



# I-285 AT FLAT SHOALS BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

## *Conversation with the Community...*

**Project I.D. Number:** 713290

**Project Update:**

- Extension of the crosswalks at the top of the I-285 westbound exit ramp
- Contractors are currently preparing the area on the entrance ramp from Flat Shoals Road onto I-285 westbound behind Concrete Barrier Wall for waterline installation under I-285
- Traffic switched on the entrance ramp from Flat Shoals Road onto I-285 eastbound
- Traffic switched on the exit ramp from I-285 eastbound onto Flat Shoals Road
- Traffic switched to new section of Flat Shoals Bridge over I-285
- Installation of new traffic signal heads on Flat Shoals Road
- 40% of bridge demolition completed; bridge deck and superstructure have been demolished
- Contractors are installing Sound Barrier Wall posts on the exit ramp from I-285 westbound onto Flat Shoals Road
- Traffic switched on the entrance ramp from Flat Shoals Road onto I-285 westbound

**Your concerns answered:**

- What can be done to move people safely and expeditiously through the project? Sidewalks are currently opened on the new side of the bridge on Flat Shoals Road right side.
- What will be done to ensure that residents of the extended living facilities and apartment complexes are safe as they walk through this area? Sidewalk will be kept open for pedestrian use.
- What is GDOT doing to improve the appearance of the area during construction? Contractor will talk with the sub-contractors about continuous clean-up of area where equipment is being stored.
- Can the bridge be decorated; have some decorated fencing? The Department does not use tax dollars to do decorative treatments on bridges; however, there are options. Community Improvement Districts (CIDs) and self-taxing business areas often provide funding for decorative fencing and other aesthetically pleasing options for bridges. DeKalb County Commissioner Larry Johnson suggested setting up a meeting with the CID.

Check out website for project info and pictures: [www.flatshoals285.org](http://www.flatshoals285.org)

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Project Map:

