

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Newton County ARRA FUNDED SR 142 WIDENING PROJECT TO BEGIN

COVINGTON – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces work is scheduled to begin on the State Route 142 road project next week, weather permitting. This project will widen and reconstruct SR 142 beginning south of US 278/SR 12 and extending to County Road 72.

Funding for this project is provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The \$12,062,981.80 project was awarded to Pittman Construction Company of Conyers and has a contract completion date of October 31, 2012.

Motorists are advised to slow down and use extra caution in this and all construction work zones.

The ARRA is a national effort to create jobs and transform America's economy to compete in the 21st century. Nationwide, some \$48 billion is going to transportation infrastructure. Georgia DOT has created a Web page (<u>www.dot.ga.gov/gastimulus</u>) devoted to stimulus activities.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. Georgia is the 3rd fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49th in per capita spending on transportation. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (<u>www.dot.ga.gov</u>).

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