

# GDOT Newsletter

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## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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### Georgia DOT awards two-year I-75 road sign project

Earlier this month, Georgia DOT awarded a two-year road sign replacement project. The project includes a little more than one-hundred miles of I-75. Sign work will last through summer 2023.

Georgia DOT awarded the contract to ALS of North Carolina, Inc. of Fayetteville, NC. They submitted the lowest bid valued at \$18,005,941.97. Two other vendors submitted bids of \$22.7 million and \$25 million, respectively. The contract completion date is August 31, 2023.

The state received bids on June 18, 2021. Project award occurred on July 2, 2021. The I-75 road sign project was the highest-valued contract during the June letting.

#### Road Sign Project

Project limits begin at state route 215 / exit 109 in Dooly County. They stop at Bill Gardner Parkway / exit 212 in Henry County. Other counties within the project include the following:

- Butts
- Bibb
- Crawford
- Houston
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Peach, and
- Spalding

The project will replace overhead exit signs and mile markers. There are 165 overhead signs within the project. In addition, the contract includes roadside information signs. Signs such as distance markers to major cities and state park info will see updates.

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## Document Everything

Every construction project combines a vast array of symbiotic disciplines. When synchronized brilliantly, the artistic blend of architectural design, engineering and oversight can achieve spectacular results.

But unlike a movie, sculpture or painting, everything must work precisely, efficiently and in unison to perform up to spec in the real world. The Millennium Falcon in Star Wars may look good, but then again it wasn't actually designed to fly in space. This is unlike the myriad of roads or bridges that must withstand the daily rigors of hundreds of thousands of vehicles or the structures, buildings and dwellings that must also comfortably accommodate the ongoing needs of everyone their built to serve.

As a result, much can go wrong once the planning ends and the general contractor, construction manager at-risk or trade contractor sets out to turn even modest designs into reality. The inability to properly identify potential field or jobsite problems is just one of example of the many challenges that can delay or doom projects anywhere during their lifecycles. Even a preliminary geotechnical investigation that fails to reveal a seam in the bedrock can result in the building's piles being driven to what can seem like the other side of the earth.

Once the work begins, how important is it to quickly, flexibly and adeptly adapt to changes in the field? What are the appropriate steps for ensuring the efficacy of these changes? How should they be reviewed and approved? What is the possible exposure to liability if things don't work as planned?

First, shop drawings are commonly used as design notes that detail the field changes to approved plans and specifications. Typically made to save time, cost or deal with an unexpected field condition, most of these changes cannot be implemented until they're approved by an engineer or engineering team.

Here's how the process for submitting, reviewing and approving shop drawings normally works. Some general contractors use construction management or project management software.

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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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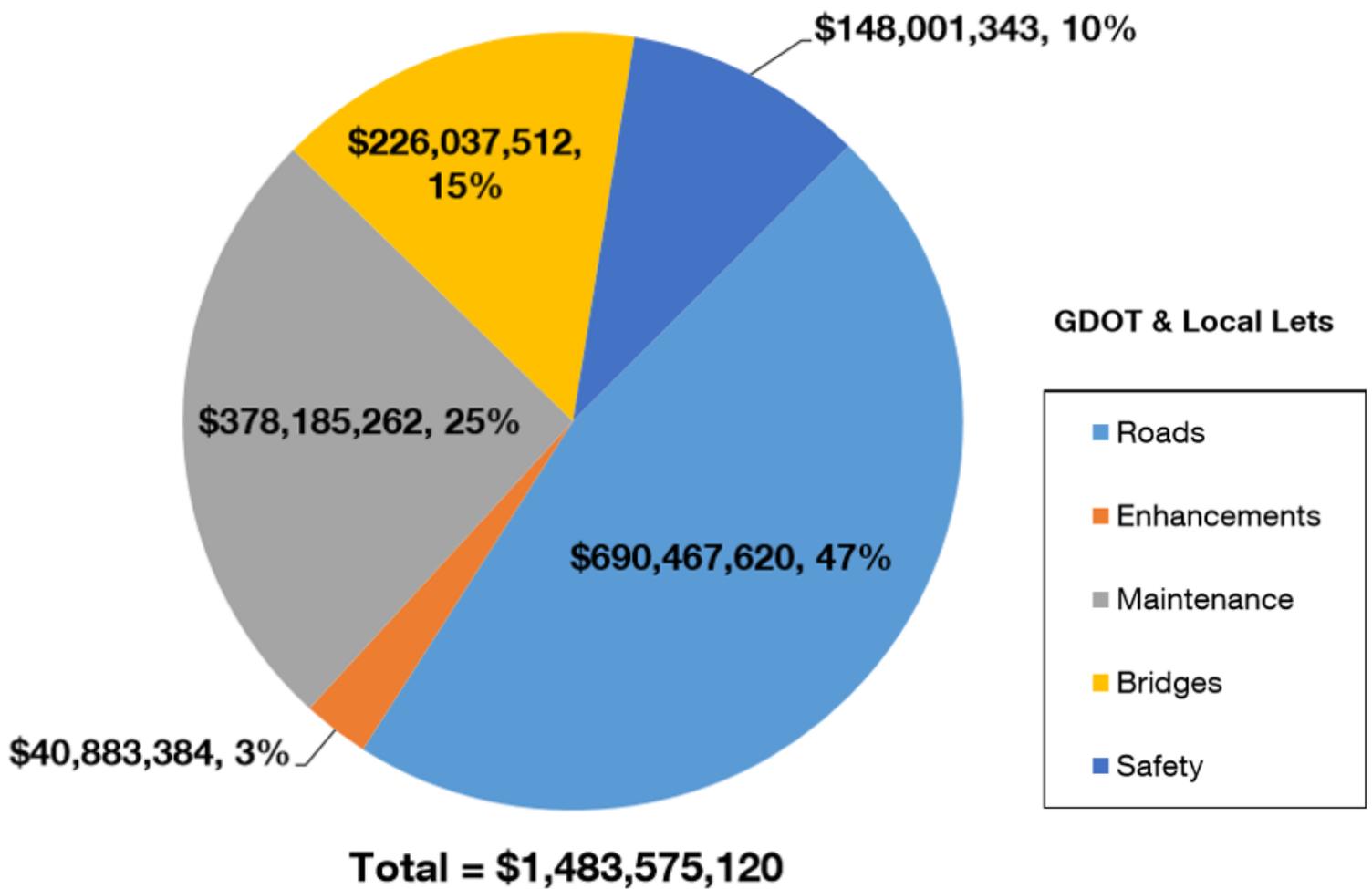
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