



Georgia Department of Transportation Fact Sheet

Appalachian Developmental Highway

CORRIDOR FACTS

- ◆ The APD corridor extends from I-575 near Ball Ground to US 19 in Blairsville
- ◆ Completed projects provide **4-lanes** of roadway, usually divided with a 44' wide grass median
- ◆ The APD corridor is approximately **60 miles** in length
- ◆ This corridor is **100%** open to traffic

PREPARING A HIGHWAY PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION

Highway construction demands adherence to an exact project development process, as specified in federal and state laws. This process incorporates a number of key stages that are vital to the development of a highway construction project:

- ◆ Concept Development: Data analysis, conceptual studies and alternatives analysis
- ◆ Environmental Approval: Surveys for environmental resources, public meetings and environmental document approval
- ◆ Preliminary Design Plans: Design and preparation of preliminary roadway plans and utility coordination
- ◆ Right of Way Acquisition: Property title research, right of way plans, property appraisal, purchase of right of way
- ◆ Final Design Plans: Design and preparation of final construction plans and contract documents
- ◆ Let to Contract: Advertise for bids, award to construction contract and begin construction

Appalachian Developmental Highway Status

All projects on the corridor are complete and open to traffic.