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*Chattooga County Quick Response...*

## **GDOT STATE FUNDS IMPROVING INTERSECTION ON HIGHWAY 27**

SUMMERVILLE, Ga. - The Georgia Department of Transportation has recently approved \$195,873 in Quick Response Program funding to improve the safety and efficiency of the intersection of Highway 27 and John Jones/Gore-Subligna Road in Chattooga County. Work on this high priority project, awarded to Bartow Paving Company, Inc., will begin on Monday, October 10, 2016. It is expected to be completed by mid-November 2016.

The contractor will construct a right turn lane on US 27/State Route (SR) 1 southbound onto John Jones Road and a right turn lane on SR 1 northbound onto Gore-Subligna Road in order to enhance safety and improve the flow of traffic at this intersection.

“Upon completion, this Quick Response project will help improve the flow of traffic on SR 1, make it safer and help the public get where they need to go in Chattooga County,” said DeWayne Comer, district engineer at the DOT office in Cartersville.

Work on this project will occasionally require lane closures. Motorists should be aware of the advanced warning signs and watch out for contractor personnel and vehicles in this work zone.

The Quick Response Program supports low cost operational projects on the State Route system such as restriping, intersection improvements, turn lane additions and extensions. These project can be implemented in a short period of time and typically cost less than \$200,000. They generally stay within the state right-of-way and require little if any utility relocation. Quick Response projects are identified by Georgia DOT staff and managed through the Office of Local Grants.

*In their 2015 legislative session, Georgia lawmakers addressed the state’s critical transportation infrastructure needs with passage of House Bill 170, Georgia’s transportation funding bill. The Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015 is expected to generate an estimated \$870 million in the first fiscal year. This sustained annual revenue will be used to fund much-needed routine maintenance and capital improvements. GDOT is planning now so that projects can advance quickly once funds are received starting in July 2016.*

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