



## I 85 to Reopen by Memorial Weekend



"Our goal was to get I-85 back open to the people of Georgia as quickly as we could, and to do so we offered incentives for early completion," said Georgia DOT Commissioner Russell McMurry, P.E. "If work is able to continue at the rate it's been going, I have every

confidence that project contractor C.W. Matthews will be able to meet, if not beat, the new target date." If the project is completed by May 25, C.W. Matthews will receive an additional \$1.5 million. If completed by May 21, they will receive \$2 million and an additional \$200,000 for each day completed before May 21; up to a maximum of \$3.1 million.

"From the ability to quickly procure the construction materials needed, to the availability of work crews and good weather conditions, we've been fortunate to be dealing with best case scenarios throughout this whole project," said Marc Mastronardi, Georgia DOT director of construction. "The progress is apparent, but there's still quite a bit of work that needs to be completed before the highway can be safely opened to the public."

Since April 25, concrete on four of the six decks have been poured, with the northbound travel lanes already complete. Looking ahead in the process, once all six of the decks have been in place for three days, the concrete barrier sides can be poured, the grinding and grooving of the roadway surface for enhanced safety can begin, joints can be sealed and striping can be applied on both northbound and southbound sides of the roadway.

In an effort to plan ahead and to minimize further disruptions to the traveling public, the much needed resurfacing of 6.6 miles of I-85 from I-75 to Clairmont Road began on April 20. The milling and inlay of two paving layers on the northbound side within the closure and is nearly complete. Within the southbound closure, three of the five to six lanes have had the top two layers milled and inlaid. The resurfacing work within the rebuild closure has the potential to be completed by the time the I-85 bridge reopens.

Comprehensive information regarding the I-85 bridge rebuild can be found at [www.I85rebuild.org](http://www.I85rebuild.org). Georgia DOT continues to remind motorists to plan ahead, seek alternative commuting options, allow plenty of time, be patient and always drive alert and keep calm behind the wheel.

The following resources will help motorists plan their commutes:

- Visit [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov) for the most up-to-date maps and information on road closures and alternate routes
- Visit [www.511ga.org](http://www.511ga.org) or dial 511 for routing information or to speak to an operator who can assist
- Visit [Georgia Commute Options](http://Georgia Commute Options) for additional resources and information about available cash incentives for using commute options
- Visit [www.itsmarta.com](http://www.itsmarta.com) for MARTA routes and schedules
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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.

We want 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.

## Georgia Awards 132.7 Million in Statewide Projects

ATLANTA—The Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) has awarded 32 contracts for statewide transportation projects totaling \$132,792,895. These projects were advertised in February, bids were received on March 17, and contracts were awarded on March 31 to the lowest qualified bidder. The awards focus on resurfacing and maintenance, as well as construction projects that enhance safety and address congestion.

This month Georgia DOT continues to tackle deferred maintenance and preservation of existing infrastructure with 26 awards totaling \$90.5 million for resurfacing and maintenance of 346 miles of state highways across Georgia. This includes a \$22.9 million resurfacing of 6.6 miles on I-85 in DeKalb and Fulton counties, adjacent to the site of current bridge reconstruction on I-85 over Piedmont Road, which is closed to traffic. The joint resurfacing contract was awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. and E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. and completion is expected by February 28, 2018.

The largest single monetary investment is a \$34.5 million contract for two miles of widening and reconstruction on SR 151/Alabama Highway in Catoosa County in Northwest Georgia. The location begins just over a half mile south of Rollins Industrial Boulevard/Holcomb Road and extends through the I-75 interchange to US 41/SR 2/Dixie Highway. The existing two-lane roadway will be widened to four lanes divided with a raised median to Boynton Road/Lafayette Street and a flush median to US 41/SR 2.

[To read more see excerpt: www.dot.ga.gov/PartnerSmart/Public/PressReleases/GDOTAwards/\\$132MInStatewideProjects-4-20-17.pdf](http://www.dot.ga.gov/PartnerSmart/Public/PressReleases/GDOTAwards/$132MInStatewideProjects-4-20-17.pdf)

The project constructs two widened replacement bridges – one over I-75 and the other over South Chickamauga Creek. It also includes reconstruction of the existing I-75 at SR 151 interchange. The contract was awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. of Marietta with an anticipated project completion by December 31, 2020.

SR 151 is a primary north-south corridor in North Georgia, and serves as a catalyst for regional economic development. The widening and reconstruction improvements are designed to enhance capacity for current and future travel demands and to provide a safer driving environment for local and through traffic.

In Southwest Georgia's Crisp County a construction award for a \$3.3 million project demonstrates how a relatively small investment can have a major impact. The project consists of widening and reconstructing from two lanes to four lanes a third of a mile section of US 280/SR 30/SR 90 from I-75/SR 401 to Midway Road in Cordele. The segment, part of the US 280 Governor's Road Improvement Program corridor that runs east-west across the state, is congested with vehicle and heavy truck traffic.

The widening, designed to accommodate current and future traffic volume and truck movement, is expected to enhance safety, reduce congestion and contribute to economic development by improving access to local. The project was awarded to Reeves Construction Company, Macon, with an expected completion date of November 30, 2018.

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