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Brooks County: Bridge replacement project prompts closure on DeVane Road starting Jan. 3, 2024, detour to be installed



QUITMAN, Georgia — Contractors with a TIA-funded project replacing a bridge on Devane Road near its intersection with US 221/US 84/SR 38/ Thomasville Road, east of Quitman in Brooks County, will install a full roadway closure at the construction site starting Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024. Drivers who use Devane Road will be instructed to take a detour route.



The detour route will involve taking SR 76/North Washington Street in Quitman and SR 76/East Courtland Avenue. Signs will be posted throughout the area alerting motorists to the closure and directing them through the detour. The closure and detour are expected to remain in effect until mid-summer, 2024.

Contractors have already set up message boards on Devane Road in advance of the closure to notify local and commercial drivers.

For more information on this projects and others in the Southern Georgia region, check out: http://www.ga-tia.com/.

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The TIA Program: Georgia's Transportation Investment Act (TIA) provides a unique process for regions to fund community-selected transportation infrastructure projects through a voter-approved one-cent sales tax. In partnership with the Georgia Department of Transportation, regions are empowered to advance their economic and community development with regionally-oriented funds for construction projects, allowing them to be undertaken more quickly and efficiently. In 2012, voters in three regions - River Valley, Central Savannah River Area (CSRA), and Heart of Georgia Altamaha (HOGA) - approved their participation and in 2018 the Southern Georgia Region joined them. In 2020, CSRA approved a second decade of involvement - called TIA 2 - and in 2022, River Valley and HOGA voters also approved an additional term. TIA's first term (TIA 1) includes 1,022 total projects with an original approved total budget of \$1.9 billion. The three regions participating in TIA 2 will deliver 787 total projects with an original approved total budget of \$1.9 billion.



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