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2020 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (TSPLOST PHASE II)

THOMASTON, GA - At the September 22nd Upson County Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board voted unanimously to award the bid for the second phase of Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Referendum (TSPLOST) projects. Paving and construction firm, C. W. Matthews Contract Company Inc., won the bid for this project that includes 39.6 miles of road resurfacing and restriping at a cost of \$4,996,968.54. This amount was 12.2% below the engineer's opinion of probable construction costs.

Phase II consists of 39.6 miles of road resurfacing on 27 different county roads. Additionally, 11.7 miles of existing road surfaces will be restriped.

Primary factors used to determine TSPLOST Phase One projects included a countywide road assessment study completed in 2018 and a secondary usage and impact review completed by EMC Engineering Services Inc. (EMC). EMC serves as the primary engineering consultant for Upson County.

According to County Commission Chairman Norman Allen, "This continuing project is the largest resurfacing project undertaken by the county in recent history. Upson County has 505 roads that make up the nearly 420 miles of paved surfaces. This project represents a significant percentage of the county road inventory. We (the Board) are proud to deliver these projects on behalf of the citizens and business people that supported and authorized the TSPLOST."

This project is a culmination of efforts that began less than two years ago with the TSPLOST. Voters overwhelmingly approved the additional 1% sales tax and the associated bond indebtedness dedicated solely to improving local transportation infrastructure.

Allen also remarked, "County Manager Jason Tinsley and his staff's efforts have helped to make this possible and I want to thank them for their expertise and efforts. EMC provides us with excellent service in designing and managing the TSPLOST projects and I am very pleased to have them on board for Phase II. The entire team provides the Commissioners with excellent data and advice and we are confident that Upson will get the most bang for the buck from these projects."

Additional information about the specific projects that make up Phase II will be released at a later date along with a detailed construction schedule.

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