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GEORGIA DOT UNVEILS SCHEDULE FOR MAJOR MOBILITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Eleven megaprojects to be completed or under construction by 2025; I-85 closure underscores need for comprehensive transportation solutions

ATLANTA – Today, the Georgia Department of Transportation outlined an accelerated schedule for delivery of 11 major transportation infrastructure projects that will add capacity and improve mobility in several key regions around the state. These projects, valued at \$11 Billion, are made possible by the Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015, which is providing much needed funding for the repair, improvement and expansion of Georgia's transportation infrastructure.

Collectively referred to as the Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP), the 11 major projects include three interchange projects, four express lanes projects, three highway widening projects and one commercial vehicle lanes project. All are scheduled to be complete or under construction by 2025, and all are currently in the preliminary engineering or environmental phases.

"We are setting an accelerated delivery schedule for these major projects that will create additional capacity for faster travel, more efficient freight transport and improved operations in critical corridors," said Commissioner Russell McMurry, P.E. "The resulting benefits to Georgians will be significant in the form of new capacity, job creation, growth in the state's economy and continued development of innovative travel options."

The Major Mobility Improvement Program includes:

Interchange Reconstruction

- I-16/I-95
- I-285/I-20 East
- I-285/I-20 West

Express Lanes

- Revive 285 addition of express lanes between I-75 and I-85
- SR 400 I-285 to McFarland Rd.
- I-285 East Wall I-85 to I-20
- I-285 West Wall I-75 to I-20

Highway Widening

- I-85 North Hamilton Mill Rd to SR 211
- I-16 widening I-95 to I-516
- I-85 North SR 211 to US 129

Commercial Vehicle Lanes

• I-75 – SR 155 to I-475

McMurry added, "While these major projects have been in planning for some time, we're now able to share anticipated timelines for construction, and those timelines are aggressive. The planning that has gone into the advancement of this program speaks to the Georgia DOT's focus on delivering projects that provide the most beneficial impact for the state. The recent damage to, and subsequent closure of I-85 for repairs, underscores the importance of a high-functioning transportation network for the success of Georgia. The same focus that Georgia DOT is applying to the replacement of the bridge will also be applied to these eleven projects."

"All told, the Major Mobility Investment Program is predicted to create more than 13,000 new permanent jobs and thousands of construction-related jobs. It will spur \$2 Billion in growth to Georgia's economy in addition to adding much needed capacity and innovative travel solutions. The MMIP will ultimately deliver projects that create a better-connected transportation network that will improve the quality of life for those who rely on our state's infrastructure."

Information on the projects to be delivered under the MMIP, as well as all projects funded by the Transportation Funding Act is available at <u>www.GAroads.org</u>.

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Major Mobility Investment Program Timeline

