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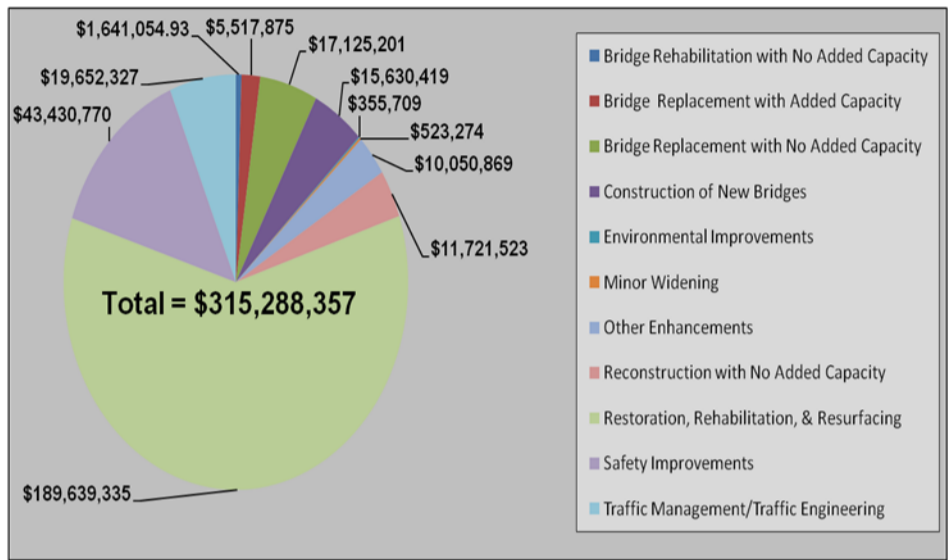
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## Board Approves Largest Letting for FY 2011

The State Transportation Board approved the largest letting in FY11 in an effort to put more Georgian's back to work. The \$141 million letting included 30 projects in the following areas: Bridge Replacement, with No Added Capacity, Construction of New Bridges, Restoration, Rehabilitation & Resurfacing, Safety Improvements, Traffic Management/Traffic Engineering and Other Improvements.

Additionally, \$4 million in Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants (LMIG) were also approved.

To date, the Department has awarded 139 projects that total more than \$315 million.



Does not include \$11,733,200 - LMIG Projects

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

**Finance:** An update on Amended FY11 and FY12 Budgets was given. The Amended FY11 budget has been passed and signed by the Governor and the General Assembly is still working on FY12. Financial reports for February were also reviewed including cash balances, motor fuel collections, lettings report and employment.

**High Speed Ground Transportation (HSGT):** A presentation on the status and action plan for High Speed Ground Transportation was given. There has been significant progress made since December. The next steps to move HSGT forward include finalizing the screening report, updating and getting approval on the Administrative Draft EIS, continuing to work with FRA on the Cooperative Agreement and preparing the final documents. The tentative schedule is to finalize all efforts by January 2012.

The Department was also presented a check from the City of Chattanooga in the amount of \$1.3 million. This contribution will be used as matching funds to the Department.

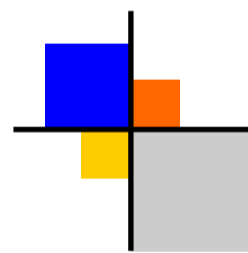
**Legislative:** Three out of four of the Department's bills have crossed over. Additionally, the School Safety and Infrastructure Bill—HB 202, has been removed from the Department's Legislative Agenda.

**Public Private Partnerships (P3):** Status updates on the North by Northwest, Multi Modal Passenger Terminal (MMPT), Rest Area/Welcome Center projects were given.

**Statewide Transportation Plan/Strategic Planning (SWTP/SP):** The President of the Georgia MPO Association gave a presentation on the current status of the organization and vital need for

funding. He asked the Department to reinstate the 10% match of state funding for PL funds.

The Planning Office also gave a presentation that outlined the STIP process and the timeline of activities and discussed the different studies taking place at the Department. About \$13 million in Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) funds were used to conduct Corridor Studies, Statewide Initiatives, Liability and Sustainability Studies and Traffic Forecasting.



### Did You Know?

#### STATE FUND COLLECTIONS

The estimated motor fuel collection, fiscal year to date, is \$611,783,797.91 and is 2.15 percent over budget. This represents an increase of 14.13% over last year's collections of \$466,613,822.42 for the same time period.

#### TOTAL GDOT EMPLOYMENT FIGURE

The total employment figure for the month ending February 28, 2011 is 4,720.

#### NEW SCENIC BYWAYS ADDED

The State Transportation Board voted to approve resolutions that designate two new scenic byways for Georgia: Enduring Farmlands Scenic Byway in Pulaski and Wilcox counties; and Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway in Effingham County.

*Next Board Meeting: Atlanta, Georgia—April 21st*