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Northwest Corridor Express Lanes Infrastructure Project

The Georgia Department of Transportation’s Northwest Corridor Express Lanes Project has been recognized as the No. 1 project on the 2018 United States Roads & Bridges Top 10 Roads list. **This infrastructure project, the largest of its kind in state history and most innovative express lanes project in the country, opened September 8, 2018 in Cobb County** with the goal of alleviating congestion, providing more reliable travel times for commuters and to promote business growth in the region.

Roads & Bridges’ Top 10 Roads awards, created in 2000, recognize the top projects in North America. Each year, nominations are submitted to the R&B editorial staff, which determines the Top 10 list based on project challenges, impact to region, and scope of work.

The Northwest Corridor Express Lanes Project included 29.7 miles of reversible express lanes, the design of six new express lane interchanges on I-75 and I-575, new access points, and 39 bridges with lengths totaling about 27,500 linear feet. The project did not use existing general purpose lanes interchanges and as a result, four separate access points, some created using isolated side roads, were constructed for the I-285 interchange alone. This, combined with successfully navigating a tight working space and managing environmental sensitivity, are some of the key factors which led it to be named the No. 1 project for 2018.