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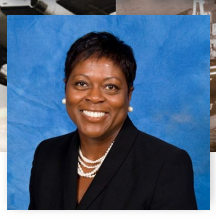

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GDOT Receives National Award

The I-95 widening and reconstruction project in Glynn and McIntosh counties was deemed the best rural divided highway project in the nation by the American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA).

Gene Drake, executive director, Georgia Concrete Paving Association, presented the Department with the National Gold Award for Excellence in Concrete Pavement on behalf of ACPA during the monthly Board meeting.

"The Department is deserving of the award for the hard work and ingenuity they develop for our citizens," said Board Chairman Rudy Bowen.

The chairman also praised the Department's diligence in developing value engineering.

Nearly 731,000 square yards of surface area concrete pavement was used for this project. The scope of the project consisted of reconstructing nine miles of roadway, eight ramps on two interchanges and two ramps at a Welcome Center.

The large amount of concrete was transported and poured through various innovative techniques. By transporting two-thirds of the concrete over interstate traffic using a machine rather than trucks, the Department was able to lower the disruption to traffic flow and increase safety for motorist and workers.

Commissioner Golden (3rd from the right) is congratulated by representatives from the American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) at the December 2011 Board meeting. The ACPA awarded Georgia DOT's

In addition to using resourceful means to complete the project, the Department also used a value engineering proposal. Crews also recycled existing concrete pavement and reinforced steel for other projects.

According to ACPA, the Department was honored with this prestigious award for the cost effective, time reducing and safety enhancing strategies used on the project.

The association is the premier national trade organization for concrete paving. They conduct a national competition to select the best concrete pavement projects in different categories from across the country.

STB Appreciates PATH Foundation

The PATH Foundation began in 1991 with an idea to help build off-road trails in and around Atlanta. Twenty-years later, the foundation has constructed more than 170 miles of trails and helped Georgia DOT build transportation enhancement projects throughout the state.

The State Transportation Board gave a resolution and expressed their appreciation to the PATH Foundation for their tireless work in connecting neighborhoods and regions while also promoting a healthy lifestyle.

"The PATH Foundation has been able to connect our districts," said Board member Robert Brown. "This is really a true public-private partnership. It has been a delight to work with them."

The foundation was an important partner in building the Silver Comet Trail. The multi-regional flagship project makes it possible to walk, run, bike or skate from Atlanta to Anniston, Alabama.

"One of the things that we have done successfully, with the assistance of the PATH Foundation, is provide non-motorized transportation means to the citizens of Georgia," said Elaine Armster, special projects chief, Office of Program Delivery. "The PATH Foundation has been a good friend to the Department."

The foundation has raised more than $25 million from the private sector and combined those donations with public funds to build bike and pedestrian trails. They have already completed 32 projects and are currently working on 10 others.

"We are here to be a partner with (GDOT) as long as you'll have us," said Ed McBrayer, executive director, PATH Foundation.

Several Board committees met in advance of the full Board Meeting. Meeting highlights are below:

Administrative: The Committee was given a presentation on the Improved utility coordination. They were also informed of the changes made to the Outdoor Advertising Board Rules.

HSGT Steering: The Committee was updated on overall status of the Atlanta to Chattanooga project.

Intermodal: The Committee was given presentation on the Multi Modal Terminal Project and the various Intermodal program. The City of Atlanta also gave a presentation regarding the progress and plans for its Streetcar project.

Legislative: The Committee approved the legislative agenda. They also heard presentations regarding the industry's perspective on the increase of truck weight limits.

Property Utilization: The new Committee discussed opportunities for revenue generating possibilities. A presentation was given surplus property disposal.

Did You Know?

STATE FUND COLLECTIONS

Estimated motor fuel collection, fiscal year to date, is $420,983,875.69 and is 0.79% over budget. This represents an increase of 5.93% over last year's collections of $397,416,648.94 for the same time frame.

TOTAL GDOT EMPLOYMENT FIGURE

The total employment figure for the month of November is 4516.

Next Board Meeting: Atlanta, Georgia – January 19th