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Georgia DOT's Major Mobility Investment Program Projects Continue to Boost Georgia's Competitiveness *Monumental program maintains strong momentum delivering multimodal transportation*

Throughout 2022, the Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) continued its commitment to improving statewide mobility and building a connected transportation network by continuing to advance projects in its Major Mobility Investment Program (MMIP). Of the 15 projects currently programmed under the MMIP, Georgia DOT advanced five projects to construction or have started to prepare for construction, two started the construction developer procurement process, and the remaining continued with design and public involvement activities in 2022.

"With the growth of Georgia's industries and population, we're excited to have so many MMIP projects underway to meet motorists' needs now and in the future," said Georgia DOT Commissioner Russell R. McMurry, P.E. "Since 2016, profound progress has been made towards the overall delivery of the program. From concept design and environmental clearance, to leveraging new project delivery and contracting methods, our teams are working hard to bring these monumental projects to motorists, transit providers and freight operators. By the end of 2023, we will have almost \$1.3 billion of MMIP projects either constructed or under construction, further improving how Georgians, visitors and freight move through the state."

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8 Wastes to Eliminate With the Use of Technology

When it comes to construction, “lean” is a hot topic. It serves as a potential playbook for more operational and jobsite efficiencies — which, for construction companies, is a great way to plan to face challenges on and off the jobsite.

The lean game plan has a key concept for a challenge that affects construction companies everywhere: identifying and aggressively confronting waste. Add technology to the plan, and your company is on its way to becoming an unstoppable force in the construction industry. Before removing waste, you’ll need some tools to sift through it.

3 Lean Tools: What to Use to Sift Through the Waste

1. Genchi genbutsu — This lean tool gets people to see the “place where it happens.” The Toyota Production System (TPS), for example, is well known for utilizing this concept in their company to make sure any problems, their causes, roots and relevant facts are taken into consideration and observed. For construction, genchi genbutsu is quite simple: Go see it yourself. See the jobsites your company operates on. See your team perform. See where there are openings for any waste.
2. Kaizen — This tool brings together your entire team to continue growth, improvement and development. This concept can find ways to identify and eliminate waste while facilitating teamwork across roles and teams. Having collaboration across the organization opens your company up to more solutions, creativity and innovation when removing waste.
3. Poka-yoke — This lean tool refers to mistake proofing — making sure mistakes aren’t allowed to happen on and off your jobsites in the first place. Examples are everywhere in construction, from lock out/tag out to clutches on cordless drills. If there is room for error, then your company can take the necessary and informed steps to eliminate that risk.

Adopting these three tools doesn’t require a full-blown lean transformation — but with those tools in your pocket, you can review how waste affects your company.

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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