of the Districts:

- Roadway Maintenance
- Roadway Location and Design
- Construction Contract Administration
- Right-of-Way Acquisition
- Utility Conflicts
- Environmental Review
- Highway Beautification
- Traffic Signals and Signs
- Permits
- Coordination of Transit Systems
- Public Outreach and Communication
- Park and Ride Lots

Duties of the Area Offices:

- Highway Construction Supervision
- Right-of-Way Mowing
- Litter Removal
- Rest Areas
- Utility and Driveway Permits
- Sign Maintenance
- Drainage Maintenance
- Storm Damage Repair
- Roadway Maintenance



Highlights

Maintaining the Safety of Our Roadways

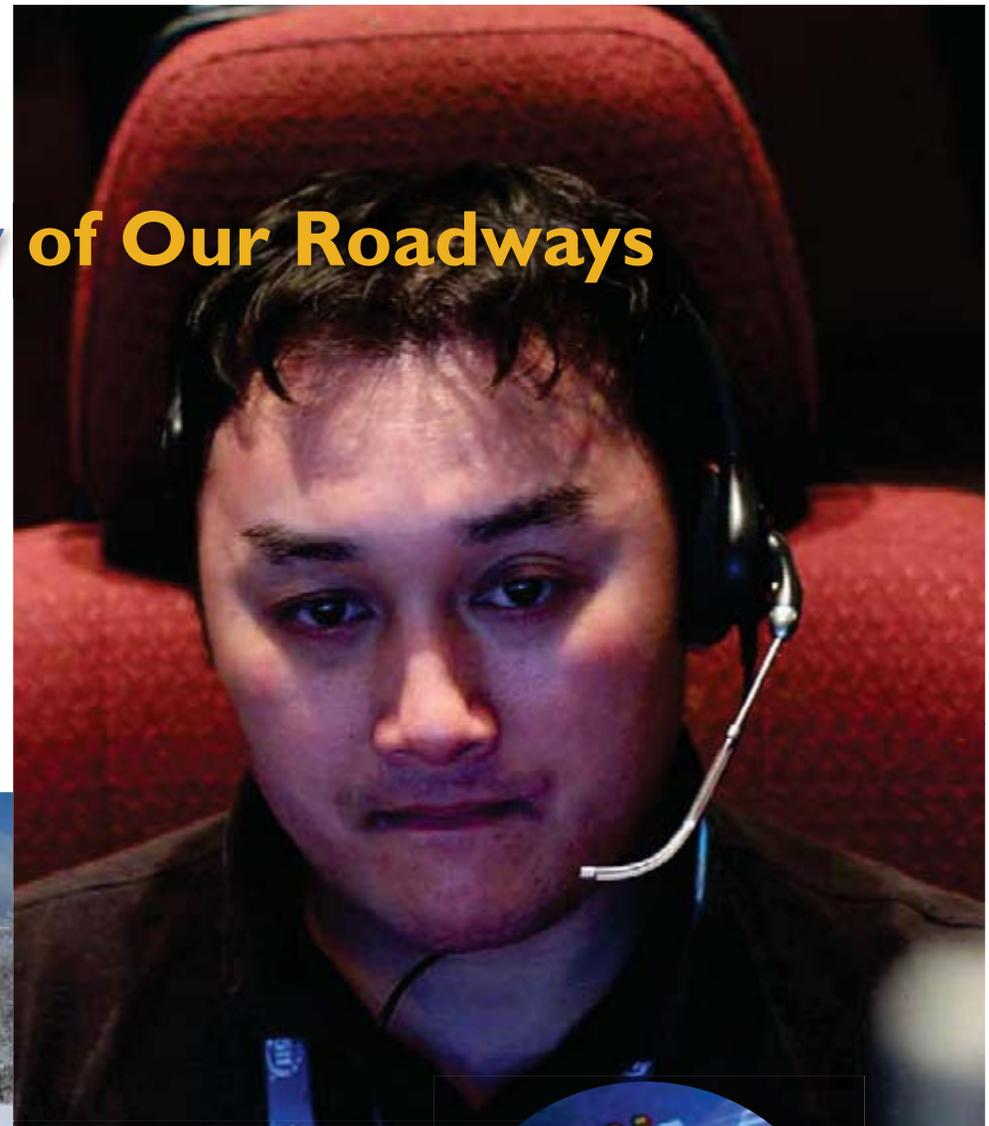
Department Goes the Extra Mile in Response to Winter Storm

A winter storm that blew through Georgia in early March 2009 left several inches of snow, but few headaches, thanks in large part to the work of Georgia DOT employees.

The Department deployed more than 400 workers – many of them on 12-hour shifts – to ensure motorists safe travel following the storm. Crews spreading salt and rock along the interstate and state routes worked throughout the state, with employees from districts not impacted by the storm assisting others in making roadways passable.

Crews used more than 3,700 tons of salt and 7,500 tons of rock on roadways; and employees used more than 280 pieces of equipment to clear and prepare roadways for safer travel, bringing praise from everyone from members of the State Transportation Board to the traveling public. Additionally, 511 operators received a record number of calls to the Department's 24-hour travel service during the height of the storm. In fact, more than 187,000 calls were made to 511 in April – the most during any month in 2009.

The Department spent more than \$472,000 in labor for the storm, while the total cost was \$985,943 for labor, equipment and materials.



Source: Transportation Management Center



Highlights

Maintaining the Safety of Our Roadways

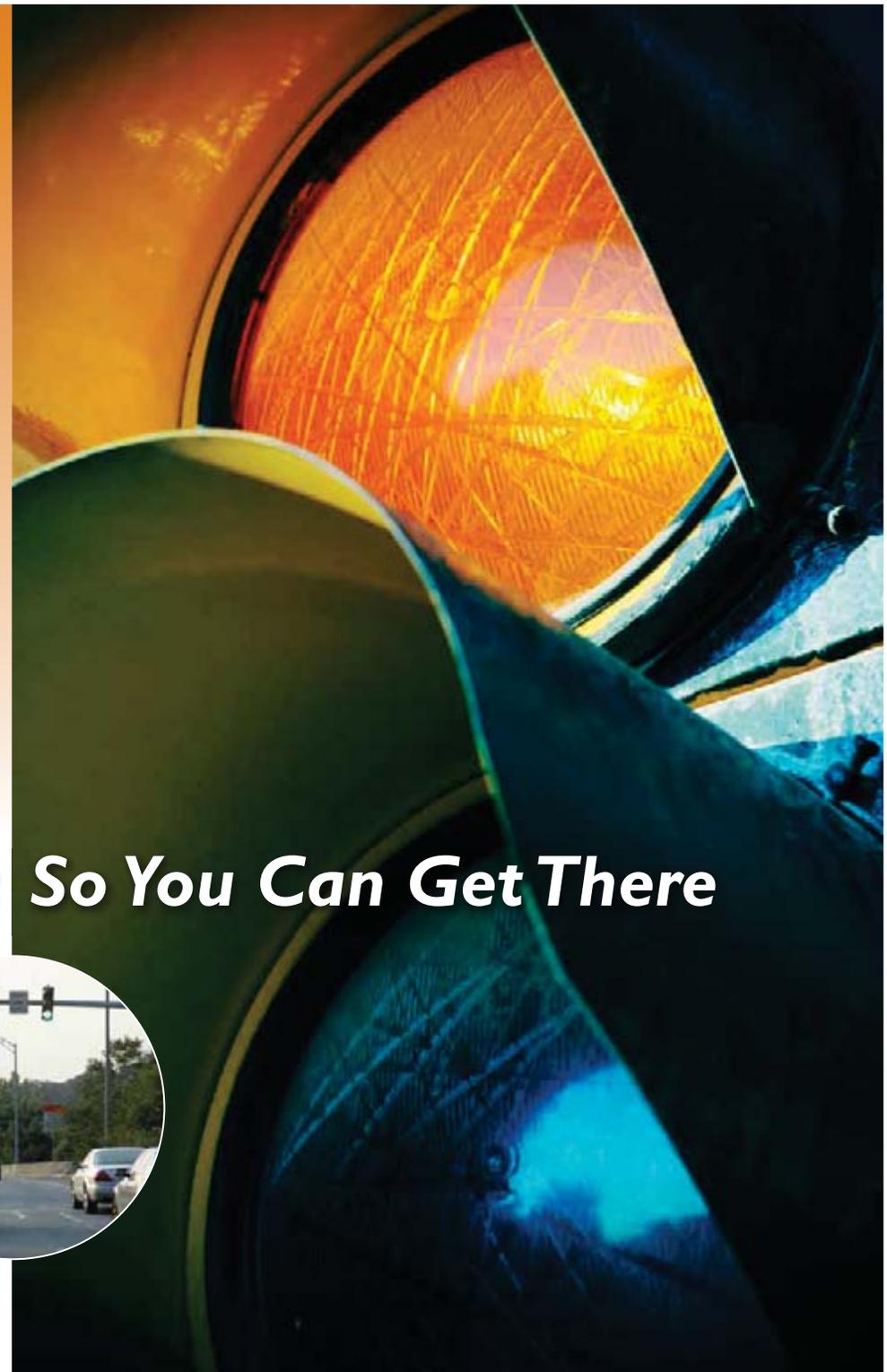
Cable Barriers Installed to Prevent Serious Cross-Over Accidents

Department invests in safety across the state

The Department spent more than \$4 million in fiscal year 2009 on the installation of cable barriers throughout Georgia, underscoring its commitment to improving the safety of the state's highway system.

Cable carriers are a safety improvement tool used to control damage done by and to vehicles and drivers involved in accidents on interstates. The barriers utilize woven, tension cables attached to steel and are proven to be safe, effective and cost-efficient. In fact, several studies have shown that they are very effective in preventing cross-over accidents, especially on interstates.

In FY 2009, Georgia DOT let to construction two cable barrier projects that installed 24.5 miles of cable barrier, at a combined cost of \$4.2 million. The average cost per mile of barrier for the two projects was \$171,687.



Keeping Traffic Moving So You Can Get There

Ramp Meters Installed to Relieve Congestion

The Department unveiled one of several tools it is using to keep traffic moving in metro Atlanta with the installation of ramp meters on freeway entrance ramps. The ramp meters are a part of Georgia DOT's comprehensive plan to enhance safety and relieve congestion on metro Atlanta interstate highways.

Some ramp meters were installed by the summer of 2009, bringing relief to some of the metro area's most congested corridors.

Ramp meters work similarly to traffic signals and are designed to delay the onset of rush-hour by regulating the flow of vehicles merging onto freeways. In addition to reducing hours of vehicle travel and maintaining traffic flow on interstates, ramp meters also decrease fuel consumption and some vehicle emissions.

Ramp meters became a necessary tool for the Department when 2004 – 2006 accident data showed that approximately 9.5 percent of traffic accidents on interstates 20, 75, 85 and 285 occurred on entrance ramps.



Highlights

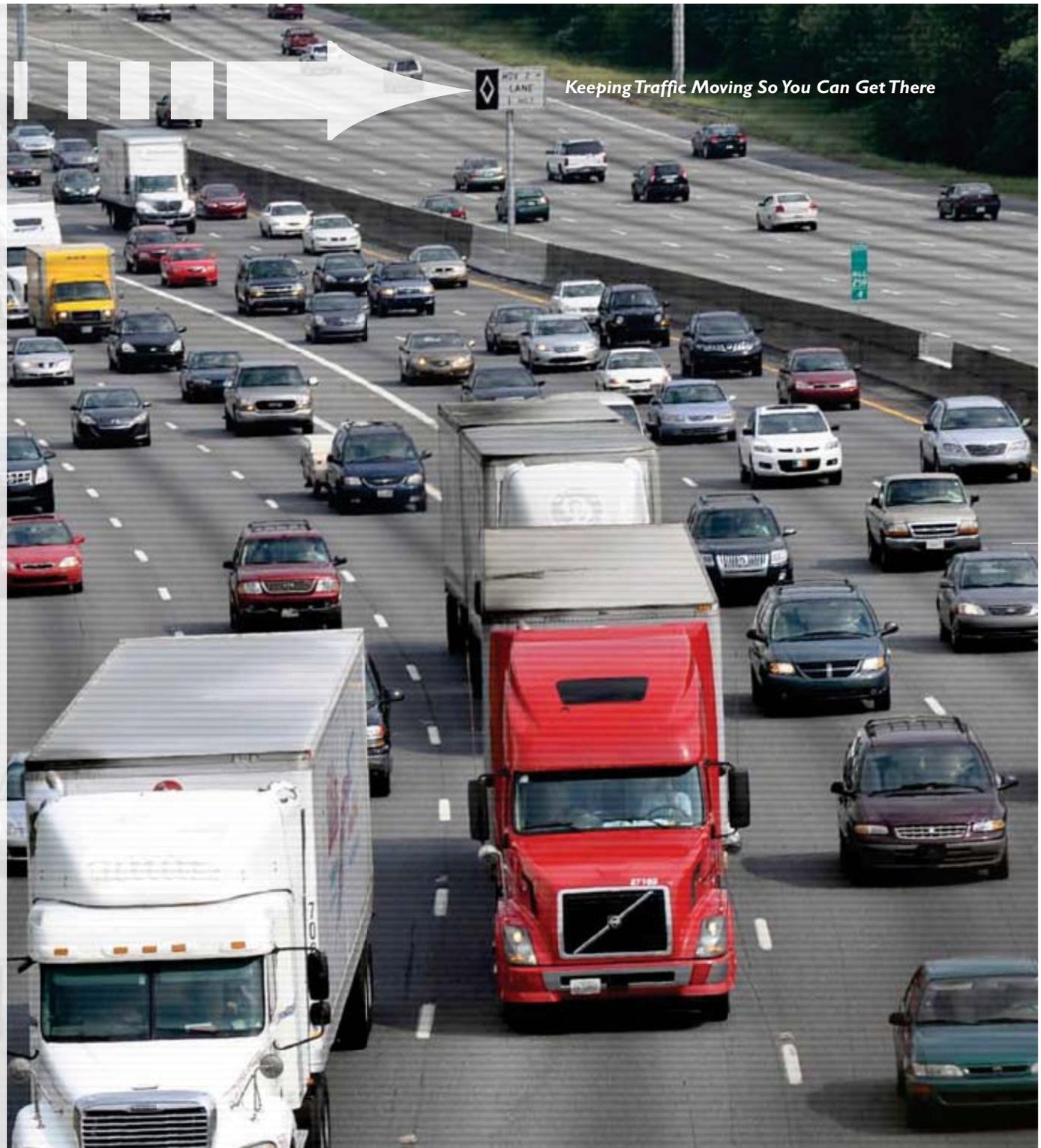
Managed Lanes Proposed for Interstate 85 to Improve Mobility

With a \$110 million federal grant already secured, the Department is moving forward with a comprehensive plan to improve traffic flow in some of the metro areas most congested corridors.

With the grant, along with \$37 million in matching funds, Georgia DOT moved forward in 2009 with Phase I of an integrated system of High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes, enhanced transit service and innovative technologies as part of the federal Congestion Reduction Demonstration Program.

The plans call for HOT lanes on the I-85 corridor from Chamblee-Tucker Road in DeKalb County to Old Peachtree Road in Gwinnett County. HOT Lanes will allow qualified vehicles such as buses, vanpools and eligible carpools, to ride in the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes for fee, while others would enter for a free. The fee would change based on the traffic volume in the HOT lanes to keep lanes free-flowing for those who use it. Working in conjunction with the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA), the Department launched an ambitious outreach campaign, providing information on how the new option is expected to relieve congestion and ultimately improve the quality of life for commuters.

The managed lanes strategy, while not expected to eliminate congestion completely, represents one of several tools the Department is deploying to improve the flow of traffic in major corridors in metro Atlanta.



Highlights

Keeping Traffic Moving So You Can Get There

State Farm Contracts Help Fund Successful HERO Program

Georgia DOT unveiled a unique partnership with State Farm in 2009 with its announcement of a collaborative sponsorship designed to create a long-term, supplemental funding source for the Department's Highway Emergency Response Operator (HERO) program.

Under terms of the contract between the Department and State Farm, the HERO program, which provides incident management and motorist assistance on metro Atlanta freeways, is now sponsored by State Farm. The insurance company pays the Georgia DOT up to \$8.75 million over the next five years to display its company logo on HERO vehicles, operator uniforms and signs identifying the HERO service area. All funds received through the contract will support the HERO program, which currently has an operating budget of approximately \$7.5 million.

The HERO sponsorship program, approved by the State Transportation Board in 2009, is one of several mechanisms the Department has aggressively pursued to overcome budget challenges.

HEROs patrolled 21 miles of metro Atlanta freeways, seven day per week in 2009. The number of HERO assists has increased nearly 100 percent in the last five years, approaching 100,000 annually.

FY 2009 HERO Fast Facts

Incidents Managed: **110,636**

Number of Routes: **21**

Miles Patrolled: **2,200**

Average Incident Response Time (Automobile): **0:12:16**

Average Roadway Clearance Time (Automobile): **0:08:39**

Average Incident Response Time (Tractor Trailer): **0:15:26**

Average Roadway Clearance Response Time (Tractor Trailer): **0:18:17**



Offering Superior Customer Service

Highlights

How's My Service Urges Customers to Rate Georgia DOT Employees

Georgia DOT customers looking to rate an employee's performance were given the opportunity with a new customer service feedback system introduced by the Department in 2009.

How's My Service was offered to the public through the Georgia DOT Web site and with a single click, allowed customers to submit comments offering feedback to employees or suggestions on ways the Department could improve. A goal of the feedback system was to offer a comprehensive and easily accessible way for customers to relate to employees.

Information from the service was incorporated into Georgia DOT's strategic plan to encourage overall agency improvement.

Department Celebrates Every Day Hero

While Georgia DOT employee Edward Jones would say he was simply doing what anyone else would have done, others call him an Every Day Hero.

While traveling on Interstate 75, heading back to the Area Office in Calhoun, Jones stopped for lunch in Marietta. As he was getting back onto I-75, he noticed a portfolio in the middle of the ramp. Jones not only retrieved the portfolio, he determined its owner's identity, notified him of the find and delivered it to him. The owner, an attorney, was very grateful.

For going above and beyond in more than doing his job, Jones, the Technical Service Engineer with Pit and Quarry in District 6, received the Department's first Every Day Hero award.



Offering Superior Customer Service

Office of Program Delivery



New Projects Managers Seek to Streamline Process and Improve Delivery

The Department moved a step closer to streamlining the process for completing projects with the establishment of an Office of Program Delivery in 2009, hiring 28 project managers to set realistic deadlines for seamlessly moving projects from concept design to construction completion.

Establishing the new office underscores Georgia DOT's commitment to delivering projects on time and on budget – ensuring that the Department delivers on what it promises.

Among the goals of the office and the project manager system are the following:

- Provide a single point of contact;
- Manage projects in scope, schedule and budget;
- Focus on day-to-day oversight and the big picture.

The project manager system will serve as a model for the Department, with other divisions potentially using it to direct their work. The team of highly-skilled project managers were selected from a pool of 400 applicants during a rigorous hiring process headed by the Deputy Commissioner and Chief Engineer.

PRESERVING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Legislation Brings Significant Changes to the Department

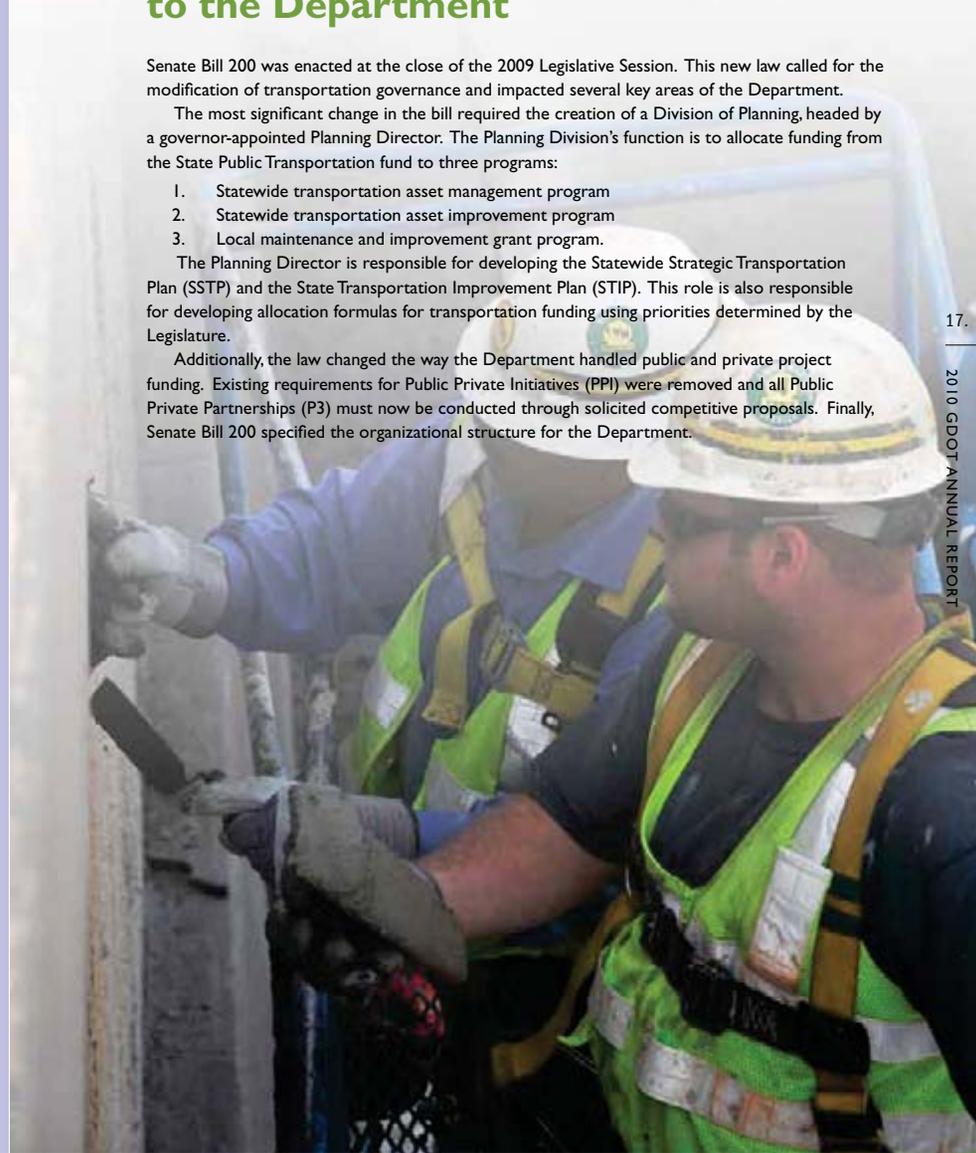
Senate Bill 200 was enacted at the close of the 2009 Legislative Session. This new law called for the modification of transportation governance and impacted several key areas of the Department.

The most significant change in the bill required the creation of a Division of Planning, headed by a governor-appointed Planning Director. The Planning Division's function is to allocate funding from the State Public Transportation fund to three programs:

1. Statewide transportation asset management program
2. Statewide transportation asset improvement program
3. Local maintenance and improvement grant program.

The Planning Director is responsible for developing the Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan (SSTP) and the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). This role is also responsible for developing allocation formulas for transportation funding using priorities determined by the Legislature.

Additionally, the law changed the way the Department handled public and private project funding. Existing requirements for Public Private Initiatives (PPI) were removed and all Public Private Partnerships (P3) must now be conducted through solicited competitive proposals. Finally, Senate Bill 200 specified the organizational structure for the Department.



Georgia DOT Ensures State Rail Plan Is Aligned with Board Policy and Federal Guidelines

Georgia Department of Transportation is responsible for preparing, maintaining and updating the statewide rail plan. The 2009 State Rail Plan (SRP) was developed in an effort to combine the state's planning for freight and passenger rail into one synchronized document. The SRP complies with State Transportation Board policy and requirements of the current federal guidelines established in the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (PRIIA) of 2008. This unparalleled act established an intercity passenger rail capital grant program for states.

The focus of the passenger segment of the plan was to develop intercity rail and assist the region with its vision for future commuter rail service. The Department is also committed to Freight Rail Transportation and will continue to work with private railroad companies, state and local governments to preserve and expand freight railroad services in Georgia.

Georgia's vision for rail transportation is to have a system that:

- Serves Georgians well for both passenger and freight services;
- Provides a preferred choice for intra-state travelers and shippers;
- Provides seamless and energy efficient intermodal connections from origin to destination; and
- Supports economic growth and development.

The State Rail Plan is a draft and will be circulated for comments to Railroads and Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPOs) for comment. Once the draft review is complete, the document will be revised and the final version filed with the Federal Railroad Administration for final acceptance.

PRESERVING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Highlights

Major Construction Project in Gwinnett Wins Praise from Businesses

Addition of HOV lanes and flyover bridges completed early

Motorists traveling Interstate 85 through Gwinnett County welcomed a more efficient and safer route to their destinations in FY 2009 with the early completion of

an interchange reconstruction project.

The \$155 million project added 14 miles of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to I-85 and built three miles of HOV lanes on State Route 316. Additionally, the reconstruction project included two new flyover bridges and the extension of the existing Collector Distributor (CD) system from Old Peachtree Road to Boggs Road south to include SR 316 and Pleasant Hill Road, creating the longest CD system in Georgia.

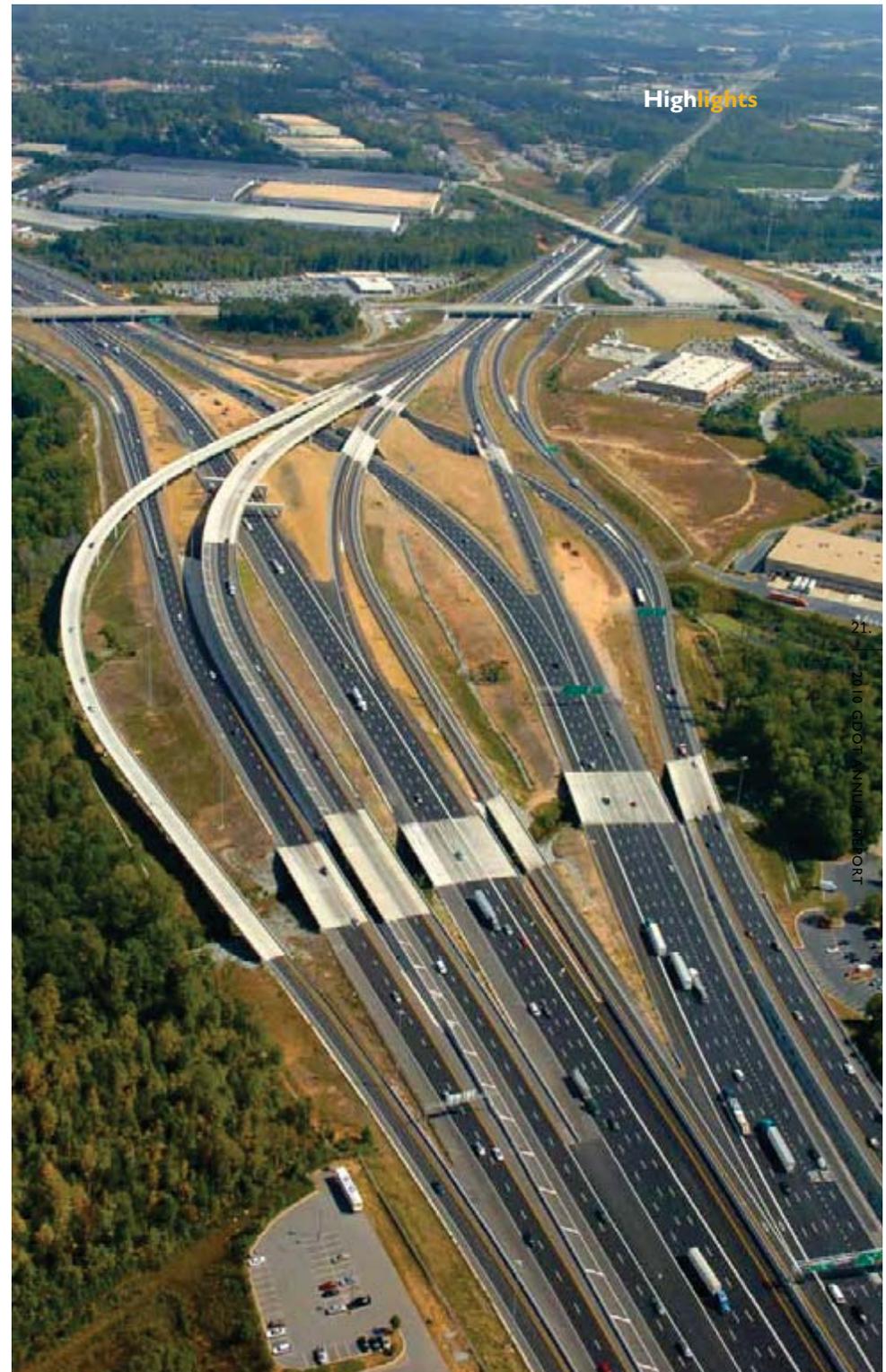
The massive project brought significant improvements to the area, along with increased speeds

during rush hour. Prior to the project, rush hour in the corridor ended around 7:15 p.m. Following the completion of the project, rush hour ends an hour earlier.

Equally important, the significant changes have won praise from businesses in the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID), who point to enhanced interstate access and improved traffic flow as major upgrades to the area.

Scheduled for completion in December 2008, the final segment of the project opened to traffic in October 2008, a full two months early.

Corridor	Average Trip Time BEFORE	Average Trip Time AFTER	Percent Savings
I-85 N from I-285 to SR316 (PM)	28 mins	17 mins	39%
I-85 S from SR 316 to I-285 (AM)	21 mins	16 mins	24%
I-285 N from US78 to I-85 (AM)	9 mins	6 mins	33%
I-285 S from I-85 to US78 (PM)	15 mins	11 mins	26%
75/85 N from Langford to I-20 (AM)	10 mins	6.5 mins	35%
I-75 N from I-285 to Wade Green (PM)	26.5 mins	20 mins	24%
I-75 S from Wade Green to I-285 (AM)	26 mins	21 mins	19%
I-285 N from I-20 to US 78 (AM)	14.5 mins	11 mins	24%
I-285 W from GA400 to I-75 (PM)	13.5 mins	11.5 mins	14%
I-285 W from I-85 to GA400 (AM)	10.5 mins	8.5 mins	19%



Highlights

Downtown Connector Resurfacing Brings Smoother Ride for Motorists

The timely completion of projects continued during FY 2009, with the early opening of resurfaced lanes on the Downtown Connector.

Drivers making their way through the Interstate-75/Interstate-85 corridor between University Avenue and 10th Street found a smoother commute in each direction as a result of the resurfacing, which was completed in November 2008. The Downtown Connector was last resurfaced in 1995, just prior to the 1996 Olympic Games.

The Georgia Department of Transportation announced that the Downtown Connector resurfacing project in Atlanta finished nearly three months ahead of the scheduled completion date.

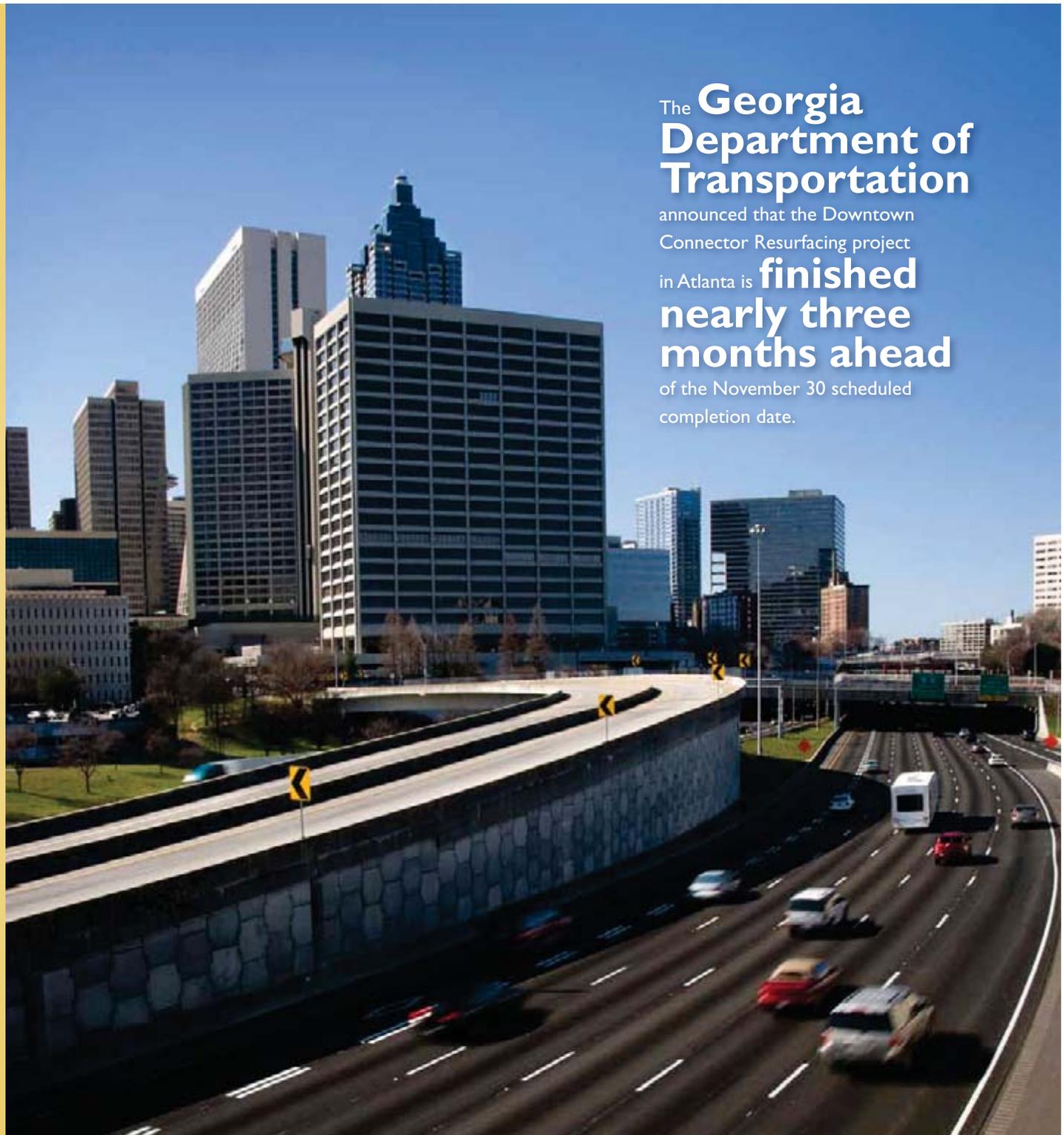
The early completion of the project came despite spring rains which delayed progress. However, improved weather conditions during weekends allowed crews to work diligently Friday nights through Monday mornings. Each weekend saw a line of more than 300 dump trucks and more than 350 workers removing and replacing up to 20,000 tons of material for a project total of 175,000 tons. The \$27.7 million project extended nearly five miles through the heart of downtown Atlanta and included as many as eight lanes in each direction.

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Financial Highlights

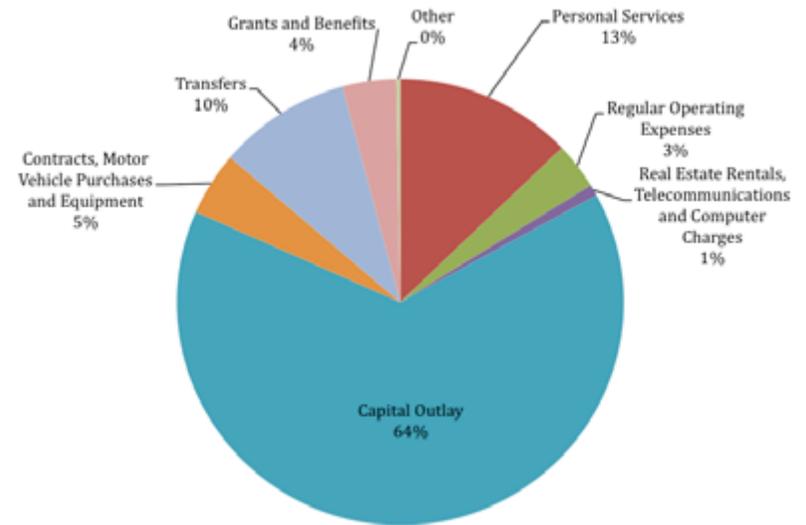
Department of Transportation
 Combined Statement of Funds Available, Expenditures
 and Changes in Fund Balances (Statutory Basis)
 All Governmental Fund Types
 Year Ended June 30, 2009

	Governmental Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	Budget Fund	State Revenue Collections Fund	
Funds Available			
Revenues:			
State Appropriations			
General Funds	\$ 23,267,598.00		\$ 23,267,598.00
Motor Fuel Funds	384,589,501.27		384,589,501.27
Total State Appropriation	\$ 407,857,099.27		\$ 407,857,099.27
Federal Revenues	\$ 411,932,623.35		\$ 411,932,623.35
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009	\$ 69,264,129.75		\$ 69,264,129.75
Other Revenues			
GSFIC	\$ 305,941,417.44		\$ 305,941,417.44
SRTA	57,279,510.96		57,279,510.96
Other	55,845,556.86	\$ 0.00	55,845,556.86
Total Other Revenues	\$ 419,066,485.26	\$ 0.00	\$ 419,066,485.26
Total Revenues	\$ 1,308,120,337.63	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,308,120,337.63
Carry-Over From Prior Year	0.00		0.00
Total Funds Available	\$ 1,308,120,337.63	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,308,120,337.63
Expenditures			
Personal Services	\$ 275,916,544.22		\$ 275,916,544.22
Regular Operating Expenses	72,168,657.11		72,168,657.11
Motor Vehicle Purchases	275,000.00		275,000.00
Equipment	1,390,201.09		1,390,201.09
Computer Charges	8,320,780.13		8,320,780.13
Real Estate Rentals	4,334,613.15		4,334,613.15
Telecommunications	4,964,619.55		4,964,619.55
Capital Outlay	1,384,820,243.33		1,384,820,243.33
Contracts	97,111,730.11		97,111,730.11
Transfers	205,584,656.73	\$ 950.00	205,585,606.73
Grants and Benefits	83,738,869.32		83,738,869.32
Other	5,975,317.01		5,975,317.01
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,144,601,231.75	\$ 950.00	\$ 2,144,602,181.75
Excess Funds Available over Expenditures	\$ (836,480,894.12)	\$ (950.00)	\$ (836,481,844.12)
Fund Balance - July 1	21,210,078.98	950.00	21,211,028.98
Adjustments to Fund Balance			
Unreserved, Undesignated (Surplus) Returned to Treasury	(3,543,777.65)		(3,543,777.65)
Prior Year Payables/Expenditures	514,758,792.34		514,758,792.34
Federal Revenue Recognized for Prior Year			
Converted Motor Fuel and Advanced Construction Expenditures	717,742,024.49		717,742,024.49
Prior Year Receivables/Revenues	(705,614.50)		(705,614.50)
Other Adjustments	101,994.68		101,994.68
Fund Balance - June 30	\$ 413,082,604.22	\$ 0.00	\$ 413,082,604.22

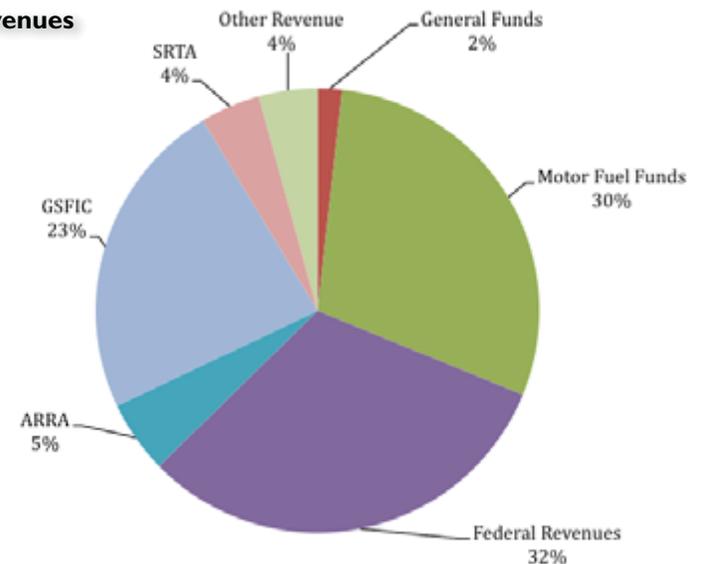
Source: Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts

Financial Highlights

Total Expenditures



Total Revenues





On the Road to Recovery

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17th, 2009 as an effort to jumpstart our economy and create and/or retain millions of jobs across the country. The \$789 billion Act included \$48 billion worth of investment in our nation's transportation infrastructure, highways, public transit, high-speed rail and aviation. The State of Georgia received \$932 million in ARRA funds for highway transportation; \$38 million for public transit; and nearly \$10 million for aviation projects. Very specific spending guidelines accompanied this federal funding;

in order to efficiently meet the strict project criteria and quickly-approaching deadlines of the funding, Georgia DOT quickly mobilized to:

- 1) create an internal steering committee for ARRA project criteria review, contract administration, and the reporting and transparency aspects of this important initiative, and
- 2) create an inter-agency ARRA Task Force including representatives from Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB), Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and other transportation partner agencies in Georgia.



Choosing Eligible ARRA Projects Across the State

With the input of the Task Force, Georgia DOT staff began the task of determining which of the \$2.5 billion in potential projects statewide would best fit the strict ARRA criteria and funding amounts. Recommendations for project category (maintenance, bridge repairs, safety, congestion mitigation/new capacity) funding levels were presented to the State Transportation Board

and approved. As staff began to develop a list of eligible projects statewide, many regular work program projects that had been put on hold due to the Department's lack of funding were reviewed for ARRA funding eligibility. The Board directed Department staff to solicit all municipalities in all 159 Georgia counties for local transportation projects that met the ARRA funding "shovel-ready" criteria. (See sidebar.) Governor Sonny Perdue also provided oversight of the selection process.



Prioritizing Projects to Fund with ARRA Dollars

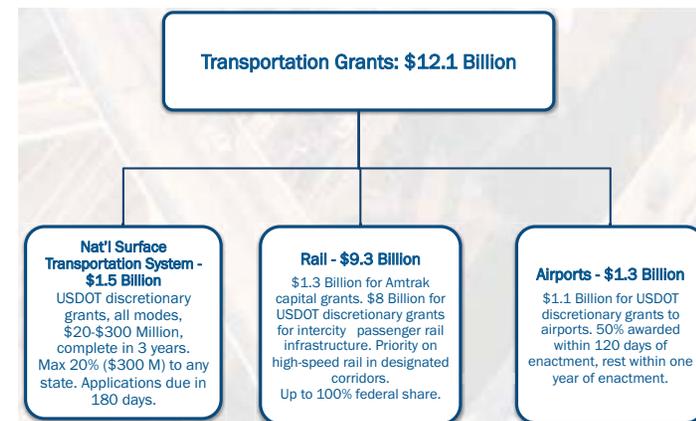
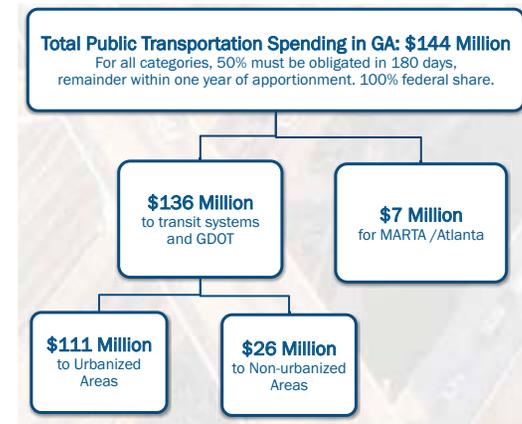
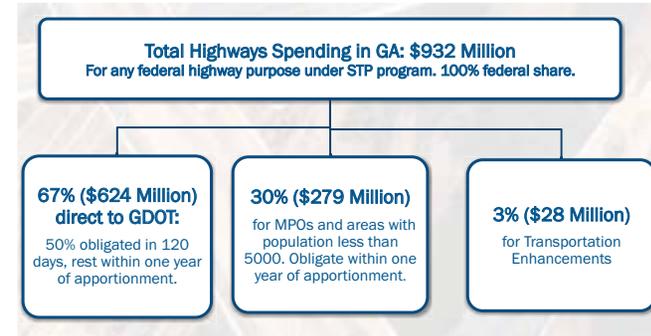
Georgia DOT received nearly 2,500 projects worth over \$2 billion in local project requests for funding. Because there were many projects eligible than funding available, a prioritized short list of projects that met ARRA requirements was developed. From the list of projects that met basic ARRA requirements, a final list of projects was developed based on the following additional project selection criteria:

- Three-year completion priority, so that expenditures can be completed by February 17, 2012;
- Provides work in federally-designated Economically Distressed Areas (EDAs) of the state;
- Expeditious project delivery with a goal of obligating at least 50% of the funds within 120 days, not later than June 17, 2009; and
- Maximize job creation.

On March 19, 2009, the State Transportation Board reviewed and approved a list of 135 eligible projects with an estimated total cost of \$512 million for the Department's ARRA Phase One (ARRA guidelines stated that a minimum of 50% of Georgia's \$624 million must be obligated by June 30, 2009). This list was submitted to Governor Perdue to certify as Phase One projects. The Governor certified 67 of the 135 projects for a total cost estimate of \$111 million on April 7, 2009; 51 were subsequently certified on May 4; and the final 20 on June 12.

With Phase One certifications in-hand, Georgia DOT staff moved 76 ARRA projects to let for construction in May and June 2009, ending FY 2009 with a total award amount of \$150,664,159 for ARRA-funded Georgia DOT and local-let projects. Of those, Georgia DOT awarded a total of 69 ARRA contracts for those two months – 40 in May and 29 in June --for a total contract award amount of \$137,349,723.

Transportation Stimulus for Georgia





Stimulus Funds at Work in Greene County

The ride for motorists making their way to Greene County became much smoother with the resurfacing of State Route 44, a major thoroughfare taking residents and visitors to resorts, nearby shopping or to one of several communities near or on Lake Oconee.

The county's lone stimulus project – the resurfacing of SR 44 from the Putnam County line to State Route 12 – has been a boon, says Greene County Manager Bryan Lombard, noting that the newly resurfaced state route serves an increasing population of retirees and baby boomers calling the Lake Oconee area home. "The project has been major for the community in terms of the added safety features such as the raised markers and striping," added Lombard. "It's also a good looking road that has helped the overall image of the area, especially in the employment sector where many businesses and schools are located."

As with all projects let and awarded using American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) funds, the SR 44 project was shovel-ready and identified by the Georgia DOT as meeting the criteria for funding.

For Greene County, the stimulus project represented a "stop gap" measure, the county manager says, adding that the county has worked to get other projects "shovel-ready" should there be additional funds available in the future. As a result of work completed by contractor Pittman Construction Company, Greene County began additional road work and intersection improvements on Carey Station Road, which intersects with SR 44. "We are proud of the work on [SR] 44 and are pleased with all GDOT did to get it completed," says Lombard. "We are very thankful."





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Who We Are

The Georgia Department of Transportation's team of motivated professionals and quality-driven management work every day to maintain and improve our state's mobility by providing a safe, seamless, intermodal, environmentally-sensitive transportation system. Through transportation leadership and wise use of human and financial resources, our goal is to ensure a balance of transportation options so that people and goods may arrive at their destination in a timely and efficient manner.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE PROFILE

American Indian

Female	2	0.04%
Male	7	0.13%

Asian/Pacific Islander

Female	19	0.36%
Male	48	0.90%

African American

Female	558	10.45%
Male	1444	27.05%

Hispanic

Female	6	0.11%
Male	41	0.77%

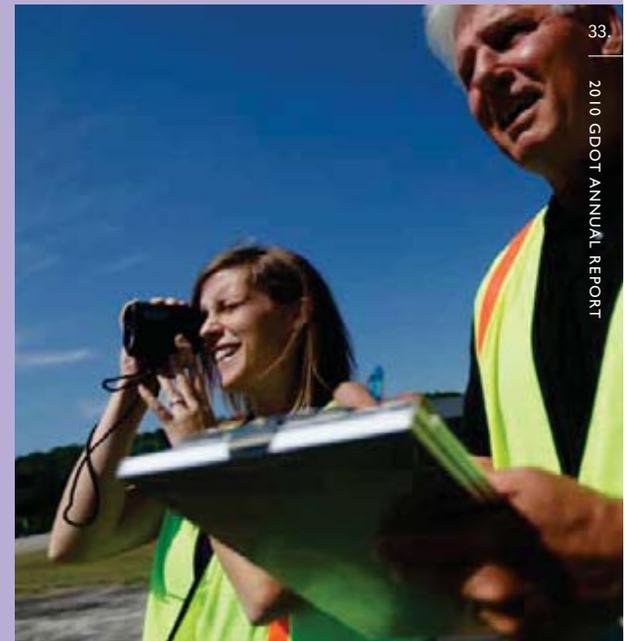
Multi-racial

Female	11	0.21%
Male	10	0.19%

White

Female	572	10.72%
Male	2620	49.08%

Source: Georgia Department of Transportation Office of Human Resources



Department Receives National Honors in 2009

Georgia 511 Honored for Marketing and Excellence Awards



The Department earned three distinguished awards honoring the Georgia 511 travel information service, including two for its marketing and communications campaigns.

Georgia DOT received the Phoenix Award in the integrated communications program category from the Public Relations Society of America, Georgia Chapter, the second largest chamber of public relations professionals in the U.S. The award, named for the symbol of the city of Atlanta, is PRSA/Georgia's highest honor.

Additionally, the Department was honored with the International Association of Business

Communicators, Atlanta Chamber (IABC/Atlanta) Silver Flame Award for integrated marketing. IABC is a not-for-profit international network of professionals committed to improving the effectiveness of organizations through strategic interactive and integrated business communication management. The awards were shared with Georgia DOT's Atlanta-based public relations partners, Hayslett Group and McRae. Including two awards for marketing, the Federal Highway Administration awarded the Department an Honorable Mention as part of its 2008 Excellence in Highway Design Awards program. The award, recognizing Georgia DOT's 511 system, was shared with Meridian Environmental Technology of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Georgia 511 launched in August 2007 and by 2009 had received more than 2 million calls from travelers across the state.

OEL Receives Governor's Commendation Award

Georgia DOT's discovery of the USS/CSS Water Witch – a sunken vessel lost nearly 150 years ago – received the Governor's Commendation Award in 2009.

The award recognized the Office of Environment /Location's discovery of the

wreckage of the Water Witch under a thick layer of silt in the Vernon River near Savannah. The discovery, along with opportunities to display their findings and to use them as an educational tool, has been a joint effort with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources's Historic Preservation Division; Federal Highway Administration, the National Civil War Museum and Tidewater Atlantic Research.

The Department received the award, which honors employees who go above and beyond their normal activities to provide exceptional service to Georgia citizens, as part of Governor Sonny Perdue's Commendation Event at the state Capitol.



SURVEY CREW: (L-R) JIM POWRETT, GDOT, ARCHAEOLOGIST; CHAD CARLSON, GDOT, HISTORIAN; DR. DAVID CRASS, DNR, DEPUTY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER; STEVE HOWARD, TIDEWATER ATLANTIC RESEARCH; CHRIS MCCABE, DNR, ARCHAEOLOGIST; HARRY PECORELLI, TIDEWATER ATLANTIC RESEARCH; BRUCE SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL CIVIL WAR NAVAL MUSEUM; DR. GORDON WATTS, TIDEWATER ATLANTIC RESEARCH



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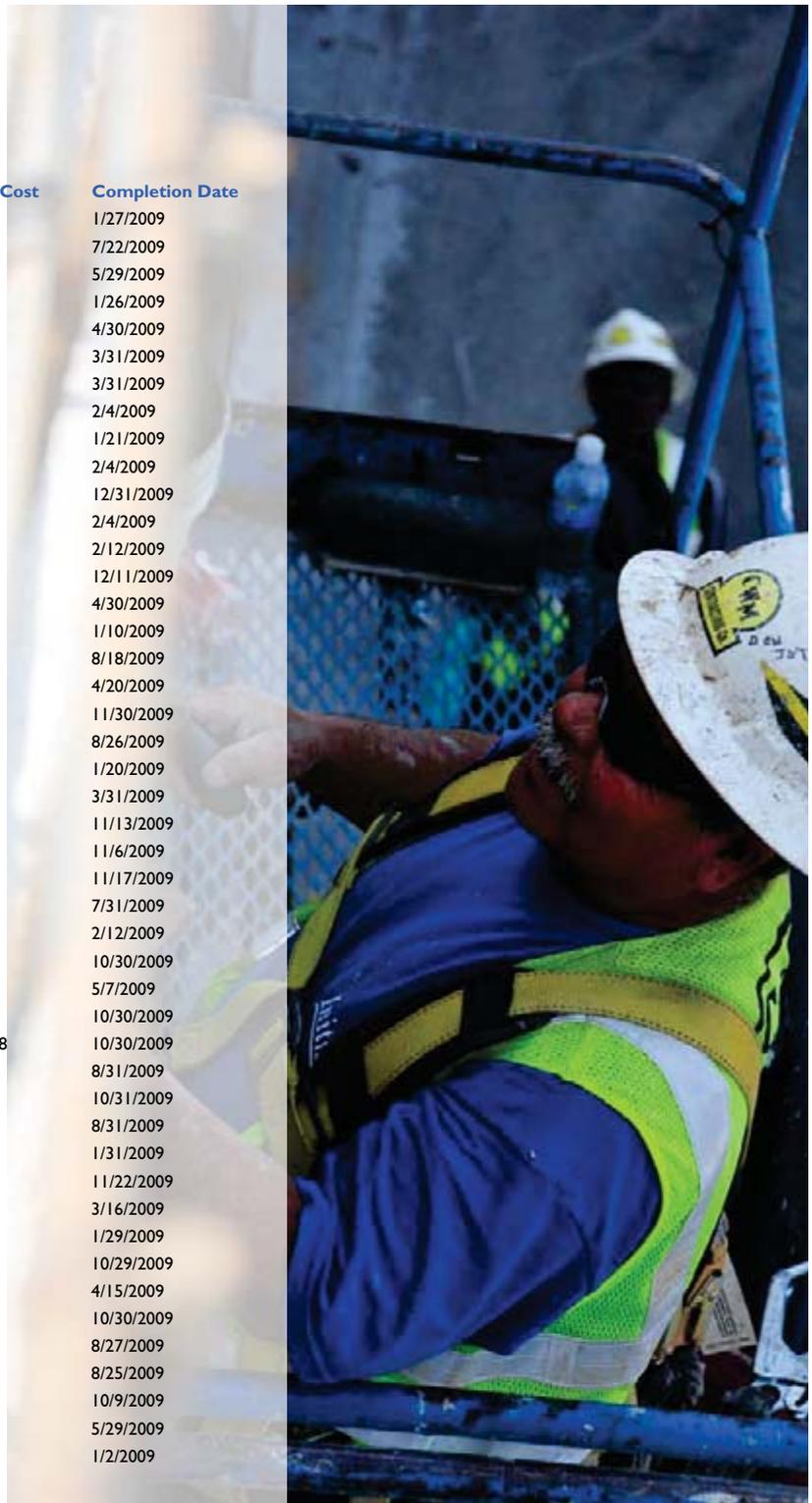


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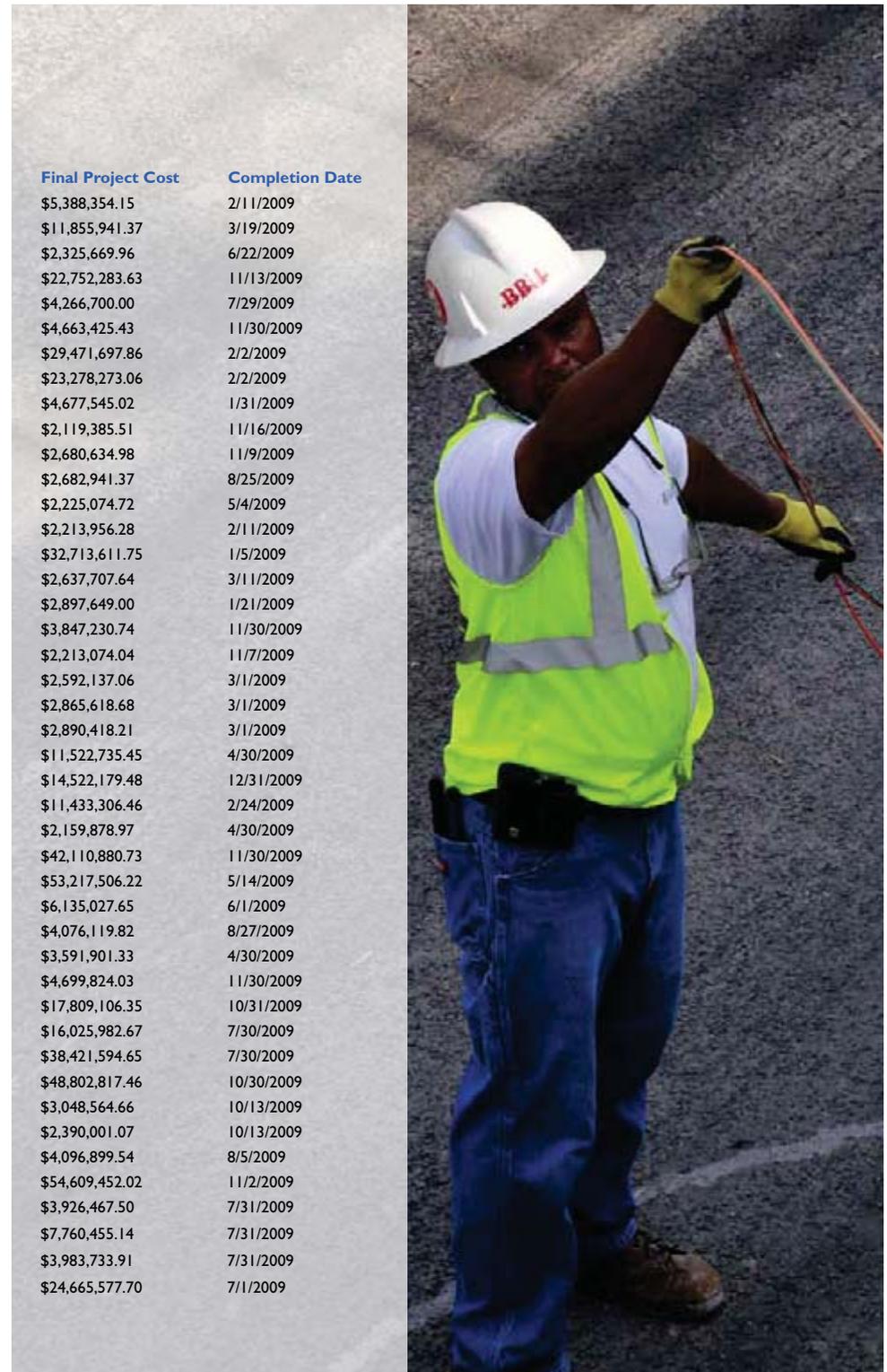
Project Description	Primary County	Final Project Cost	Completion Date
SR 15 - Roadway Reconstruction	Appling	\$3,360,998.13	1/27/2009
SR 27 - 10.60 Mile Gr, Dr, Base & Plmx Resf; Constr 2 Br	Appling	\$20,687,161.13	7/22/2009
SR 27/US 341 - 13.160	Appling	\$15,521,986.82	5/29/2009
US 441/SR 29 - 6.671 Mile Milling, Plmx Resf, Shldr Recnst	Baldwin	\$2,298,208.94	1/26/2009
SR 11 (Winder-Monroe Pkwy) - 0.559 Mile Bridge Replacement	Barrow	\$2,301,278.93	4/30/2009
I-75/SR 401 - 8.900 Mile Milling & Inlay Pcc Paving	Bartow	\$52,057,746.14	3/31/2009
I-75/SR 401 - 8.900 Mile Milling & Inlay Pcc Paving	Bartow	\$28,031,094.08	3/31/2009
SR 113 / SR 61 - 5.513 Mile Widening & Recnst	Bartow	\$2,385,902.13	2/4/2009
SR 113 - 4.533 Mile Widening & Recnst	Bartow	\$17,423,250.55	1/21/2009
SR 113 / SR 61 - .160 Mile Bridge Replacement	Bartow	\$4,314,255.37	2/4/2009
SR 113 (Old Alabama Rd) - 1.198 Mile Widening & Recnst	Bartow	\$17,491,421.07	12/31/2009
SR 113 / SR 61 - 5.513 Mile Widening & Recnst	Bartow	\$19,304,117.23	2/4/2009
SR 74 - 2.0 Mile Ln Widen And Constr Of Turn Lanes	Bibb	\$15,794,148.86	2/12/2009
I-75 / I-475 - 3.730 Mile Interchange Reconstruction	Bibb	\$88,269,284.23	12/11/2009
SR 33 - 0.416 Mile Bridge Replacement	Brooks	\$2,436,078.66	4/30/2009
US 25/SR 121 - Widening, Gr, Dr, Base & Plmx Resf	Burke	\$19,747,482.23	1/10/2009
SR 121/US 25 - 5.79 Mile Of Lane Widening; Constr Of 3 Bridge	Burke	\$17,345,542.99	8/18/2009
SR 16/US 27 Alt - 0.956 Mile Bridge Replacement	Carroll	\$6,452,288.20	4/20/2009
SR 5 - 23.645 Mile Mill, Plmx Resf & Shldr Rcns	Carroll	\$2,909,691.97	11/30/2009
SR 166 - 12.678 Mile Mill, Plmx Resf & Shldr Recon	Carroll	\$2,534,864.10	8/26/2009
I-575/SR 417 - 8.540 Mile Atms Comm & Surv Expan	Cherokee	\$6,161,582.38	1/20/2009
SR 140 - 0.417 Mile Intersection Improvement	Cherokee	\$4,071,844.60	3/31/2009
SR 92 - 4.36 Mile Widening & Reconstruction Roadway	Cherokee	\$34,357,561.25	11/13/2009
CR 600 (Danielsville Rd) - 1.197 Mile Widening & Recnst	Clarke	\$5,184,949.06	11/6/2009
I-75/SR 401, I-20/SR 402 & I-85/ - 62.100 Mile Signs Upgrds	Clayton	\$2,581,459.50	11/17/2009
CR 1351 (Rex Rd) - 0.529 Mile Bridge Replacement	Clayton	\$5,246,221.09	7/31/2009
US 19/SR 3 - 11.720 Mile Milling, Plmx Resf & Shldr Rcnst	Clayton	\$10,242,208.84	2/12/2009
I-20/SR 402 - 1.99 Mile Interchange Reconstruction	Columbia	\$13,910,415.96	10/30/2009
I-20/SR 402 - Interchange Improvements	Columbia	\$8,943,566.01	5/7/2009
I-20/SR 402 - 1.99 Mile Interchange Reconstruction	Columbia	\$8,525,738.81	10/30/2009
I-20 & I-520 - 4.26 Mile Interchange Reconstruction	Columbia	\$170,761,547.58	10/30/2009
SR 74/SR 85 - 0.246 Mile Bridge Replacement	Coweta	\$2,582,261.41	8/31/2009
US 78 (St Mtn Fwy) - 10.030 Mile Atms Installation	Dekalb	\$7,646,440.30	10/31/2009
SR 10/Memorial Drive - 0.694 Mile Intersection Improvements	Dekalb	\$4,696,145.17	8/31/2009
US 29/SR 8 - 5.700 Mile Milling, Inlay & Resurfacing	Dekalb	\$2,239,108.32	1/31/2009
I-285 & SR 10 - Interchange Reconstruction	Dekalb	\$52,577,601.99	11/22/2009
US 29/SR 8 - 1.20 Mile Interchange Reconstruction	Dekalb	\$24,682,090.67	3/16/2009
I-20/SR 402 - 17.950 Mile Ramp Meter Expansion	Dekalb	\$2,275,491.30	1/29/2009
SR 117 - 13.320 Mile Milling, Inlay, Plmx Resf & Shldr Rcnst	Dodge	\$2,058,576.80	10/29/2009
SR 7 - 16.761 Mile Milling, Resurfacing, Shldr Rcns Ss Trtmt	Dooly	\$3,970,657.10	4/15/2009
SR 62, SR 91 & SR 234 - 4.960 Mile Traffic Signal Upgrades	Dougherty	\$2,197,701.50	10/30/2009
US 78/SR 5 - 10.510 Mile Milling & Plmx Resurf	Douglas	\$2,479,148.45	8/27/2009
US 27/SR 1 - 7.983 Mile Widening & Reconstruction	Early	\$29,696,693.88	8/25/2009
SR 121 - 14.430 Mile Milling, Plmx Resf, Ss Trtmt & Shldr Rcns	Emanuel	\$2,367,055.79	10/9/2009
US 27/SR 1 - 0.329 Mile Widenin Addl Ln, Gdbp & Br Cnst	Floyd	\$9,606,573.49	5/29/2009
SR 306 - Intersection Improvements	Forsyth	\$4,435,866.58	1/2/2009



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SR 51 & SR 145 - Bridge Replacements	Franklin	\$5,388,354.15	2/11/2009
I-285/SR 407 - 10.3 Mile Atms Installation	Fulton	\$11,855,941.37	3/19/2009
US 29/SR 8 - 6.405 Mile Mill, Inlay & Plmx Resf	Fulton	\$2,325,669.96	6/22/2009
SR 70 (Fulton Ind Blvd) - 2.322 Mile Widening & Recnst	Fulton	\$22,752,283.63	11/13/2009
Peachtree Street From 10Th Street - Streetscape Improvement	Fulton	\$4,266,700.00	7/29/2009
Cs 3101 (Grimes Bridge Rd) - 0.383 Mile Bridge Replacement	Fulton	\$4,663,425.43	11/30/2009
I-95 - 4.309 Mile Gr, Dr, Base, Plmx Resf & Br Cnst	Glynn	\$29,471,697.86	2/2/2009
I-95 - 0.589 Mile Bridge Cnst	Glynn	\$23,278,273.06	2/2/2009
SR 156 - 0.483 Miles Bridge Replacement	Gordon	\$4,677,545.02	1/31/2009
SR 44 - 11.331 Mile Milling, Inlay, Plmx Resf, Single Surf Trtmt	Greene	\$2,119,385.51	11/16/2009
SR 124 - 7.502 Miles Milling & Plmx Resf	Gwinnett	\$2,680,634.98	11/9/2009
SR 141 - 6.251 Milling & Plmx Resurf	Gwinnett	\$2,682,941.37	8/25/2009
VarioUS Co Roads - 30.853 Mile - Plant Mix Resurfacing	Gwinnett	\$2,225,074.72	5/4/2009
SR 324 (Phase I) - 1.193 Mile - Widen, Curb, Gutter, Sdwalk,	Gwinnett	\$2,213,956.28	2/11/2009
SR 13 - 1.493 Mile Intersection Improvement	Gwinnett	\$32,713,611.75	1/5/2009
SR 60 - 9.117 Mile Mill, Plmx Resf, Shldr Recnst	Hall	\$2,637,707.64	3/11/2009
SR 116 - 0.881 Mile Bridge Replacement	Harris	\$2,897,649.00	1/21/2009
US 27/SR 1 - 24.058 Mile Milling, Plmx Resf, Ss Trtmt & Shldr Rcns	Harris	\$3,847,230.74	11/30/2009
SR 138 - 0.5111 Mile Intersection Improvements	Henry	\$2,213,074.04	11/7/2009
SR 155 - 0.530 Mile Bridge Replacement	Henry	\$2,592,137.06	3/1/2009
SR 155 - 0.322 Mile Bridge Replacement	Henry	\$2,865,618.68	3/1/2009
SR 155 - 0.341 Intersection Improvement	Henry	\$2,890,418.21	3/1/2009
I-75/SR 401 - 1.420 Mile Widening Additional Lane Sb	Henry	\$11,522,735.45	4/30/2009
SR 127 - 3.364 Mile Widening And Reconstruction	Houston	\$14,522,179.48	12/31/2009
SR 67 - 6.060 Mile Widen Ln, Gr, Dr, Base & Plmx, Constr Bridge	Jenkins	\$11,433,306.46	2/24/2009
I-16/SR 404 - 4.076 Mile Water/Sewer Installation	Laurens	\$2,159,878.97	4/30/2009
US 19 / SR 3 - 9.91 Mile Gr, Dr, Bas, Plmx Resf & Br Cnst	Lee	\$42,110,880.73	11/30/2009
I-95-8.048 Mile - Widening, Plmx Resurf, Bridge Cnst & Seal	Liberty	\$53,217,506.22	5/14/2009
CR 781 - Bridge Replacements	Lowndes	\$6,135,027.65	6/1/2009
SR 26 & SR 128 - Intersection Improvements	Macon	\$4,076,119.82	8/27/2009
SR 85 - 0.418 Mile Bridge Replacement	Meriwether	\$3,591,901.33	4/30/2009
US 19/SR 3 - 29.224 Mile Mill & Plmx Resf	Mitchell	\$4,699,824.03	11/30/2009
I-185/SR 411 - 1.306 Mile Interchange Reconstruction	Muscogee	\$17,809,106.35	10/31/2009
I-20/SR 402 - 0.750 Mile Bridge Recnst & Widening	Newton	\$16,025,982.67	7/30/2009
I-20/SR 402 - 1.932 Mile Bridge Recnst & Widening	Newton	\$38,421,594.65	7/30/2009
US 27/SR 1 - 5.777 Mile Widening & Reconstruction	Polk	\$48,802,817.46	10/30/2009
SR 16 - 0.300 Mile Bridge Replacement	Putnam	\$3,048,564.66	10/13/2009
SR 16 - 0.729 Mile Intersection Improvements	Putnam	\$2,390,001.07	10/13/2009
SR 216 - 0.795 Mile Bridge Replacement	Randolph	\$4,096,899.54	8/5/2009
I-20/SR 402 - 3.070 Mile Highway Improvements	Richmond	\$54,609,452.02	11/2/2009
SR 155 - 0.501 Mile Of Cnst Bridge & Approaches	Spalding	\$3,926,467.50	7/31/2009
SR 155 - 3.335 Mile Cnst Passing Lanes	Spalding	\$7,760,455.14	7/31/2009
SR 155 - 0.400 Mile Bridge Replacement	Spalding	\$3,983,733.91	7/31/2009
US 19/SR 3 - 5.385 Mile Rdwy Recnst	Sumter	\$24,665,577.70	7/1/2009



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US 80/SR 22 - 18.272 Mile Milling, Plmx Resf, Shldr Recnst

SR 121 - 15.972 Mile Mill & Plmx Resf

SR 3/US 19 - 10.171 Mile Widening & Reconstruction

So Lagrange Loop - 2.026 Mile Gr,Dr,Base & Plmx Surf

US 27/SR 1 - 16.272 Mile Mill & Plmx Resf

SR 219 - 14.113 Mile Mill, Inlay, Ss Trtmt & Shldr Rcns

I-85/SR 403 - Turn Lane Construction

US 29SR 14 - 1.067 Mile Lane Widening

I-75/SR 401 - 6.7532 Mile Grade, Drain, Base&Plmx; Br Reconstr

SR 2 & SR 52 - Upgrade Traffic Signals

SR 520 - 12.435 Mile Milling, Resf & Shldr Rnst

Primary County

Talbot

Tattnall

Taylor

Troup

Troup

Troup

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Troup

Turner

Walker

Worth

Final Project Cost

\$3,757,394.48

\$2,373,048.25

\$33,087,508.70

\$9,021,795.42

\$2,822,270.85

\$2,680,459.88

\$4,735,392.91

\$3,957,724.78

\$42,816,754.24

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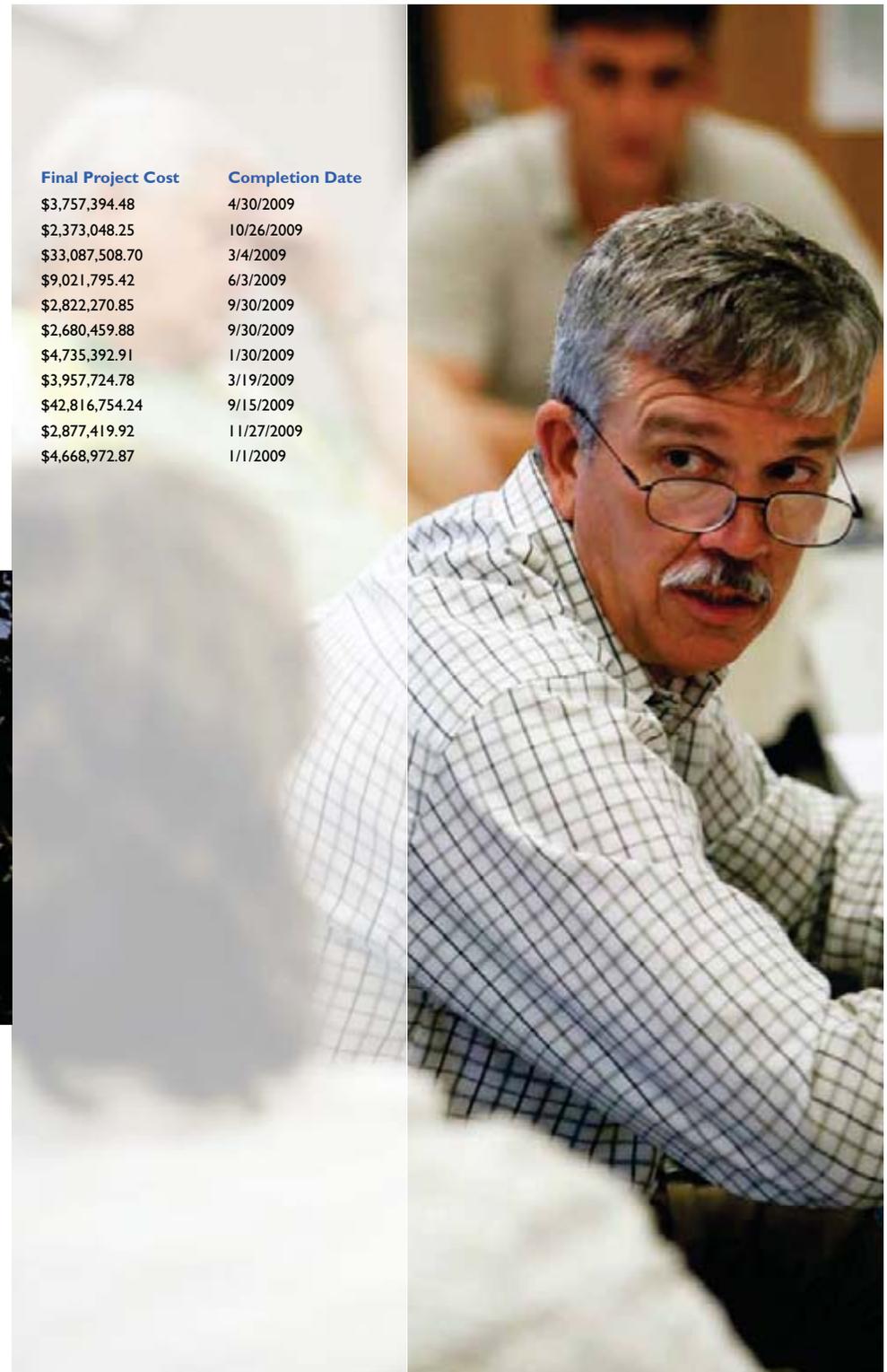
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Pedestrian crossing Fifth Street Bridge near Georgia Tech



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