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## **Georgia DOT Awards \$1.6 Million for Local Safety Projects in Northwest Georgia**

CARTERSVILLE – Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) has announced a \$1,597,184 award for nine safety projects in seven counties in Northwest Georgia. The funds are part of the FY 2016 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Off-System Safety (OSS) Program.

Counties receiving awards include Carroll, Catoosa, Floyd, Gordon, Chattooga, Murray and Paulding. A project list is available below.

Safety is Georgia DOT's number one priority and these awards demonstrate the Department's commitment to assist local governments in improving safety in their communities.

“Last year, Georgia saw the first increase in roadway fatalities in a decade,” said Georgia DOT Commissioner Russell R. McMurry, P.E. “Off-system or local roads account for approximately 45 percent of Georgia’s motor vehicle fatalities. Reducing these statewide numbers requires a significant investment to enhance safety on local streets and roads. I am pleased that we can assist with the funding for these very critical projects.”

The OSS Program focuses on low-cost safety improvements that are likely to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes on city streets and county roads. Eligible projects include raised pavement markers (RPM), rumble strips, pavement markings, edge lines, centerlines, stop bars, signing, chevrons (sign marking for curves), vegetation removal, new or replacement guardrail, traffic signals, roundabouts, advance post-mounted flashing beacons for intersections or school zones, pedestrian improvements and minor shoulder widening.

Projects awarded in Northwest Georgia include:

<b>LMIG FUNDED OFF SYSTEM SAFETY - FY2016</b>			
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>			
<b>GDOT District</b>	<b>COUNTY/CITY</b>	<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>
6	<b>Carrollton/Carroll</b>	Install guardrail, sidewalk, ped. Improvements and install traffic signal	\$360,000.00
6	<b>Carroll County</b>	striping and widening of road	\$367,012.38
6	<b>Catoosa County</b>	guardrail	\$42,000.00
6	<b>Rome/Floyd</b>	lighted crosswalks and ground mounted ped. Signs	\$28,700.00
6	<b>Gordon County</b>	striping	\$131,008.50
6	<b>Summerville/Chattooga</b>	sidewalks	\$195,000.00
6	<b>Chatsworth/Murray</b>	striping and sidewalks	\$50,000.00
6	<b>Murray County</b>	signing and sidewalks	\$108,464.00
6	<b>Paulding County</b>	striping, flashing beacon assemblies	\$315,000.00
		<b>9 Projects Total</b>	<b>\$1,597,184.88</b>

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