

The Northwest Corridor Express Lanes Project Newsletter



Summer 2016 Road Construction

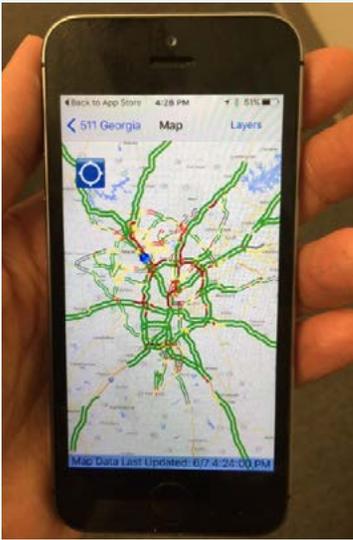
Please Pardon our Progress!

The Georgia Department of Transportation expects this summer to be one of the busiest construction seasons it has seen in years with more than 470 active construction projects statewide. Motorists traveling through the Northwest Corridor project should prepare for some delays as they make travel plans for summer vacations and trips around the state. As part of the Georgia Express Lanes network, construction work continues throughout the 30-mile long Northwest Corridor project with hotspots at the I-285 and I-75 Interchange and the I-575 and I-75 Interchange. Message boards will indicate dates and times of lane closures and traffic pacing.

"As we move through this summer construction season, we ask that you please 'pardon our progress'", Georgia DOT Commissioner Russell McMurry said at a summer construction press conference held at Georgia DOT headquarters in May. "Your dollars are working to build a better Georgia; our workers are working to build a better Georgia, too. Please watch out for them in your travels."

Click [here](#) to read the Georgia DOT press release from the summer construction press conference and to [find out more](#) about the project.

Be safe out there!



On the Go with 511!

There's an easier way to plan your trip with Georgia 511. By visiting the [Georgia 511 website](#) or downloading the [511 travel app](#), motorists can view an interactive traffic map that shows real-time travel speeds, identifies construction work zones and accidents, and provides interstate message board updates.

Check out Georgia 511 today to “know before you go,” and even sign up for route- and corridor-specific traffic alerts!



Bridge deck construction for Express Lanes at I-285/I-75 Interchange

Georgia DOT in the Community Northwest Corridor Project Shares Progress

John Hancock, NWC Project Manager and Stephen Lively, Assistant Deputy Project Manager, received invitations to present NWC project updates to the Cobb chapter of the Council for Quality Growth. Another special request came from a fourth-grade gifted class at Russell Elementary that wanted to learn about bridges. Mr. Hancock was delighted to

provide a crash course on “Engineering 101” to those students at Russell Elementary.

If members of your group, school or organization are interested in learning more about the NWC project as it progresses toward the two-year mark of construction, send your request to NWCExpressLanes@dot.ga.gov or contact us at 678-486-3767.



NWC Presentation at the Cobb Advisory Meeting



Project Manager John Hancock with Russell Elementary School's 4th grade class.

Georgia DOT 100th Anniversary Celebration



A Century of Safety and Innovation:

Almost 100 years ago -- on August 16, 1916 -- the seeds were planted for what would grow into the Georgia Department

of Transportation. Georgia DOT celebrates its 100th birthday with a year-long Centennial celebration that explores GDOT's role in getting Georgia out of the mud - from the dirt roads of 1916 to the paved roads crisscrossing Georgia in 1939 - to today's modern transportation system.

As part of the celebration, Georgia DOT has coordinated a tour of the GDOT Centennial Display Exhibit throughout the state. The tour will conclude at the GDOT Headquarters, and the display will be available for a final viewing from December 5th - 30th at 600 W. Peachtree St. NW (4th floor), Atlanta, GA 30308.

To find out more about the centennial, visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov/AboutGDOT/gdotcentennial>. In addition to the award winning student art entries, you'll also find an event calendar, decade-by-decade timeline, historical items, videos and more. Happy Birthday GDOT!

Get a Peach Pass and Drive!



Transponder adheres to vehicle windshield for easy electronic tolling

The Northwest Corridor Express Lanes will be an integral segment of a larger express lanes system that will improve connectivity and mobility throughout the region.

All Georgia Express Lanes tolls will be collected electronically, and drivers must register and obtain a Peach Pass transponder from the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA). The Peach Pass transponder is also [interoperable](#) with toll road systems in Florida and North Carolina.

Placed inside the car, the Peach Pass will automatically deduct the correct Express Lanes toll (fee) for each trip in the Express Lanes. To purchase a Peach Pass, please visit www.PeachPass.com, or call the Peach Pass Customer Service Center at 1-855-PCH-PASS.

Northwest Corridor Project Progress By the Numbers

Here is a snapshot of construction thus far:

- Project is currently 57% complete
- 7 of 39 bridges are complete with barrier wall; 22 are under construction
- 26 of 68 retaining walls are complete
- Approximately 7 of 10 miles of roadway paved on I-575
- 4 of 14 gantries erected for toll points



NWC workers brave the summer heat to get the job done for future express lanes ramps.



New walls have been built next to the I-75 access ramps at North Marietta Parkway. These walls will eventually connect a bridge spanning over the intersection.

Stay Tuned for Upcoming Express Lanes Events this Fall!

As the NWC project progresses toward the two-year mark of construction, Georgia DOT looks forward to hosting fall events to acknowledge all the work that has been completed so far as well as what's to come!



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Questions? Call us: 678-486-3767

For regular project updates visit: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/GEL>

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Northwest Corridor Project Photos



Aerial of NWC Express Lanes construction at Barrett Parkway



Aerial of NWC Express Lanes construction at Delk Road