

Construction of the \$13.1 million Skip Spann Connector over Interstate 75 continues. Completion is scheduled for March.



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Building up Cobb roadways

The Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax continues to improve Cobb County's transportation system.

Projects approved under both the 2005 and 2011 SPLOST programs were covered in the latest progress report presented to the Board of Commissioners in April.

The following is only a partial list of ongoing progress. Current details on projects can be found online at cobbsplost2011.org.

Construction on the \$13.1 million Skip Spann Connector started last year and is set to be complete in March. The roadway over Interstate 75 is estimated to be 50 percent complete and will connect Frey Road to Townpark Lane. It is expected to provide traffic relief to nearby Chastain Road.

Queen Mill Road improvements, including safety and operational changes, sidewalk installation, curb and gutter installation and resurfacing, was more than 90 percent complete as of March.

The construction of a new bridge on Nance Road over Butler Creek is substantially complete. The \$3.28 million project also included safety and operational improvements from Cobblestone Golf Course to Lakeview Way.

The widening of Floyd Road from Veterans Memorial Highway to Clay Road began in January. Improvements included creating a four-lane road with a divided median, an 8-12 foot wide multi-use trail on the west side and a sidewalk on the east side. The \$4.7 million

project will also include dual left turn lanes from Floyd Road onto Veterans Memorial Highway. It is scheduled to be complete in July 2016.

A total of 24 roadways have been resurfaced, including Antioch Road, Canton Road, Floyd Road, Indian Hills Parkway, Paces Ferry Road, Shallowford Road and Hadaway Road.

Roadway improvements on Six Flags Drive, including curb and gutter additions, minor widening and a sidewalk, started in February. The \$1.6 million project is scheduled to be complete in October.

Clay Road sidewalk from Austell Road to Mable Lake Drive was more than 50 percent complete as of March. The \$1.3 million project will include extending two culverts to accommodate sidewalk across the Buttermilk Creek Tributary and the Clay Branch Creek Tributary.



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Extending Walker Drive started in March. The \$1.9 million project includes extending the roadway to Church Street and creating a town square near the entrance to Mableton Elementary School. Completion is scheduled for March.

Intersection improvements at Powder Springs Road at Cheatham Hill/Callaway Road are scheduled to be completed in September. The \$2.07 million project includes upgraded pedestrian accommodations, curb and gutter and a sidewalk on Powder Springs Road.

Car charger to help save on fuel costs

Cobb County unveiled a new electric vehicle charging station in Marietta April 8 as part of its commitment to taxpayer cost savings and public fuel efficiency.

County and Nissan officials cut the ribbon at Powder Springs Station, 1150 Powder Springs St.

The \$30,000 charger, which will work with any fast-charge capable electric car, was donated to the county by Nissan North America.

Cobb County Government will use the charger for its growing fleet of electric vehicles. The public is also able to use the charger with a pay service through greenlots.com.

The county has recently added 16 new all-electric Nissan LEAFs to its vehicle fleet, which will result in lower fuel costs.

The leased vehicles are spread among various county departments, including the Tax Assessor's Office, Risk Management, Juvenile Court and Senior Services.

These vehicles joined 23 hybrids, including 20 Kia Optimas and three Ford Fusions, already in use by Cobb County Government.



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Ahsan Rafay, business manager for Cobb County Fleet Management, tests a new fueling station for electric cars at Powder Springs Station.



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Road name recognizes couple's work

Cobb County honored David and Helga Hong April 29 with the naming of a road for their family at the Mountain View Aquatic Center. Community leaders lauded the couple's years of extensive volunteer work and cited their community activism as the reason for the recognition. The newly-named road serves as access to the aquatic center.

Public Safety job fair open to public

Those interested in exploring exciting careers in public safety should sharpen up their resumes for the Cobb County Public Safety Job Fair 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, **May 30**. Representatives from Cobb Animal Control, Cobb 911 Emergency Communications, Cobb Fire and Emergency Services, Cobb Police Department and the Cobb Sheriff's Office will all be on hand. Presentations from each department will be held every hour. A question and answer session will follow every presentation. Special units from each department and equipment will also be at the job fair. The fair will be held at the Cobb Safety Village, 1220 Al Bishop Drive, Marietta. Registration is not mandatory, but highly recommended to expedite the background investigation process. If you are interested in more than one position, you must register separately for each. Human Resources staff will be on hand to assist with applying for positions. For more information and registration, visit cobbjobfair.com.



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