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Major Transportation Improvement Set For Dade County

A \$7.27 million investment to enhance safety....

ATLANTA –The Georgia Department of Transportation awarded the construction contract for the reconstruction of the State Route 299 Bridge over Interstate 24 in Dade County today. The project is part of an Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) initiative and will be delivered using the Department’s Design-Build Program. This represents the state’s first bridge replacement project undertaken with full ABC methods.

This bridge replacement site was chosen by the Department as an opportunity to apply one of two approved ABC techniques to completely replace the bridge over a compressed 56-hour period. “Utilizing the Design-Build method, we allowed the proposing contractors to decide the most cost effective approach to replace the bridge by either using a lateral slide or using self-propelled modular transporters to lift and place the new structure,” noted State Bridge Engineer Bill DuVall. “We are eager to bring this technology to Georgia, and look forward to using the innovation to advance other similar projects.”

The \$7.27 million contract was awarded to the Design-Build team of Wright Brothers and Parsons Brinckerhoff. The project will replace the structurally deficient bridge on SR 299 over I-24, and expand the shoulder width to help improve sight distance. Utilizing the ABC techniques, the existing bridge will be removed and the new bridge will be installed over a single weekend, thereby minimizing impacts to the traveling public.

“Once completed, the new bridge will provide a safe and reliable means for motorists to travel in Dade County. We are excited to be the site of the first bridge in Georgia to fully use the ABC delivery, which is a proven model successfully implemented in other states. We look forward to completing this work for you,” explained DeWayne Comer, Georgia DOT District Engineer.

Information on schedules, lanes closures and any necessary detours will be made available in advance of construction activities. The anticipated work includes approximately eight months of design prior to the construction start in September 2016 and completion in May 2017.

Details on the Design-Build program and the SR 299/I-24 bridge replacement bid are located at this link:
<http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Innovative/DesignBuild>

Georgia DOT urges travelers to exercise caution and call 511 for updated information on roadway conditions before getting on the road during a winter weather event. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, including winter weather closures, reports of icing or other hazardous conditions on interstates and state routes. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit www.dot.ga.gov. You also may follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/gadepoftrans) ([http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans](https://twitter.com/gadepoftrans)).

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