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GA DOT APPROVES \$54 MILLION IN NEW CONSTRUCTION

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation has approved spending \$54 million on 10 new transportation infrastructure improvement and maintenance projects across the state, including nearly \$20 million for widening U.S. Highway 1 in Emanuel County and more than \$12 million for a new bridge across the Chattahoochee River in Metro Atlanta.

The addition of this work means that in the past six months Georgia DOT has begun 137 new projects statewide valued at \$620 million.

The Emanuel widening will occur on a five-mile stretch of U.S. 1/State Route 4 near the Town of Oak Park and Interstate Highway 16. It will widen U.S.1 from two to four lanes and replace six outdated bridges. The Rogers Bridge Company, Inc., of Atlanta, will perform the construction for \$19.7 million and is scheduled to complete its work in June, 2014.

In Cobb and Fulton counties, E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc., of Snellville, will replace the U.S. Highway 41/State Route 3 (Cobb/Northside Parkway) bridge across the Chattahoochee for \$12.6 million. The current four-lane bridge, built in 1935, will be replaced with a divided, six-lane span that will include both a multi-purpose trail and a sidewalk. It is scheduled for completion in December, 2014.

Information on construction and lane closure schedules will be forthcoming before work begins. Further details on these projects and others awarded in the Department's October letting are available via this link: <http://tomcat2.dot.state.ga.us/ContractsAdministration/uploads/A111021.pdf>

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone. For information on the Department of Transportation, visit (www.dot.ga.gov); you also may follow Georgia DOT on [Twitter](http://twitter.com/gadepotfran) (<http://twitter.com/gadepotfran>) and [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) (<http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT>).

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