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Kingsland Bypass Phase I Begins Clearing Stage

WOODBINE, GEORGIA – March 1, 2017 – Land clearing began on Colerain Road in Kingsland, just west of Interstate 95, for the much anticipated Kingsland Bypass Project. The joint project of Camden County, the Cities of Kingsland and St. Marys, and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), came to life over a decade ago. Recently, land clearing and orange construction barrels were noticeable along the stretch of Colerain Road west of I-95.

“The Bypass, which will be a four-lane improved roadway project, in its present form, is the product of many years of study, planning and public input,” said County Administrator Steve Howard. “In 2004 and 2016, Camden County witnessed the devastating effects that hurricanes can have on people and property along the southeastern coastline of the United States. Past evacuations have shown the current roadway, a two-lane road, does not have the capacity to handle an evacuation in a timely and efficient manner. The need and purpose of the proposed project identified the construction of a Bypass project, resulting in a four-lane improved roadway, as the most practical solution.”

The Kingsland Bypass Project serves as an alternate evacuation route in Camden County to relieve congestion and provide additional capacity for westbound coastal evacuees. Phase I is described as being 5.867 miles from Kings Bay Road to Laurel Island Parkway/I-95 interchange at Exit 6. The four-lane highway will provide regional benefits by facilitating access to area development and also offering the necessary infrastructure needed for future economic growth.



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"The Department is looking forward to working with Seaboard Construction and Camden County on this major transportation project," said GDOT District 5 Construction Engineer J. Cory Knox. "We will strive to keep the safety and convenience of the traveling public as a priority during the ongoing construction activities."

The project was bid earlier this year and awarded to Seaboard Construction Company of Brunswick. The Kingsland Bypass Project will feature two 12-foot lanes in each direction separated by a 20-foot raised median. It will provide a 10-foot multi-use path on the north side and a 5-foot sidewalk on the south side to meet Camden County's bike route system requirements for Colerain Road. The substantial residential development in this area would use the sidewalks to access nearby Camden County High School. The contract completion date is October 31, 2019.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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