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CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING HIGHWAY 400

Cumming, GA - Local and state officials will gather Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 10 a.m. to ceremoniously break ground for the project that will widen State Route 400 from McFarland Parkway to State Route 369 in Forsyth County. The ceremony will be held in the northeastern corner of the GRTA Park and Ride Lot on North Old Atlanta Road adjacent to SR 400 southbound in Cumming.

The project is being made possible through a partnership between Forsyth County and the Georgia Department of Transportation. GDOT has contributed \$13 million to this work and is managing the project. The remainder of the project funding – approximately \$34.5 million – comes from the Forsyth County Transportation Bond. Approved by 63 percent of Forsyth County voters in November 2014, the Transportation Bond will finance a variety of transportation projects throughout the county.

“Our citizens recognized the need to continue to enhance transportation in our county and they decided to do something about it,” said County Commission Chairman R.J. (Pete) Amos. “By approving Forsyth County’s Transportation Bond, they enabled the county to advance projects sooner than otherwise would have been possible, while leveraging state and federal funding, making the most of our bond dollars.”

The project will add an additional lane in each direction on Highway 400 from McFarland Road to Highway 369. Bridges over Big Creek and the Sawnee Creek portion of Lake Lanier will be widened. The 13.4 mile long, \$47.4 million construction project will be built by C.W. Matthews Contracting by June 1, 2018.

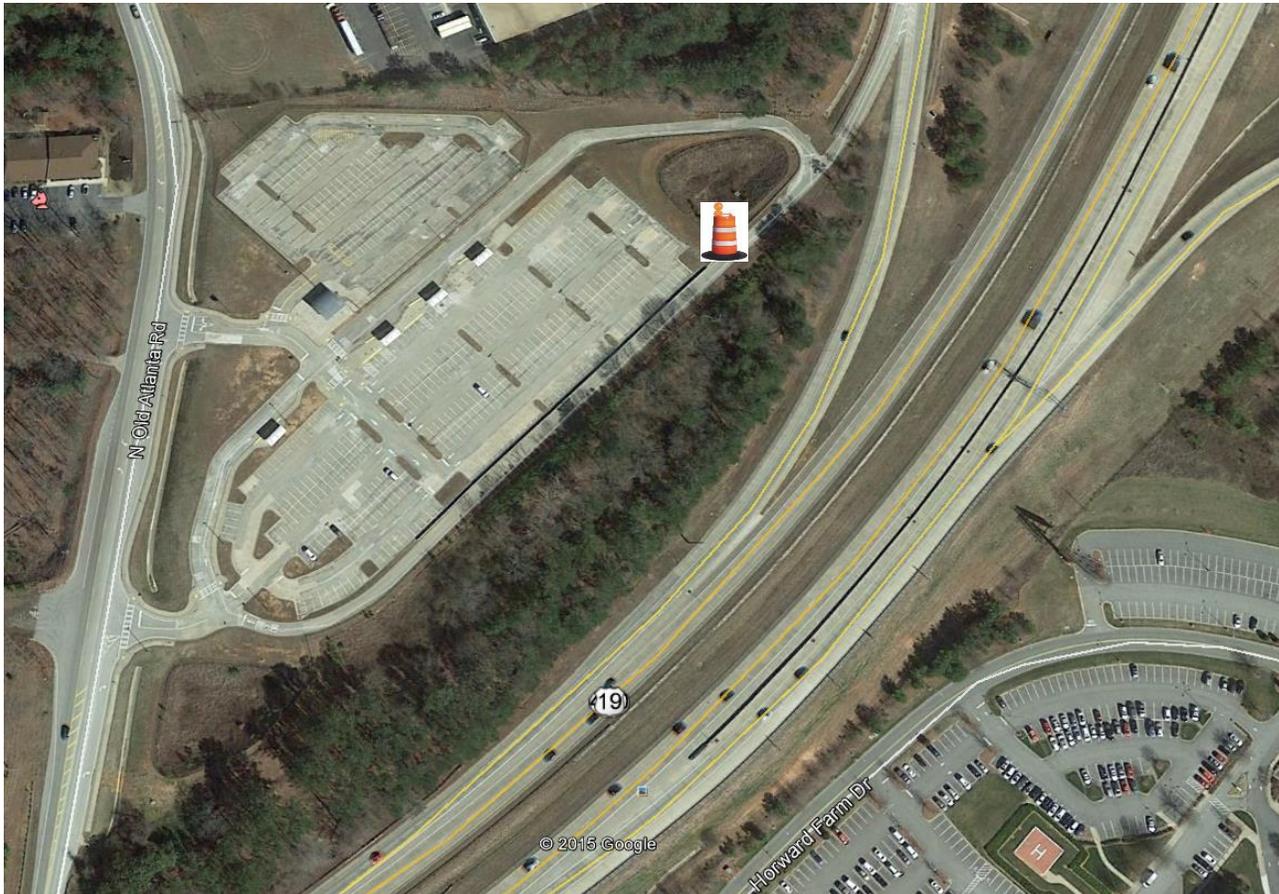
“Almost exactly one year after the People of Forsyth County voted to improve their mobility, work begins to widen State Route 400. As weather permits, Crews will begin work overnight. This Fall crews will concentrate on removing damaged concrete sections and replacing them with new concrete. This work will occur overnights and weekends. Next Spring, new construction will begin giving us one additional lane in each direction. The project completion date is June 1, 2018” said Rudy Bowen, State Transportation Board Representing 7th Congressional District.

Following the groundbreaking November 4, Forsyth County will continue its focus on transportation with the Forsyth County Transportation Summit being held at the Forsyth Conference Center at Lanier Technical College. Attendees will hear updates on transportation projects from officials from both Forsyth County and the Georgia Department of Transportation. For information or to register, contact the Cumming-Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce: www.cummingforsythchamber.org or (770) 887-6461.

***DriveAlert ArriveAlive** calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA. #ArriveAliveGA For more information about Georgia*

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10 a.m. on November 4, 2015
Ceremonial Groundbreaking
for SR 400 Widening

Ceremony will be held at
Georgia Regional Transportation
Authority Park & Ride Lot
off of North Old Atlanta Road
in Cumming
(access from North Old Atlanta Road,
off of Hwy. 9)

Ceremony will be held in the
northeastern corner of lot

Then to the Forsyth Conference
Center at Lanier Technical
College for the Forsyth County
Transportation Summit