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Dodge bypass to open November 18

Construction of the new Northwest Eastman Bypass has been completed ahead of schedule and will be open to traffic on Wednesday, November 18. The 2.25 four-lane roadway connects U.S. 341/State Route (S.R.) 27 to U.S. 23/S.R. 87 just north of the city of Eastman.

The Bypass will better accommodate future traffic demands with improved flow and efficiency, particularly the anticipated increase in trucking traffic that should result from the upcoming expansion of the Port of Savannah. The Bypass will offer an alternative route for truck drivers to get to U.S. 341, and alleviate the need for all motorists to travel unnecessarily into and out of Eastman.



The \$6 million project was partially funded with \$1.7 million in funds generated from the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) or T-SPLOST. Dodge County Manager, Bobby Peacock, notes that project has been a long time in the making.

“This project had been on the drawing board for some time, and I definitely think that the T-SPLOST funds were instrumental in moving the project forward,” Peacock said. “Our people do feel that this is a worthwhile project.”

For more information on the project, or the TIA program, please visit www.ga-tia.com/projects.

Forty-six counties and their respective cities comprise the three regional districts that approved the TIA referendum in July 2012. Cumulatively, they are expected to self-generate approximately \$1.6 Billion in new revenue dedicated to local transportation improvements. All projects were selected by regional commission roundtables of local elected officials after much public input. Seventy-five percent of the revenues will be utilized for the construction of these roundtable pre-selected projects while the remaining 25 percent will be disbursed to the regions' governments each month on a predetermined formula basis for discretionary use on local transportation-related efforts. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit www.dot.ga.gov or you also may follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/transportationinvestmentact) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/TIAatGDOT>).