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Georgia DOT invests \$13.8 million on Bridges and Road Resurfacing in Northeast Georgia

Atlanta, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces five projects awarded in Northeast Georgia to improve mobility.

Dawson County’s State Route 9 Bridge over the Etowah River will be replaced by a wider bridge with 8 feet paved shoulders giving room for vehicles in distress or in a crash to move out of the travel lanes. The bridge was built in 1955. A detour will not be needed during construction. A traffic signal will direct traffic across the bridge throughout construction, one lane will be open at all times. The contract completion date is September 30, 2018 for \$3,878,343.10 by Southeastern Site Development Inc. of Newnan.

One contract was awarded for maintenance on two bridges. Both bridges will be painted, the driving surface will be repaired along with the beams, bearings and joints. The Elbert County SR 72 Bridge spans the Savannah River portion of Richard Russell Lake. The Hart County Bridge is the State Route 77 Spur Bridge over Cedar Creek. Work must be complete by October 31, 2016 at a cost of \$3,438,887 by The L.C. Whitford Company of Alpharetta.

Three resurfacing projects totaling \$6.6 million were awarded to Contractors. State Route 8/US 29/Crogan St/Winder Highway in Barrow and Gwinnett Counties from Stanley Court in Lawrenceville just into Barrow County. This 7.39 mile long project will be complete by September 30, 2016 at a cost of \$2,902,175.40 by C.W. Matthews Contracting Company of Marietta.

Also in Gwinnett, State Route 13/Buford Highway from Old Peachtree/Rodgers Bridge Roads to State Route 20. This 9.3 mile long project will be complete by September 30, 2016 at a cost of \$2,599,235.50 by E.R. Snell Contractor of Snellville.

White County will have State Route 75 Alternate from SR11/US 129 in Cleveland to SR 17/SR 75 in Helen resurfaced. The shoulders alongside SR 75 will be repaired improving safety by giving vehicles a recovery area at the same grade as the road if needed. This 8.1 mile long project will be done by September 30, 2016 at a cost of \$1,100,614.99 by Colditz Trucking Inc. of Blairsville.

Construction start dates have not been determined yet.

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 DOT, visit www.dot.ga.gov or on **Facebook** (<https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE>) and **Twitter** (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNE>).

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