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## **Bleckley County Receives GDOT Project**

**ATLANTA (October 18, 2016)** | Sen. Larry Walker III (R – Perry), along with Rep. Bubber Epps and Sole Commissioner Robert Brockman, announced this week a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) contract award for Bleckley County. The award totaling \$21,383,272 will address 4.36 miles of widening and reconstruction on US 23/State Route 87 (Cochran Bypass). The project will begin north of Foskey Road and extend to Dykes Circle, with projected completion by August 31, 2020.

“I commend GDOT for awarding this important project to Bleckley County,” said Sen. Walker. “This project will facilitate the transportation of goods to and from the Savannah Port and will further position Bleckley County to attract warehouse and logistics businesses. The resulting increase in traffic will bring economic growth and spending within the county by those that pass through it.”

“These projects are vital to the safety of those who travel in our communities and those who transport goods from the Savannah Port,” said Rep. Epps “I look forward to continuing to work with GDOT as they work to improve the conditions of existing infrastructure.”

“Having our bypass completed with four-lane traffic will ensure economic growth for our county in the future,” said Commissioner Brockman. “With the completion of this project, Bleckley County will see prosperity associated with this project for many years to come.”

The project is part of the over \$79 million award announced by GDOT for statewide construction projects. The total amount will spread across 19 projects around Georgia. Bids for the projects were advertised in August, the bids were received in September and contracts were awarded on September 30.

Information on schedules, lane closures and detours will be made available in advance of construction activities on GDOT’s website. Georgia DOT’s active summer construction season includes many of these projects. Know before you go. For details about summer construction, visit [511ga.org](http://511ga.org).

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