



## Rivian Project Upheld by Georgia Supreme Court

ATLANTA – July 14, 2023 – The Georgia Department of Economic Development, in conjunction with the Joint Development Authority of Jasper, Morgan, Newton, and Walton Counties (JDA), applauds the Georgia Supreme Court declining to hear an appeal challenging the Rivian project’s bond agreement.

The earlier decision from the Court of Appeals in support of the Rivian project is now final, reinforcing that the State and JDA provided unrefuted evidence that this project is sound, reasonable, and feasible. In addition to creating 7,500 new direct jobs, Rivian will generate additional tax revenue for the JDA counties, including for local education systems and emergency services, and contribute to Georgia’s growing e-mobility supply chain.

“To date, every decisive legal challenge has ruled in the State and JDA’s favor, reinforcing what we have known since December 2021 – Rivian is a generational opportunity for Georgians,” **said GDEcD Commissioner Pat Wilson**. “Rivian’s potential goes well beyond directly creating well-paying jobs of the future. A project of this scale attracts suppliers and builds a thriving community that can support more local businesses. The benefits will be felt across the e-mobility ecosystem and the dozens of other industries its supply chain touches. With today’s news, we are looking forward to working with Rivian, our sister agencies, and local communities to capitalize on Georgia’s momentum at the forefront of the e-mobility revolution.”

Site development on the 2,000-acre East Atlanta Megasite began in 2022 with production expected to begin in 2026. Rivian’s strategic location on the I-20 corridor will enable the company to access resources and speed its products to market. Offering 1,200 miles of highway and 5,000 miles of rail, Georgia is equipped to move products like Rivian’s vehicles quickly and efficiently. With assets like the Mason Mega Rail Terminal at the Port of Savannah – the largest on-terminal rail facility in North America – Rivian will be able to easily tap into supply chain needs.

Rivian’s technology centers at the Stanton Springs North campus will support the company’s research and development programs. The company is actively working to ensure that both the construction process and future facility meet Rivian’s high standards of conservation and sustainability.

Rivian is a prominent inclusion in Georgia’s growing list of EV and e-mobility economic development projects, which have announced more than \$22.9 billion in investment and 28,300 jobs since 2020. Earlier this year, Governor Brian Kemp and state lawmakers recognized March 1 as “Rivian Day,” commending Rivian’s ongoing commitment to Georgia.

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