



Georgia Department of Transportation Fact Sheet

Downtown Connector & I-75 Resurfacing Projects

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Georgia Department of Transportation will resurface a section of I-75 in Clayton County and a portion of the I-75/I-85 Downtown Connector corridor in Fulton County as part of Georgia DOT's maintenance program and continued effort to take care of the state's existing infrastructure. This section of the interstate was last resurfaced in 2008.

The Clayton County project will resurface 4.4 miles of I-75, northbound and southbound, from just north of State Route 54 to I-285.

- **Tentatively begins Thurs. July 18, 2016** scheduled for **completion Feb. 2017**, weather permitting
- Resurfacing all travel lanes – six to eight lanes in each direction.
- Milling and inlaying of lanes, beginning with the shoulders and ramps
- First four to six weeks will include work on ramps
- Project cost – \$9.5 million
- Project awarded to C. W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc.

The Fulton County project will resurface six miles of the Downtown Connector, northbound and southbound from just south of University Avenue to the Brookwood Interchange.

- **Tentatively begins Mon., July 25, 2016** scheduled for **completion April 2017**, weather permitting
- Resurfacing all travel lanes – six to eight lanes in each direction.
- Milling and inlaying of lanes, beginning with the shoulders and ramps
- First four to six weeks will include work on ramps
- Project cost – \$13.8 million
- Project awarded to C. W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc.

PROJECTS SPECIFICS

Lane Closures and Traffic Shifts

Clayton County I-75 project:

During construction the entire ramp may be closed, if necessary, **Mon. - Fri. from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

In the future, there will be intermittent full weekend ramp closures. Emergency vehicles will be allowed access to the ramps. Exact dates may change due to weather or other factors. The tentative schedule for ramp closures is as follows:

Monday, July 18 at 9 p.m. - Tuesday, July 19 at 5 a.m.: I-75 NB Old Dixie Highway exit ramp (Exit # 235)

Tuesday, July 19 at 9 p.m. - Wednesday, July 20 at 5 a.m.: Start I-75 NB Tara Blvd Entrance Ramp

Wednesday, July 20 at 9 p.m. - Thursday, July 21 at 5 a.m.: Finish I-75 NB Tara Blvd Entrance Ramp

Thursday, July 21 at 9 p.m. - Friday, July 22 at 5 a.m.: I-75 SB Tara Blvd Exit Ramp

Friday, July 22 at 9 p.m. - Saturday, July 23 at 9 a.m.: I-75 SB Old Dixie Highway entrance ramp

Monday, July 25 at 9 p.m. - Tuesday, July 26 at 5 a.m.: I-75 NB Forest Pkwy exit ramp (Exit # 237)

Tuesday, July 26 at 9 p.m. - Wednesday, July 27 at 5 a.m.: I-75 NB entrance ramp from WB Forest Pkwy

Wednesday, July 27 at 9 p.m. - Thursday, July 28 at 5 a.m.: I-75 SB Forest Pkwy exit loop ramp
Thursday, July 28 at 9 p.m. - Friday, July 29 at 5 a.m.: Start I-75 NB Entrance loop ramp from EB Forest Pkwy
Friday, July 29 at 9 p.m. – Saturday, July 30 at 9 a.m.: Finish I-75 NB Entrance loop ramp from EB Forest Pkwy

Fulton County Downtown Connector project:

During construction, an entire ramp may be closed, if necessary. Complete ramp closure is allowed nightly **from midnight to 5 a.m.** However, Brookwood and the I-20 interchanges will not have complete ramp closures. Emergency vehicles will be allowed access to the ramps. Exact dates may change due to weather or other factors. The tentative schedule for resurfacing work on the ramps is as follows:

Monday, July 25 at 9 pm - Tuesday, July 26 at 5 am: I-75/I-85 NB entrance and NB exit ramp at University Avenue (Exit # 244)
Tuesday, July 26 9 p.m. – Wednesday, July 27 5 a.m.: I-75/I-85 SB entrance and SB exit ramp at University Avenue (Exit # 244)
Wednesday, July 27 at 9 pm - Thursday, July 28 at 5 am: I-75/I-85 NB exit ramp to Capital Avenue (Exit # 245)
Thursday, July 28 at 9 p.m. - Friday, July 29 at 5 a.m.: I-75/I-85 NB exit ramp to Central Avenue (Exit # 246)
Friday, July 29: NO WORK ON DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR
Saturday, July 30: NO WORK ON DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR
Sunday, July 31 at 9 p.m. – Monday, August 1 at 5 a.m.: I-75/I-85 NB exit ramp to Freedom Parkway; NB entrance ramp from Irwin Street underpass (Exit # 248 C)
Monday, August 1 at 9 p.m., – Tuesday, August 2 at 5 a.m.: I-75/I-85 NB exit ramp 249B to Peachtree & Pine Street (Exit # 248 B)
Tuesday, August 2 at 9 p.m. – Wednesday, August 3 at 5 a.m.: I-75/I-85 NB exit ramp to Linden Ave.\Spring Street
Wednesday, August 3 at 9 p.m. – Thursday, August 4 at 5 a.m.: I-75/I-85 NB exit ramp to Edgewood Avenue (Exit # 248 B)
Thursday, August 4 at 9 p.m. – Friday, August 5 at 5 a.m.: I-75/I-85 NB exit ramp to Spring Street (Exit # 249 D)
Friday, August 5 at 9 p.m. – Saturday, August 6 at 8 a.m.: I-75/I-85 NB exit ramp to Williams Street (Exit #250)

- Resurfacing will start on the interstate shoulders, the gore areas between the lanes and ramps, and the entrance and exit ramps.
- Ramp closure schedules are contingent on weather and will be updated based on actual work.
- Changeable Message boards and overhead signs will provide regular updates on ramp closures.
- Shoulder closures will be allowed weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. when necessary.

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- During construction activities, the HOV lane will become a general purpose lane that all vehicles may use. If needed, the HOV lane entrances and exits may be closed during construction. Ramps will be open for emergency vehicles when needed.
- Additional restrictive hours may occur for special events, such as, but not limited to, the Atlanta Falcons, Atlanta Braves, Music Midtown Festival and Georgia Tech football games due to the proximity of work to these known events.
- The speed limit will be reduced to 45 mph in the work zone area. Fines for speeding are doubled in a work zone.
- Obey the rules in work zones – Pay Attention, Slow Down, and Watch for Workers. Keep in mind that work zones are not always stationary.
- Plan ahead. Before you get into your car – call 511 or visit 511ga.org for real-time information about statewide road conditions. There's also a link to 511 on Georgia DOT's homepage at dot.ga.gov.
- Drive Alert and Arrive Alive – always buckle up, stay off the phone and no texting, and drive alert with no distractions.

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