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## **WINDER DOWNTOWN RENOVATIONS BEGIN TONIGHT - COMMUNITY INFO SESSION SCHEDULED**

**Winder, Ga.** – Georgia DOT announces preliminary work begins tonight on the “renovation” of State Route 11/Broad Street in Downtown Winder. Work begins slowly as crews close one lane of SR 11/Broad Street from the Railroad Crossing to Porter Street tonight and tomorrow night. The single lane closure begins at 9 p.m. and continues to 6 a.m. the next day. Work is only scheduled for Monday and Tuesday as crews begin work to improve drainage and relocate sewer lines.

“This project is unique in that it combines innovative construction materials and techniques with the pretty work of a Downtown Enhancement project. We are working closely with the City of Winder to ensure SR 11 is improved in many ways. After the project, the roadway itself will be strong and durable, moving traffic more efficiently through Downtown. Broad Street will also be more pedestrian friendly and an attractive place to spend your time, drawing more people to the Center of town. We want you to know all about the work so we are hosting a Community Information Session, Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Winder Community Center. Please come and find out all about the work,” explained Bayne Smith, Georgia DOT District Engineer. The Winder Community Center is located at 113 East Athens Street, Winder, Georgia 30680.

Georgia DOT will be sending out updates throughout the project. If you would like to receive those updates via email please email [tpepe@dot.ga.gov](mailto:tpepe@dot.ga.gov). The Winder Downtown Development Authority will share project updates on their Facebook page.

This 0.72 mile long awarded to G.P.’s Enterprises of Statham for \$4,949,306.21 with a completion date of July 31, 2014. The project will rebuild SR 11/Broad Street from the ground up, creating a stronger driving surface that will last decades. Enhancement work includes new sidewalks, curb and gutter, lighting and landscaping.

*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 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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