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Georgia DOT awards 18 construction contracts for statewide transportation projects

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) awarded a total of 18 projects in November 2023 including resurfacing, widening and reconstruction, and bridge construction.

The largest single investment, valued at approximately \$42 million, is a **resurfacing** project covering 22 miles of Interstate 185/State Route (SR) 411 from south of Armour Road to north of Hopewell Church Road in Muscogee County. The second-largest resurfacing investment is worth approximately \$14 million, includes the resurfacing of 8.5 miles of I-59/SR 406 from the SR 136 overpass bridge to I-24/SR 409 in Dade County. This contract, along with 10 additional resurfacing contracts, represents 70% of the total award amount.

Approximately \$17 million of the total awarded projects is designated for two **reconstruction** projects. The largest investment within these projects involves widening and reconstruction for passing lanes at four locations on SR 31/US 221 from SR 7 in Lowndes County to SR 135 in Lanier County and is valued at approximately \$12 million. This project along with one additional reconstruction project, represents 12% of the total award amount.

A single **rehabilitation** project, valued at nearly \$13 million or 9% of the awarded funds, includes 16.7 miles of concrete rehabilitation on I-16/SR 404 from US 221 to the Candler County line in Emanuel and Treutlen counties.

The remaining 9% is allocated for three **bridge construction** projects in Dawson, Polk and Talbot counties.

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Making Workers' Compensation Work Better for Your Workforce

A construction site can be a hive of activity. It's one reason why construction is one of the [most dangerous industries](#). According to the [2023 Travelers Injury Impact Report](#), the construction industry has the highest average of missed workdays per injury: 99. Construction employees are exposed to various hazards on the job. Injuries such as cuts, burns, sprains and strains can result in lost work time, reduced productivity, increased medical expenses and costly workers' compensation claims. For minor injuries, a visit to a hospital emergency department may not be the best solution. And based on the time of day or location of a worksite, urgent care might not be an option. Many of these injury types can be treated virtually using telemedicine, a technology that allows health care providers to communicate with patients via video, phone or online platforms. Telemedicine visits can be conducted using an employee's smartphone or mobile device. Today's mobile device and smartphone features are sophisticated enough to offer an exceptional video and audio experience, and constant upgrades to these devices enable health care providers to effectively conduct medical evaluations virtually.

TREATABLE CONDITIONS

Telemedicine can be used to treat a variety of minor injuries and illnesses that commonly occur on construction sites, such as:

Minor strains (e.g., pulled muscles)

Minor sprains

Bruises/contusions

Tendonitis/repetitive-use injuries

Minor burns

Minor cuts and scrapes

Work-related rashes

About The GDOT

The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on GDOT contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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