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### **Burke County: TIA-funded Waynesboro Truck Route opening to traffic Friday afternoon, Feb. 21, ribbon-cutting event scheduled**



*The new Waynesboro Truck Route extends from this new roundabout constructed at SR 24/SR 56 and Lover's Lane to the new intersection at SR 121/US 25 and Industrial Drive.*

**WAYNESBORO, Georgia — Contractors are scheduled to open the newly-constructed Waynesboro Truck Route to traffic on Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, following a ribbon-cutting event at the project's western endpoint. The event will be held at 1:30 p.m. adjacent to the new roundabout intersection at SR 24/SR 56 and Lover's Lane.**



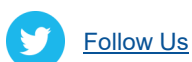
The new roadway extends from the new roundabout intersection for 0.2 miles on Lover's Lane and then continues on new pavement to its eastern endpoint at the SR 121/US 25 intersection with Industrial Drive. The construction contractor, Reeves Construction Company, built the new 2.1 mile roadway and roundabout with an original approved budget of \$4,471,195, funded through TIA.

Georgia DOT's Transportation Investment Act (TIA) program provides a process for the state's regions to pay for necessary community-selected infrastructure projects through a voter-approved one-cent sales tax. The Central Savannah River Area's (CSRA) regional roundtable of civic leaders chose to include the Waynesboro Truck Route on its 2013-2022 investment list of 84 total projects with the justification that the project would improve large commercial truck traffic efficiency and safety by redirecting it to a specially-designated through route on the west side of the city. Local residents will benefit from an overall reduction in traffic congestion, as well as a new, direct corridor with increased lane capacity they can also use to travel through the area.

For more information on this project and others in the CSRA 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.*



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