

# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## Press Release

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### **GA DOT Restores Key Downtown Commuter, Georgia Dome Route**

ATLANTA – On time and on budget, the Georgia Department of Transportation delivered a key infrastructure improvement to the City of Atlanta today – opening the new Mitchell Street Bridge to serve the resurgent Castleberry Hill community, the Georgia Dome, World Congress Center and federal office buildings complex downtown.

“This is a wonderful day for Atlanta,” Fifth Congressional District State Transportation Board Member Emory McClinton observed. “A new Mitchell Street Bridge, the new structure we’ll soon build to replace the Spring Street Viaduct and the Multi-Modal Passenger Terminal we are building will not only help revitalize this community, they will transform it into a thriving ‘destination’ for all Atlanta residents and tourists alike.”

The old Mitchell Street Bridge, owned by the City of Atlanta, was built in 1924; Georgia DOT ordered it closed in 2008 due to structural deficiencies. The Department replaced it in an \$8.8 million project funded entirely by federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) stimulus funds. The new structure, constructed by Archer Western Contractors, Inc., features three lanes (one-way eastbound as is Mitchell St. in this area). It has a parking lane on the south side; sidewalks and a bike lane on the north side.

Mitchell Street was one of approximately 300 ARRA Georgia DOT stimulus projects across the state – totaling \$55 million+ in bridge work; more than \$150 million in safety improvements; more than \$350 million in new capacity; \$83 million in interstate highway improvements; more than \$180 million in resurfacing projects; and \$31 million in transit improvements.

*The Georgia Department of Transportation continues its RoadWorks2012 construction program. Dozens of important roadway improvement projects continue throughout the state as we work to deliver projects on time and on budget. Georgia DOT employees work to keep our transportation network the nation’s finest. Pardon the necessary inconvenience and please drive cautiously and safely at all times. For more information on Georgia DOT projects, please visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov>; you also may follow the Department on [Facebook \(http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT\)](http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) and [Twitter \(http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans\)](http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans).*

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