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IMPROVING SAFETY OF CURVY ROADS

Atlanta, Ga. – Working to reduce crashes, the Georgia Department of Transportation announces a construction project awarded to a contractor this week will improve the safety on Northeast Georgia’s highways.

DOT compiled a list of highways with frequent wet weather crashes. Engineers rode those highways to determine the severity of each curve. Curve data and the posted speed limits were compared to National Standards. That strategic review became the basis for this project.

“Our goal is to alert motorists of an approaching curve urging them to slow down. We will enhance visibility of curves in the road by adding reflective raised pavement markers, reflective striping and additional signage. New signs will advise lower speeds while chevron signs follow along the edge of the curving road easily showing the bends of the road. We will improve traction by removing the existing top layer of asphalt and installing a new style of pavement that provides better grip called a high friction surface treatment. The work will occur in Banks, Franklin, Hart, Madison, Towns and Rabun Counties,” explained Brent Cook, Georgia DOT District Engineer serving Northeast Georgia.

State Routes that are part of the project:

Banks County - 2 sections of State Route 51 totaling 0.36 miles
Franklin County - 8 sections of State Route 51 totaling 1.23 miles
Hart County – 1 section of State Route 77 and 3 sections of State Route 51 totaling 0.56 miles
Madison County – 6 sections of State Route 172 totaling 1.29 miles
Towns County – 9 sections of State Route 2/US 76 totaling 0.91 miles
Rabun County – 53 sections of State Route 2/US 76 totaling 6.4 miles
Total mileage of improvements in Northeast Georgia 10.75 miles

This week, the contract was awarded to Triangle Grading and Paving Inc. of Burlington, North Carolina for a construction cost of \$3,155,040.84 with a completion date of June 30, 2016. As the construction schedule is finalized, Georgia DOT will share timelines with you.

Each Georgia DOT District is reviewing their state routes based on curve severity and speed limits to develop similar projects.

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) (<https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE>) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GDOTNE) (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNE>).

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Photo shows yellow speed limit advisory signs and chevron, these two signs will be added to curvy sections of road in Northeast Georgia. Georgia DOT's project will add raised pavement markers and reflective striping – neither are shown in this photo.

Editor's Note: Contact Teri for a county map showing sections of state routes getting these safety enhancements.