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GEORGIA DOT AWARDS \$92.3 MILLION IN STATEWIDE PROJECT CONTRACTS

CARTERSVILLE, Ga. – Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has recently awarded 24 contracts for statewide construction projects totaling over \$92.3 million. The 17 counties of northwest Georgia claimed nearly \$64 million in construction project awards. These projects were advertised for bids in July, bids were received in August and contracts were awarded on September 2.

The largest investment is the third leg of a major widening and reconstruction on State Route 140 in Floyd and Bartow counties. The 6.7-mile project—valued at nearly \$56.5 million—will widen the roadway from two to four lanes beginning at SR 53 and extending west of Oothkalooga Creek; add a median; and improve and realign side roads to provide safer intersections. The corridor serves residential, agricultural, commercial and industrial communities, and is a heavy truck route and a school bus route. The project will accommodate current and future traffic, and increase safety. The contractor is G.P.’s Enterprises, Inc. of Auburn, Ga. The projected completion date is June 30, 2021. Two related projects, already under construction along the corridor, include a widening and reconstruction of SR 140 from west of Oothkalooga Creek to SR 3/US 41 and two bridge replacements.

“We are very pleased to deliver this leg on the SR 140 corridor that provides improved mobility, safety, and economic development for the region,” Georgia DOT Commissioner Russell R. McMurry, P.E. said.

The second largest award is for a roundabout on SR 369/Hightower Road at SR 372/Ball Ground Road in Cherokee County. The \$4.6 million contract went to C.W. Matthews Contracting, Inc. of Marietta, Ga. with a projected completion date of June 30, 2019.

Other projects in northwest Georgia include 7.011 miles of resurfacing and shoulder rehabilitation on SR 8 in Haralson County and the replacement of culvert on SR 3 over Little Swap Creek in Whitfield County.

“All these projects in northwest Georgia add up to these two things – better mobility and a better quality of life for all our residents,” said Dewayne Comer, district engineer at the DOT in Cartersville.

Georgia DOT continues to focus on maintaining and preserving existing infrastructure with 12 awards totaling \$17.6 million for resurfacing state routes. These include: four miles on SR 1 in Troup County, valued at just over \$2.9 million; 8.8 miles on SR 91 in Lee County, valued at \$2.6 million; and 3.9 miles on SR 121 Bypass Spur in Burke County, valued at just over \$2.3 million.

Included in this month’s statewide awarding are three bridge project contracts totaling just over \$5 million. The highest value contract is for construction of a \$3.7 million pedestrian bridge over SR 21 near the intersection of Rice

Mill Road and Market Boulevard in Chatham County. The new bridge will provide a safer alternative for pedestrians to cross busy SR 21 in order to access Rice Creek School. Construction also includes sidewalks and access ramps. Georgia DOT worked with the City of Port Wentworth and the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System to get the project underway. The design-build project was awarded to Massana Construction, Inc. of Atlanta. Completion is expected by February 2018.

Safety improvement contracts including signing and pavement marking upgrades, ramp meters and intersection improvements totaling over \$8.2 million were also awarded.

[See attached Award Announcement project list.](#) Information on schedules, lane closures and detours will be made available in advance of construction activities.

Georgia DOT is conducting an extremely active summer construction season. The public is urged to “know before you go.” For details about summer construction, visit 511ga.org.

Routine Maintenance Contracting opportunities are available. For information about contractor qualification and the bidding process for Routine Maintenance projects, visit www.GAroads.org.

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