



# Conversation with the Community

“Back on Track”





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# Agenda

- Introductions
- Your Concerns answered
- Progress
- Next Steps
- New Concerns
- Q&A



# Your concerns answered...

- “High mast lighting” Operational since May
  - Thanks to DeKalb County and Georgia Power, we were able to meet your needs.
- Exit sign from I-285 eastbound
  - Changeable Message Sign was moved to half-mile advanced notice before exiting I-285 eastbound
- Lane Reduction approaching Panthersville traffic light
  - After review, moving the lane closure would have more negative impact to the traffic than positive.



High Mast Lighting



Changeable Message Sign

# Project Progress

## What have we done since April?

- Bridge Deck pour completed on July 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Second concrete pour will occur on July 12<sup>th</sup>; weather permitting
- New Bridge open to traffic December 2018.
  - 30 days for curing and to ensure bridge deck is strong enough for traffic
- Concrete paving complete on I-285 WB/EB ramps to Flat Shoals
- Temporary concrete barrier wall
  - Installed in the I-285 median



Deck Pouring on Flatshoals Over I-285 Bridge stage 2 on span 2



Deck Pouring on Flatshoals Over I-285 Bridge stage 2 Span 2

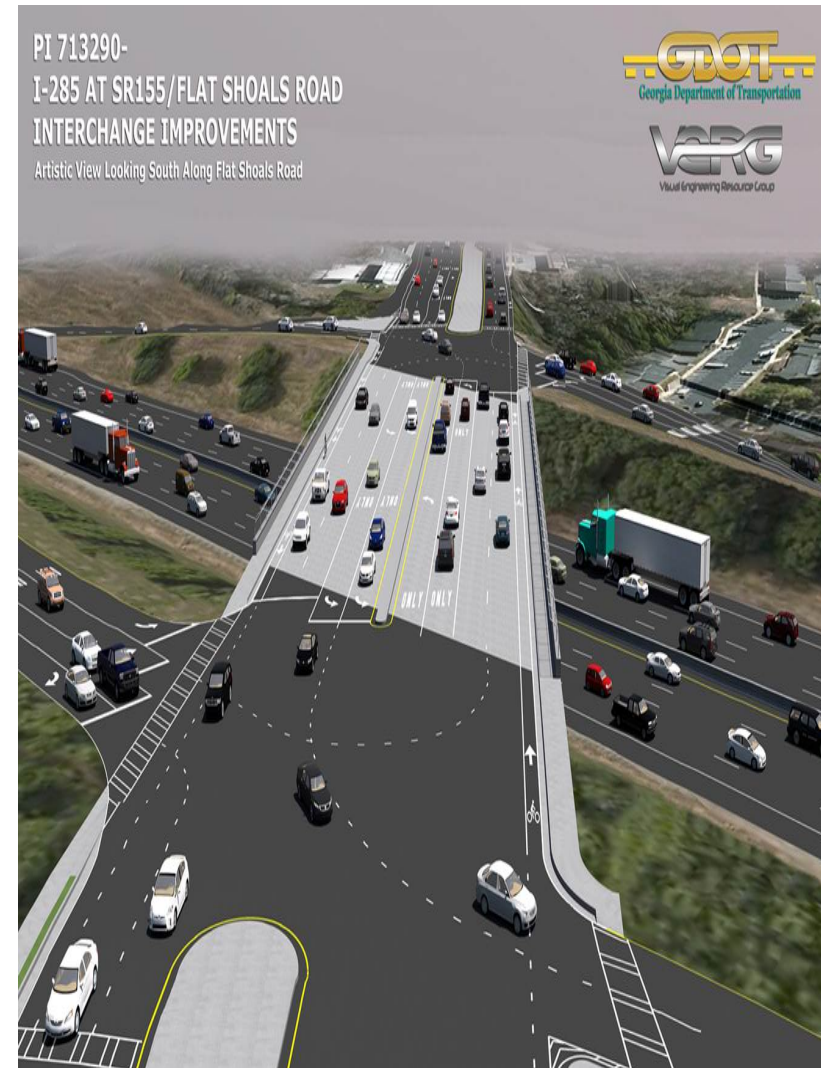


Deck Pouring Completed, covered for curing on Flatshoals over I-285 Bridge stage 2 Span 2

# Ongoing Activities & Next Steps...

## What to look out for...

- Asphalt tie-in is scheduled to be done at the beginning of August.
  - Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (HAWKS) activation.
- Completion of Sound Barrier Walls.
  - The only remaining area is where the pipe was located under I-285. We are filling in that gap now, and the walls should be completed in August.
- Signal work will be done in August and September.
- Traffic Changes and Intermittent Interruptions:
  - Until the project is complete, there will still be occasional lane closures and traffic shifts, most in place overnight when traffic is lightest.



# New Concerns...

## Litter pickup and Mowing

- GDOT mows all state routes throughout District 7 at the same frequency.
  - Interstate routes once every 30 days during the growing season (7 times per year)
  - State routes every 45 days during the growing season (5 times per year)
  - In our six-county metro area alone, we currently budget **\$8,358,500** for litter pickup and mowing.
    - Approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of overall maintenance budget
    - Same funding sources as guardrail repair, pothole repair, sign repair & replacement, bridge repairs, bridge and crosswalk striping, vegetation management, sweeping, and drain cleaning.
- These last few months have produced a lot more rain than expected. Unfortunately, this has caused grass to grow at a faster rate.
- Next mowing of Flat Shoals Parkway and Flat Shoals Road is scheduled for July 19 (last completed the last week of May/first week of June).
  - Treating weeds/tall grass with herbicide
  - We are working with DeKalb county to decide which trees should be removed.

# GDOT District 7 Customer Service 770.216.3810

## Please call to report:

- Visibility concerns due to grass or vegetation
- Signs knocked down
- Potholes



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Questions?