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**U.S. Department of Transportation
Announces \$1.25 billion in Direct,
Accessible Grants for Local
Communities to Improve Roadway
Safety – Click on pic for more info**



Design-Build Team Announced for the Barrow County SR 316 Bundle 1 Project

ATHENS, GA – The Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) recently selected the Design-Build (DB) team for the Barrow County State Route 316 Bundle 1 DB project, which includes SR 316 at County Road 329/Barber Creek Road (P.I. 0013910) and SR 316 at McCarty Road and SR 211/Bethlehem Road (P.I. No. 0010352). To accelerate delivery, these projects were bundled together in one DB contract, which was awarded to E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc./Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering for \$106,572,800. The two interchange projects are part of the larger Georgia DOT SR 316 Reconstruction Projects' series along SR 316 corridor from SR 20 in Gwinnett County to SR 10 in Oconee County that are proposed to reduce potential crash frequency and severity and improve operations and mobility along the corridor.

"With the incredible growth in the area, this project is a necessary step in providing safety improvements that will benefit the communities along this corridor," Georgia DOT P3 Project Manager, 'Achor Njoku said. The SR 316 Bundle 1 DB project will upgrade the existing at-grade intersections at SR 316 and Bethlehem Road and Barber Creek Road to grade-separated interchanges that include roundabouts at ramp terminals. Other proposed safety improvements for enhanced access management are:

- Adding a cul-de-sac at the existing at-grade crossings at SR 316 and McCarty Road and Craft Road,
- Providing access from McCarty Road to Bethlehem Road via a new Frontage Road,
- Providing access from Craft Road north of SR 316 to Barber Creek Road via a new frontage road, and

Removing access to Ventura Street from Barber Creek Road, adding a cul-de-sac to Ventura Street.

Georgia DOT anticipates construction start in 2025 and substantial completion in 2027. The schedule is subject to change.

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Emphasis on Infrastructure Creates New Opportunities, New Risks for Construction Professionals

With great opportunity for construction projects comes great responsibility for mitigating risk. Here's how to avoid increasing business costs and liabilities.

There is no shortage of opportunities or demand for construction professionals right now. The need for new housing is at an all-time high while established industrial and commercial property owners tackle long overdue upgrades to improve the efficiency and resiliency of current structures. At the same time, significant investments are being made by local and state municipalities and the federal government to improve the nation's aging infrastructure.

All of this has opened the door to plenty of long-term construction projects and a steady stream of work and revenue for contractors. Before jumping into new or more complex projects, construction professionals should ensure they are properly prepared and protected against emerging construction risks that could increase their business costs and liabilities.

EMBRACING INFRASTRUCTURE INNOVATION

The Infrastructure Investment and JOBS Act, which was passed in 2021, allocates more than \$550 billion in federal funding to improve the country's roads and bridges, water infrastructure and overall resilience. According to official information about the IIJA, the funding is being distributed in several ways, including: \$110 billion to rebuild and repair roads and bridges. \$11 billion in transportation safety programs, which includes grant money for communities to replace or rebuild gas pipelines.

\$39 billion to modernize transit, including repairing and upgrading aging transit infrastructure, and expanding transit services to new communities.

\$66 billion to address deferred rail maintenance.

\$7.5 billion to "build out the first-ever national network of EV [electric vehicle] chargers in the United States."

The private sector can capitalize on these infrastructure investments.

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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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