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Gov. Kemp Announces \$16.9 Million to Fund Transportation Infrastructure Projects

Governor Brian P. Kemp and the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) Board of Directors today announced the approval of \$16.9 million in Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) loans and grants that will help fund five transportation infrastructure projects across the state. This round of funding includes the fourth largest loan amount allocated in the program's history, all four of which have come under Governor Kemp's administration.

"Our state's unprecedented economic growth is in part thanks to our reliable transportation infrastructure network that serves both hardworking Georgians and the job creators that employ them," **said Governor Brian Kemp.** "In order to continue attracting talent and opportunity and maintain our status as the number one state to do business, we must responsibly fund our infrastructure needs. Thanks to this investment, even more communities will see improvements with a generational impact."

Approved funding includes \$6.6 million awarded to Peach County in the form of a \$5.6 million loan and a \$1 million grant. This is the largest in GTIB's history, reflecting continued efforts to help prioritize investment in rural parts of the state. By fully meeting Peach County's funding requests for the Lilly Creek Road project, GTIB will substantially accelerate the paving of a dirt road providing access to over 1,000 acres of developable land and improving connectivity.



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ICYMI: Highlights from NIBS' Building Innovation Conference 2024

CE reports from the National Institute of Building Sciences' Building Innovation Conference 2024, where industry experts answered questions on sustainability, diversity and inclusion, technology and more.

The National Institute of Building Sciences' [Building Innovation Conference 2024](#), held in Washington, D.C., from May 22-24, offered attendees insights on incoming shifts within the industry with hard-hitting declarations from experts who broke down what the future of the built environment holds. Chief among the discussion topics were the supply chain, workforce diversification and social equity, and climate adaptation and mitigation. Here are key takeaways and quotable moments from the opening general session, which presented "A Look Ahead: The Next 50 Years of the Built Environment":

Diversity and inclusion have been hot-button issues for some time, with many advances in the last several years in terms of women's visibility and opportunity for advancement. However, panelists still noted room for improvement regarding how women are perceived within the construction industry.

- "Change often happens when something makes you angry." — Mónica Serrano, Resilience Program Manager, Turner Construction; Co-Host, "Adapt: Climate Change and the Built Environment" podcast
- "The men that I work with are intimidated by me. Why is that a problem in 2024? They don't know how to speak to me, and I'm training men how to have soft skills when interacting with other women. It doesn't really make me angry. It makes me sad, and of course, you get angry because you want to fix it. There are women out there [in the construction industry] who are very knowledgeable. They're bringing a different dynamic." — Christi Powell, Women Business Enterprise Manager, 84 Lumber

The supply chain will continue to be a challenge over the next five decades, both for suppliers themselves and for the contractors who rely on them.

- "The capacity to either sink or swim for suppliers lies in their ability to change rapidly. This adoption is also fueled by suppliers prioritizing building a relationship or partnership with customers and having detailed table conversations on how they can fulfill needs." — Amy Marks, Executive Vice President, Global Strategy, Symetri.

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- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.

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