

# Big Shanty Project

Cobb County has started construction on the much anticipated Big Shanty Extension; a two mile long roadway designed to provide significant congestion relief for the northwest sector of Cobb County.

In 1998, the Town Center Area Community Improvement District, in an effort to relieve congestion on both Chastain Road and Barrett Parkway, began studying the possibilities of a new east/west corridor. Reconnecting the original Big Shanty Road, split by the construction of Interstate-75 in the mid 1970s, became the most viable alternative. The Big Shanty Extension project was developed and divided into three phases:

Phase I – Barrett Lakes Boulevard east to George Busbee Parkway (under I-75)

Phase II – Chastain Road east to Barrett Lakes

Phase III – George Busbee Parkway east to Chastain Meadows

When completed, the project will provide an alternative to the congested Chastain Road and Barrett Parkway corridors. The Big Shanty improvements will also include a multi-use trail on the entire length of the project providing a safe pedestrian environment for employees, Kennesaw State University students and visitors to the Town Center area.

The project is 1.98 miles at a construction cost of \$18 million.

The project is a partnership among the Georgia Department of Transportation, Cobb DOT, TCACID, Kennesaw State University and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and phase one began construction in January. Phase III began construction in fall 2009 and phase II is scheduled for construction in 2011. The total project should be completed by 2012.

## Big Shanty Extension Phase I

This project has been let to construction by the Georgia DOT and is anticipated to be completed in fall 2011. The project will connect George Busbee Parkway at Big Shanty Road with Barrett Lakes Boulevard by taking the roadway under I-75. The new road will be a four-lane divided roadway with a 10 foot multi-use trail.

## Big Shanty Extension Phase II

Final construction plan development and property acquisition are ongoing for Big Shanty Phase II which will connect the western end of Phase I of the extension at Barrett Lakes Boulevard to the intersection of Big Shanty Road and Chastain Road. This will be a four-lane divided roadway. It is anticipated that the project will be let to construction this summer, with expected construction duration of 24 months.

## Big Shanty Extension Phase III ([Project Fact Sheet](#) )

This project has been let to construction and is anticipated to be completed in the fall. The project will consist of a four-lane divided roadway connecting Chastain Meadows Boulevard to the intersection of the eastern end of Phase I and George Busbee Parkway. The project follows the existing alignment of Big Shanty Road with minor relocations to improve horizontal and vertical alignment.