

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# Press Release

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*I-95 Widening...*

## **GEORGIA DOT HIGHWAY PROJECT JUDGED BEST IN AMERICA**

**ATLANTA** – The Georgia Department of Transportation’s widening of Interstate Highway 95 in Glynn and McIntosh counties has been judged 2010’s best rural interstate or divided highway concrete project in the nation.

The American Concrete Pavement Association last week awarded the \$119 million project its prestigious “National Gold Award for Excellence in Concrete Paving.” (The ACPA awards, now in their 22<sup>nd</sup> year, are given annually for projects completed in the previous calendar year.)

The Glynn/McIntosh project, begun in 2007 and completed in June, 2010, added third lanes to nine miles of I-95, both north and southbound, and reconstructed two large bridges and ten roadway ramps. The work was designed by Department engineers and carried out by Department contractor, APAC Tennessee, Inc., Ballenger Paving Division, under the supervision of Georgia DOT’s I-95 project manager, Larry Barnes. It was one of the final segments of the Department’s widening to six lanes of all 113 miles of I-95 along Georgia’s coast – an 18-year undertaking that cost more than \$1 billion.

“We’re very proud to receive this recognition from the industry and even more proud of Interstate 95,” DOT Commissioner Keith Golden commented. “Larry Barnes, his field staff and the contractor did an excellent job and I-95 along Georgia’s Gold Coast is now one of the most attractive and smoothest-riding interstates in the entire country.”

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. Georgia is the 6<sup>th</sup> fastest growing state in the nation, yet 49<sup>th</sup> in per capita spending on transportation. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site ([www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov)). Follow the Department on [Facebook](#) (<http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT>) and [Twitter](#) (<http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans>).

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