Winners of Annual Innovative Transportation Awards Announced

Arcadis’ Cumberland Boulevard Project takes the top honor

ATHENS – November 15, 2019 | The American Council of Engineering Companies of Georgia (ACEC Georgia) and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) announced the winners of their annual Georgia Partnership for Transportation Quality (GPTQ) Preconstruction Design Awards during the 25th Annual Georgia Transportation Summit held November 12. Nearly 1,300 industry, business, community and elected leaders were on-hand for the annual event. The GPTQ Preconstruction Design Awards recognize engineering teams and firms for exemplary work, innovation and ingenuity in transportation and infrastructure projects across the state of Georgia.

“Georgia’s dedication to innovation, combined with a continued emphasis on infrastructure maintenance, has allowed us to remain one of the top transportation systems in the nation and the number one state to do business for the sixth year in a row,” said Commissioner Russell McMurry of GDOT, who helped present the awards. “We are thankful for the community and industry leaders honored during the Georgia Transportation Summit on Tuesday, who support our efforts and join in our vision for a safe and connected future for Georgia.”

Arcadis received the Grand Prize Award for its work on Cumberland Boulevard, a major connector circling the core Cumberland area market. Cumberland Boulevard to the west of Cumberland Mall serves as a commuter route, a bus transfer facility for both Cobb Linc and MARTA, a north-south connection over I-285, and a multi-modal thoroughfare for shoppers, residents, and visitors to the area.

With the implementation of Arcadis’ innovative design, the Cumberland Parkway/Cumberland Boulevard intersection was widened to allow reduced peak hour delays by more than 50%. The signing and marking adjustment to the lanes west of I-285 reduces driver confusion, improving operations and expected reduction in crash frequency.

Winners were also recognized across nine different categories:

- **Willmer Engineering** – Northside Drive Pedestrian Bridge  
  *Category: Innovative Solutions to a Design Problem/Best Use of New Products*

- **Kimley-Horn** – Bob Callan Multiuse Trail, Phase II, Segment A  
  *Category: Planning and Design of an Alternative Mode Transportation Facility*

- **GDOT OES** – Interstate Widening and Bridge Replacement over Augusta Canal and Savannah River
Category: NEPA, Environmental Protection, Preservation, Restoration and/or Enhancement

- **Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions** – City Center in Clarkston Streetscape  
  *Category: Context Sensitive Planning and Design including Public Participation Plan*

- **AECOM Technical Services** – SR 20 over Etowah River Bridge Rehabilitation  
  *Category: Bridge and/or Structural Design*

- **GDOT District One** – Restricted Crossing U-Turn – SR 53 McEver Road  
  *Category: Traffic Safety and/or Intersection Design*

- **VHB** – Bay Street Widening  
  *Category: Highway Design – Urban*

- **Wolverton** – SR 133 Widening  
  *Category: Highway Design – Rural*

- **Arcadis** – I-85 Express Lanes from State Route 138 to Hamilton Road  
  *Category: Design-Build*

“Georgia’s transportation engineers are designing innovative solutions every day that make our lives – and commutes – better,” said Michael “Sully” Sullivan, President and CEO for ACEC Georgia. “We were proud to recognize these engineering achievements, and honor the teams behind their success, during our 25th annual Georgia Transportation Summit.”

GPTQ is a partnership between ACEC Georgia, GDOT and the Georgia Highway Contractors Association. Formed in 1993, its mission is to strengthen the working relationships between the parties that are responsible for designing, building, operating and maintaining the state’s transportation infrastructure, which ultimately results in improved project delivery and quality for Georgia’s citizens.

Attachment: GDOT Commissioner Russell McMurry (far left) presents the Grand Prize Award to Arcadis for the team’s work on the Cumberland Boulevard project.

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