

Moreland Altobelli Completes Thomson West Bypass/I-20 Interchange Project In McDuffie County

Moreland Altobelli (MA) is pleased to announce the completion of a new interchange and bridge replacement as part of the Thomson West Bypass in McDuffie County.



A full diamond interchange was constructed at the grade separation of Three Points Road over I-20. At the same time, a new 62-foot wide and 283-foot long replacement bridge was added over I-20 to improve capacity and vertical clearance. Additionally, Three Points Road was



widened and received other improvements from SR 223 up to I-20 to better serve the new interchange.

MA provided full design services for this project, including federal environmental documentation, as well as construction staging and maintenance of traffic plans.

McDuffie County Commission Chairman Charlie Newton expressed appreciation for everyone who worked on the project. He said the road upgrades will expand economic development while enhancing public safety.

"Exit 169 is an outstanding addition to McDuffie County's transportation network," Newton said. "It will provide great new opportunities for industrial, commercial and residential growth in the Three Points area. More immediately, it provides access to I-20 for the trucks



servicing the industrial parks on the western side of the county. Before the interchange was constructed, these trucks had to go through downtown Thomson to access I-20, creating a dangerous and aversive business environment."

MA appreciated the opportunity afforded by this project to work with the leaders of McDuffie County. Substantial infrastructure investments such as those made to the Thomson West Bypass show the community's positive commitment to promoting access and safety. We believe these improvements will provide lasting benefits for many years to come.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This project illustrates the importance of partnering at the local, state, and federal levels to achieve transportation improvements during this economic downturn. Due to the leadership of McDuffie County in moving this project forward, this new interchange will encourage economic development, improve traffic flow through downtown Thomson, and improve safety. Moreland Altobelli is proud to have been one of the other partners in this project by providing design and environmental services. We look forward to working with the County in completing the next phase of the Thomson West Bypass, which is funded with the recently passed Transportation and Investment Act (TIA) tax.

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