

## The Northwest Corridor Express Lanes Project Newsletter



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- Construction began in October 2014.
- Construction notices, including lane shifts and closures, are posted on Georgia DOT's [Georgia Express Lanes website](#), Georgia Navigator 511 and social media.
- Georgia DOT works diligently to minimize impacts to the public as much as possible.
- Most of the work for this project will occur off of the existing roadway and in the median.
- The majority of lane closures will occur during off-peak traffic hours.
- Georgia DOT is working closely with our partners including city and county governments, community improvement districts, transit agencies, businesses and community groups to ensure that construction updates are readily available and widely communicated.



## Current Construction through June 2015

### I-75/I-285 Interchange to I-75/I-575 Split

- 12 Bridges and 14 Supporting Walls\*

### I-75/I-575 Split NB I-75 to Hickory Grove Road

- Start 5 Bridges, 3 Walls and 2 Ramps\*

### I-75/I-575 Split NB I-575 to Sixes Road

- Demolition of existing bridge and start 6 Bridges\*

- 2 Sound Barrier Walls and construction on local roads Barrett Parkway and Bells Ferry Road\*

\* *Ongoing project activities include: drainage work; clearing and grubbing; paving and pavement marking; and utility relocations.*



District Three Commissioner JoAnn Birrell hosted her first town hall of the year on Thursday, Feb. 19. The event spotlighted Georgia Department of Transportation's Northwest Corridor Express Lanes project.

## NWC in the Community

### Cobb County District 3 Meeting

John Hancock, Project Manager for the Northwest Corridor Express Lanes Project, presented information at the Cobb County District Three Town Hall Meeting in Marietta on February 19, 2015.

During the event, Hancock discussed project progress, electronic tolling and lane operability. On how the project will benefit surrounding communities, Hancock stated "One of the important things to remember about the Northwest Corridor Project is that it is all new construction that will add capacity to the

corridor. Drivers will see benefits in locations like Cobb Parkway as well as in the general purpose lanes, and the time savings for commuters traveling from Sixes Road to I-285 will be about 23 minutes."

For more information about electronic tolling for Georgia Express Lanes, please visit [The State Road and Tolling Authority](#).

For more information about other construction projects along the Northwest Corridor, please visit the [Cobb County Department of Transportation](#).

## What's a SLIP RAMP? And other words you need to know

### The Northwest Corridor Express Lanes Terminology:

- **Managed Lanes** - The Georgia Express Lanes are managed lanes that provide motorists a travel alternative to the toll-free general purpose lanes that exist today. The Express Lanes are actively managed through pricing, access and/or occupancy requirements in order to maintain free-flowing traffic, particularly during morning and evening rush hours.
- **Reversible Express Lanes** - The Northwest Corridor Express Lanes will be reversible barrier-separated toll lanes that operate in one direction only at all times. The lanes will operate southbound in the morning, and be reversed to operated northbound in the evening.
- **Slip Ramps** - The Northwest Corridor Express Lanes will also be accessible via slip ramps. These slip ramps, or short connector ramps between roadways, will allow vehicles to "slip" into or out of the express lanes and

general purpose lanes instead of entering or exiting through interchanges. These slip ramps will be located along I-575 at Barrett Parkway, Big Shanty Road, Shallowford Road and Sixes Road.



*Depiction of slip ramp: Southbound traffic from general purpose lanes 'slipping' into express lanes in the median*

## PROJECT FUN FACTS

### Did You Know?

- \$834 million project
- 30 miles of new reversible managed lanes
- Georgia Department of Transportation's largest project to date
- Construction of 39 new bridges
- Longest bridge will be almost one mile long and is being constructed near the Canton Road Connector





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## Northwest Corridor Project Photos



*Setting beams on a mile-long bridge at I-75 and Canton Road*



*Aerial view of construction at the I-75/I-285 Interchange*