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GEORGIA DOT AWARDS \$246.5 MILLION IN STATEWIDE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT CONTRACTS

Highest monthly investment in a decade

ATLANTA – Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has awarded 27 contracts for statewide construction projects totaling over \$246.5 million. These projects were advertised for bids in April and awarded on May 6.

The awards total \$100 million more than last month and reflect the largest monthly contract investment since 2006.

“These awarded contracts clearly demonstrate the benefits of suitable funding and they are just the start of what is to come,” said Georgia DOT Commissioner Russell R. McMurry, P.E. “As roadway conditions improve, motorists will experience first-hand the long-term benefits that result from the proper maintenance of our statewide transportation system.”

Taking care of existing infrastructure across the entire state is Georgia DOT’s first obligation. About 48 percent - almost \$119 million - of the total awards are for road resurfacing and maintenance projects.

In May, the largest investment - valued at \$80.3 million - is a 12.7 mile pavement replacement and reconstruction on I-20/SR 402 from US 27/SR 1 to SR 61 in Carroll County in northwest Georgia. The completion date is October 31, 2019 and the contractor is Archer Western Contractors, LLC of Chicago, Il.

Widening and reconstruction projects round out the three largest investments:

- In Hall and Jackson counties in northeast Georgia, 7 miles of widening and reconstruction on US 129/SR 11 from SR 332 at Talmo in Jackson County to SR 323 in Hall County completes the connection from Athens to Gainesville. The project, which also includes construction of a bridge and approaches over Allen Creek, is valued at \$44.1 million. The contract was awarded to Pittman Construction Company of Conyers, Ga. with a completion date of April 30, 2020.
- In Gordon County in northwest Georgia, a project valued at almost \$44 million includes 6.2 miles of construction to realign US 41/SR 3/SR 53 (South Calhoun Bypass) and construction of three bridges and approaches. The project was awarded to Wright Brothers Construction Co., Inc. of Charleston, Tenn. The completion is June 30, 2021.

Other projects include a \$5.4 million bridge replacement in Johnson County in east central Georgia; and a bridge rehabilitation in Decatur County in southwest Georgia. Sharp curve treatments valued at over \$29 million address safety at various locations throughout the western part of the state.

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Details on all awarded projects from the April letting can be found through the Award Announcement Downloads link at <https://www.bidx.com/ga/letting?lettingid=16042201>. Click on Award Announcement on the right.

Information on schedules, lane closures and detours will be made available in advance of construction activities.

Routine Maintenance Contracting opportunities are available. For information about contractor qualification and the bidding process for Routine Maintenance projects, visit www.dot.ga.gov/RoutineMaint.

Every day Georgia DOT employees work on roadways in close proximity to travel lanes. Whether they're in maintenance, in construction or are HEROs, it's dangerous. Fifty-eight Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in work zone crashes since 1973. When you drive in a work zone, obey the rules: Pay Attention - Slow Down - Watch for Workers. It can make the difference between life and death. Visit www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/Workzone.

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