

Ribbon-cutting held for Northwest Corridor Express Lanes

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Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), state officials—including Gov. Nathan Deal—and project partners celebrated the completion and opening of the Northwest Corridor Express Lanes with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Construction for the project began in October 2014 and the lanes opened to traffic on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018.

“The opening of the Northwest Corridor Express Lanes is a historic moment for transportation in Georgia,” said Deal. “A robust transportation network is one of the most vital components for sustained economic development and establishing solid infrastructure is essential for managing the transportation needs of our residents, business community and visitors. This corridor of I-75 has seen significant growth in the past two decades and while no one strategy can wholly eliminate traffic congestion, we are combining innovative transportation options like reversible express lanes to ensure more consistent and reliable trip times.”

This \$834 million infrastructure project, the largest of its kind in state history, adds 29.7 miles of reversible express lanes along I-75 from Akers Mill Road to Hickory Grove Road, and along I-575 from I-75 to Sixes Road. The newly constructed barrier-separated express lanes operate southbound in the morning and reverse to northbound in the evening.

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About the Program

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with GDOT as the statewide provider of the federally fund Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program.

Our goal is to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient.

Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

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Atlanta's PATH400 Trail Contender for the People's Choice Award



The PATH400 trail is in the running for a People's Choice Award from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)

America's Transportation Awards. This project transformed a right-of-way along GA 400 into a 5.2-mile bikeable and walkable greenway that provides a beautiful and safe path for citizens to enjoy. PATH400 is one of just 12 projects from across the country that were selected in regional competitions and are now vying for the national award.

PATH400 is competing to be named by the public in online voting as The People's Choice for the Nation's Best Transportation Project. Online voting continues through Saturday, September 22. Cast votes for the PATH400 project at <https://transportationawards.secure-platform.com/a/gallery/rounds/10/details/1586>. Individuals are allowed to vote for PATH400 once per day (per IP address). The People's Choice Award will be presented at AASHTO's annual meeting on September 23 in Atlanta. To see all 12 projects, visit <https://americastransportationawards.org/>.

"This is truly a proud moment for Georgia. The project was built through local funding only - no state or federal funds were used," said Georgia DOT Commissioner Russell R. McMurry, P.E. "The partnership between the PATH Foundation, Livable Buckhead, the Buckhead CID

and Georgia DOT resulted in unused right-of-way property being transformed into a beautiful and functional pedestrian-friendly path. You may not even realize that you are right next to a major highway."

"PATH400's success is a direct result of the great partnership that brought it to life," said Denise Starling, executive director of Livable Buckhead. "We are thrilled to be in contention for the People's Choice Award, and thankful to GDOT for nominating PATH400."

PATH400 was built on the right-of-way of GA 400 and the public land adjacent to Metro Atlanta Regional Transit Authority (MARTA). It reclaims what was a highway-only corridor and creates a multimodal trail by turning underutilized gray infrastructure into a useable green space. PATH400 connects neighborhoods, offices and retail locations and provides users with an easy way to explore, exercise, commute and engage.

The best part - if the PATH400 project wins, a \$10,000 cash prize will be awarded, which will be donated to Livable Buckhead to help complete the trail. Livable Buckhead is a nonprofit organization that is spearheading construction of PATH400 in Buckhead, in partnership with GDOT, the PATH Foundation and the Buckhead Community Improvement District.

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