

Project Description

This project includes the addition of 10 miles of newly constructed managed lanes north of the existing I-85 Express Lanes. Located entirely within Gwinnett County, one northbound and one southbound toll lane will operate north of the existing express lanes on I-85 at Old Peachtree Road and will extend to Hamilton Mill Road. These lanes will be designed to improve traffic flow, increase options for motorists as well as transit and registered vanpool customers, provide reliable trip times, create jobs and bring economic benefits to the residents of this region. These lanes will be managed by a variable-priced tolling system similar to the existing I-85 Express Lanes. Motorists must have a registered Peach Pass in their vehicle to access the express lanes.

In addition to the toll lanes, new auxiliary lanes will be constructed to help keep traffic moving in the congested areas of the corridor. Auxiliary lanes are constructed to help ease bottlenecks caused by drivers attempting to enter or exit the freeway.

There will also be an additional project built within the corridor. The I-85 Widening Project will add a third general purpose lane from the current I-985 interchange to SR 211. Construction will start on this widening project in late 2017.

*Many project elements are dependent upon the review and approvals of state and federal partner agencies and may be subject to change based on their feedback.

Quick Facts

- Project length: 10 miles
- Project cost estimate: \$178 million
- Project includes one new northbound express lane and one new southbound express lane
- Project delivery method: Design-Build contractor and designer working together to design and construct the project
- South of I-985, the project will include new capacity along I-85 outside of the existing mainline; north of I-985, the new capacity will be on the inside shoulder along the four-lane section
- Auxiliary lanes will provide better traffic flow between key interchanges: I-85 southbound from SR 20 to SR 317/Lawrenceville Suwanee (approximately 2.8 miles) and I-85 northbound from SR 20 to SR 324/Gravel Springs Road overpass (approximately 1.8 miles)

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