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Georgia RoadWorks 2012 in Dawson, Forsyth, Hall, and Madison ...

GA DOT LAUNCHES MORE THAN \$18 MILLION IN NEW WORK

ATLANTA – Major transportation improvement projects all across the state have been initiated by the Georgia Department of Transportation. Four projects in Northeast Georgia were awarded for a total of \$18.8 million in new work. Statewide bids have been awarded for \$73.7 million in new work. In all, 32 new projects will mean mobility improvements for dozens of Georgia communities.

With these awards, Georgia DOT now has begun 242 new construction projects valued at approximately \$756 million in Fiscal Year 2012 with two months still remaining.

“Many of the projects awarded are expensive, large-scale improvements to major interstate highways and other major arteries,” DOT Commissioner Keith Golden commented. “Others are smaller jobs on less travelled city streets and county roads. But each one, regardless of its size or cost, represents an important enhancement to the safety, growth or maintenance of Georgia’s transportation network.”

A **Dawson County** intersection improvement project at State Route 53 and Thompson Rd/Etowah River Rd was awarded to Baldwin Paving Company of Marietta for a contract price of \$2,731,417 and a completion date of June 30, 2013.

State Route 400 from McFarland Road to Big Creek Greenway in **Forsyth County** is getting an operational improvement from the extension of the northbound lane. The work includes an extension of the Abernathy Road northbound ramp. C.W. Matthews Contracting, Inc of Marietta was awarded the contract for \$3,377,287 with a completion date of January 31, 2013.

The widening of SR 347/Friendship Road in **Hall County** from I-985 west to McEver Road was awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting for \$11,642,540. This section of roadway will become a four lane divided highway including sidewalks. The project completion date is November 30, 2014.

Madison County’s State Route 191 will be resurfaced from SR 98 to SR 8 by C.W. Matthews Contracting, Inc. The project was awarded for \$1,069,289 and has a completion date of March 31, 2013.

Construction on these newly awarded projects will likely begin late this summer.

The Cleveland Bypass in **White County** was not awarded to a contractor. Georgia DOT has deferred awarding the project.

The largest single project of the 32 announced today is for the construction of a new Interstate I-75 interchange at Union Grove Road south of Calhoun in Gordon County. The \$16.8-million job will be done by Sunbelt Structures, Inc., of Tucker, and should be finished in September, 2014.

Additional information on other projects awarded today in the Department's April letting is available via: <http://tomcat2.dot.state.ga.us/ContractsAdministration/uploads/A120420.pdf>

On Tuesday, July 31, voters will decide if 12 designated districts across Georgia will be authorized to collect a one-cent sales tax for the next 10 years to be devoted exclusively to local and regional transportation projects. Funds collected in a district could only be spent in that same district and only to move forward projects chosen by local elected officials. More than 1,600 such local projects throughout the state have been selected by city and county leaders. For further information on the important Transportation Referendum, please visit: www.dot.ga.gov/transportationreferendum.