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Scott Road rebuilding and construction complete

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After five years of planning, one year of grant applications, and one year of construction; the Scott Road Rebuilding Project is complete and open to all traffic. The County and City celebrated the road's final construction completion on November 9 with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the \$1.6 million road improvement project.



“We usually don’t do a ribbon cutting for a road project but Scott Road is different,” Supervisor Henry Cochran explained to the crowd. “This is the largest joint construction project between the City of Lucedale and the Board of Supervisors during my time in office. We got it done together.”

Scott Road is the boundary between the County and City. The line splits exactly through the middle of the roadway. The road is also a major east-to-west traffic corridor in George County directly connecting Hwy. 26 and Old Hwy. 63.

Mayor Doug Lee says it is one of the busiest roads in the City with more than 800 vehicles per day and is a key link to dozens of surrounding businesses.

“Teamwork is the reason we got this project done. It took longer than anyone wanted but it is well worth the investment. I want to thank the Aldermen, the City’s Water Department, and the County for all their hard work on this project,” Lee said.

Construction for the project took almost a year. Scott Road was completely rebuilt from the foundation up; including, drainage redesign, base leveling and repairs, four inches of new asphalt paving, concrete curb & gutter installation, road safety improvements, and the expansion of the Twin Creek Road intersection.

Four different funding sources made the Scott Road Rebuilding Project financially possible. The largest funds came from two appropriations from the Mississippi State Legislator. The remaining funding came from Supervisor Cochran’s District 5 Road Funds, City of Lucedale’s road/maintenance funds, and a 2021 Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant.

State Senator Dennis DeBar, District 43, says these are the types of local projects the legislators want to promote and support.

“The cooperation between the City and County on this project is remarkable. This is a good example of the types of improvement projects I’m looking to fund through the legislature, projects that improve the overall quality of life for residents,” DeBar said.

The rebuilding of Scott Road also touched every utility along its half mile construction site-water, waste water/sewer, fiber optic cable, natural gas, and overhead electric.

“I want to say a special ‘thank you’ to all the utility companies we worked with during the project, especially, the City’s Water Department, District 5 Road Crew, and Singing River Electric. Also, I want to recognize former mayor Darwin Nelson for his efforts to acquire several key right-of-ways for this project. We could not have done it without these groups and individuals,” Cochran said.

Although the road construction was completed in early October; the County anticipates another four to six months to finish all grant reimbursement filings and financial closeout reporting.

Key Project Partners

- George County Board of Supervisors
- City of Lucedale Board of Alderman & Mayor Doug Lee
- State Legislative Delegation- Senator Dennis DeBar, Rep. Doug McLeod, & Rep. Manly Barton
- George County Economic & Community Development Office
- Mississippi Development Authority - GCRF Funding
- Southern Mississippi Planning & Development District
- Batson and Brown Engineering
- Singing River Electric Cooperative
- J.E. Talley Construction
- District 5 Road Crew
- Utilities - AT&T, Atmos Energy, Lucedale Water & Wastewater

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L to R: County and City officials, along with key partners, gathered on Scott Road to celebrate the completion of road construction with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Nov. 09, 2022. The \$1.6 million project was under construction for almost a year.