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WORK ON WIDENING HIGHWAY 140 IN FLOYD AND BARTOW TO BEGIN SOON

ROME, Ga. - Work is soon to begin on widening State Route (SR) 140 in Floyd and Bartow counties. Georgia DOT has just awarded a contract to G P Enterprises, Inc. of Auburn, Georgia, valued at nearly 57 million dollars for a construction project to widen six miles on the highway.

The project includes the widening of 6.2 miles on SR 140 beginning at SR 53 in Floyd County and extending to just west of Oothkalooga Creek. The roadway will be widened from 2 to 4 lanes with a 44-foot grassed median. The project will transition from the 4 lanes with 44-foot grassed median to an urban section with 4 lanes and a 20-foot raised concrete median at the end of the project.

This construction project is scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2021, at a construction cost of \$56,489,887. Information on construction and lane closure schedules on this project will be forthcoming before work begins.

More details on this and other projects in the Department's most recent bid awards are available via Award Announcement Download at: <https://www.bidx.com/ga/letting?lettingid=16081901>

SR 140 serves as a Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) truck route providing access to I-75. It also serves as a local school bus route. The area is witnessing fast economic development and even faster increases in traffic volume. The widening of SR 140 will accommodate both the current and projected traffic along the corridor. It will help improve the flow of traffic and make it safer along the corridor.

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.

Construction work zones are hazardous for workers and for the public. In fact, most victims in work zones crashes are drivers or passengers. Obey the rules in work zones – Pay Attention – Slow Down – Watch for Workers. And always, expect the unexpected. It can make the difference between life and death. For more information on the Department of Transportation, visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov>. You also may like us on (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest) and follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GDOTNW) (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNW>).