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## **SMOOTHING OUT STATE ROUTE 10 AND \$111 MILLION OF OTHER TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS ON THE WAY**

**GAINESVILLE, Ga.** – Days may be getting shorter and crisper as 2012 nears its conclusion but the Georgia Department of Transportation’s campaign to bring new technology, new capacity and improved mobility to the state’s transportation infrastructure continues full speed ahead. The Department today announced more than \$113 million in new projects throughout the state, \$2.4 million in Northeast Georgia.

Resurfacing and shoulder rehabilitation of State Route 10 in Clarke County from the SR 10 Loop to Minor Street was awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting, Inc. of Marietta for \$2,497,503.93 with a contract completion date of September 30, 2013. The project is 3.8 miles long.

Also included in the new work is a \$56 million rehabilitation of 30 miles of Interstate Highway 16 near Dublin in Middle Georgia and the installation of electronic variable speed limit (VSL) signage on the northern portion of Interstate Highway 285 around Atlanta to improve mobility and increase safety in this crowded “Top End” corridor.

“These two projects are perfect examples of Georgia DOT working to fulfill its mission and best serve the citizens of this state,” Transportation Board Chairman Johnny Floyd commented. “We have to properly maintain the great assets we have like I-16, while at the same time, invest in new technologies and approaches to improve mobility and help keep Georgia growing.”

The I-16 project – awarded to APAC-Tennessee, Inc., of Taylors, SC – will rehabilitate and resurface the road and its entrance and exit ramps between State Route 26 in Laurens County and State Route 29 in Treutlen County. The work is expected to be completed by July, 2015.

Variable speed limits on the top half of I-285 around Atlanta are just one component of the Department’s pending changes for the 63-mile highway known as the Perimeter. I-285’s speed limit will be increased throughout from 55 mph to 65 mph. But on its “Top End” section (that portion north of the I-285/I-20 interchanges), the 65 mph speed limit may be lowered by Georgia DOT if conditions warrant. Brooks-Berry-Haynie & Associates., Inc., of Mableton, GA, will receive \$4.9 million to install the VSL signage and supporting fiber optics in this 36-mile section so that the Department can instantaneously advise motorists if it needs to reduce the speed limit because of incidents or congestion. In addition to enhancing safety, studies have shown that variable speed limits help motorists arrive at their destinations faster – even at a reduced speed – by replacing an accelerate; slow and stop pace with a steady traffic flow. The changes will take effect when VSL installation is complete in late 2014.

Information on other projects in the Department’s October letting is available via:  
<http://tomcat2.dot.state.ga.us/ContractsAdministration/uploads/A1210191.pdf>

Construction details and lane closure schedules on all projects will be forthcoming before work begins.

*The Georgia Department of Transportation continues its RoadWorks2012 construction program. Dozens of important roadway improvement projects continue throughout the state as we work to deliver projects on time and on budget while keeping our transportation network the nation’s finest. Pardon the necessary inconvenience and please drive cautiously and safely in work zones and at all times. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov) or subscribe to our Press Release RSS feed. You also may follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT](http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT)) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans>).*

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