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RESURFACING OF DEEPSTEP ROAD SET TO BEGIN THIS MONTH

Transportation Investment Act Project Rehabs 14 Miles

Sandersville, GA – The Georgia Department of Transportation's TIA Office joined State Transportation Board (STB) Member Jamie Boswell and local leaders yesterday at the kick-off celebration for the resurfacing of Deepstep Road/CR348 in Washington County. The project, 100 percent funded through collections of the transportation tax, resurfaces approximately 14 miles of Deepstep Road beginning at the Fall Line Freeway to the county line.

"The country may be waiting for Congress to decide how to handle federal funding for transportation, but here in the CSRA we know how we are going to keep projects going in the years to come," said STB Member Jamie Boswell. "We are going to use TIA funds – money collected in this region because we voted for it – and we can spend it on needed transportation projects like Deepstep Road. More money for transportation is always needed, and we are fortunate to know that we are going to have a steady source for some of those funds over the next decade."



STB member Jamie Boswell speaks during the Deepstep Road kick-off celebration Monday.



Community leaders join Jamie Boswell in the ribbon cutting.

The \$1.76 million project was awarded to Pittman Construction Company late last month. Work on the resurfacing project is scheduled to begin by early summer, and will be completed in about four months after commencement. The upgrades to the road surface are designed to improve the structural capacity of the road to better accommodate trucks hauling cargo and

serving the industrial park in close proximity. Additionally, the enhanced roadway will be in position to serve future industrial park development in the county.

More information on the rehabilitation project, including construction schedules will be posted on the TIA website at www.GA-TIA.com when available. Additional photos are posted on the TIA Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/transportationinvestmentact.

Forty-six counties and their respective cities comprise the three regional districts that approved the TIA referendum last July. Cumulatively, they are expected to self-generate approximately \$1.8 billion in new revenue dedicated to local transportation improvements. Georgia DOT will coordinate work for cities and counties on some smaller jobs, and also assist in the engineering and construction management of larger projects. All of the projects were selected by regional commission roundtables of local elected officials after much public input. Seventy-five percent of the revenues will be utilized for the construction of these roundtable pre-selected projects while the remaining 25 percent will be disbursed to the regions' governments each month on a predetermined formula basis for discretionary use on local transportation-related efforts. Committed to full disclosure of its TIA-related activities, Georgia DOT maintains a webpage devoted to the program and featuring current updates on all project activities; it may be accessed by visiting: http://www.ga-tia.com/

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