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## *Your Dollars Maintaining a Better Georgia* **Roadway Vegetation Removal Underway in Southeast Georgia** *New contracts signify statewide maintenance progress*

**JESUP** – Chatham, Bryan and Liberty counties will soon see the results of a \$481,000 Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) southeast Georgia (District 5) vegetation removal contract on state routes (SR) 21, 25, 38 and 204. Work began last week and completion is anticipated by spring of next year. The contract is a result of an annual sustainable routine maintenance investment from the Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015.

Roy Jorgensen Inc. won the low bid to perform roadside vegetation removal at specific locations on state routes as follows:

- SR 204 from Bryan County line covering 11.3 miles to Pine Grove Drive in Chatham County
- SR 21 from Fries Road covering 6.8 miles to Rice Creek Road in Chatham County
- SR 25 from Bryan County line covering 1.3 miles to Bradley Road in Chatham County
- SR 38 near OC Martin, Jr. Drive covering 10.1 miles to Grant Street in Liberty County
- SR 25 north of Mulberry Drive covering 1.5 miles south of Basin Road in Bryan County

Day-to-day operations will be supervised by a certified arborist. Shoulder closures and intermittent lane closures will occur as necessary during daylight hours.

The TFA almost doubled the fiscal year 2016 preventive or routine maintenance investment by an additional \$200 million contracted statewide. This allows the Department to do deferred maintenance such as vegetation removal, as well as patching potholes, and performing bridge joint repairs, pipe repairs, pavement preservation, litter pick-up and mowing.

Interstates will be mowed up to four times during the mowing season, while state routes will be mowed up to three times. In addition to removing litter during mowing cycles, there will be six extra litter removal cycles available as needed.

Georgia DOT seeks contractors to qualify to bid on 16 different categories of routine maintenance activities across the state. These include fencing installation and repair; vegetation removal, tree cutting and landscape maintenance; pavement preservation; pipe replacement; joint repair of bridge structures; and other services.



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These types of work offer significant opportunities for small businesses to participate in the process to improve Georgia's transportation network.

"We want all contractors including small, minority, veteran and women-owned businesses to know that we are open for business," said Georgia DOT Commissioner Russell R. McMurry. "We are in the middle of an extremely busy summer construction season. We need contracting partners to perform routine maintenance activities; repair and replace our bridge structures; and provide safety improvements."

The requirements for prequalification to bid are at the Georgia Procurement Registry, which can be accessed from the [www.GAroads.org](http://www.GAroads.org) webpage. There you can also learn more about the TFA and projects near you.

*Every day Georgia DOT employees work on roadways in close proximity to travel lanes. Whether they're maintenance, construction or HEROs, it's dangerous. Fifty-eight Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in work zone crashes since 1973. When you drive in a work zone, obey the rules: Pay Attention - Slow Down - Watch for Workers. It can make the difference between life and death. Visit [www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/Workzone](http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/Workzone)*

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