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GA 400 Toll Closure Project Wins National Operations and Communications Awards

ATLANTA – The State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) was recently honored with the Institute of Transportation Engineers' (ITE) Transportation Achievement Award for Operations for the planning and communications associated with the ending of tolls on GA 400. In June 2014, the project also won the Public Relations Society of America's Silver Anvil Award of Excellence for media observances in government.

The ITE Transportation Achievement Awards recognize excellence in the concepts, programs or projects that have a significant positive impact on transportation planning, design or operations. SRTA received accolades for meeting safety goals and communicating the demolition process in advance of and during the GA 400 Toll Closure project. The Silver Anvil is the public relations industry's most distinguished honor recognizing the very best in the profession.

"We are extremely proud to have the hard work and attention to detail of our SRTA team recognized by these international organizations," said SRTA Executive Director Christopher Tomlinson. "Being honored by transportation engineering and communications professionals is gratifying. But the safe transition of GA 400 from tolled roadway to construction zone with no accidents and a well-informed driving public was our greatest achievement."

Since the GA 400 Toll Plaza closure and end of toll collection on November 22, 2013, construction crews have reinforced and filled in the plaza tunnel stairwells and removed the toll booths and plaza canopy. This week, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) announced that GA 400 traffic will shift to its final and permanent configuration this weekend, signaling the completion of the project and the unobstructed opening of the roadway.

Weather permitting, the shift will occur over the span of two overnights TONIGHT, Friday, September 5, for northbound traffic and Saturday, September 6, for southbound traffic. Shifts and associated lane closures will begin at 10:00 PM each night and end in the early hours of the following morning. Continue to check the GDOT website (www.dot.ga.gov) for more information on related GA 400 lane closures.

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About the State Road and Tollway Authority

The State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) is a state-level, independent Authority created by the Georgia General Assembly to operate tolled transportation facilities within the State and act as Georgia's transportation financing arm. Tracing its history back to 1953, SRTA has enabled user fees to be directed to important mobility links, including the original Sidney Lanier Bridge over the Brunswick River and the F.J. Torres Causeway "gateway" to the St. Simons' community, the GA 400 Extension, the I-85 Express Lanes and future electronic toll lanes offering Metro Atlanta motorists a choice for more reliable travel times.