

## The Northwest Corridor Express Lanes Project Newsletter



### Fall 2016 Construction Update

#### **Making Significant Project Progress at 60% Completion**

After beginning construction of the Northwest Corridor project in October 2014, the project has officially reached its two-year mark. With the express lanes scheduled to open to traffic in summer 2018, the northern leg of the Georgia Express Lanes is more than halfway to completion at approximately 60% complete.

“Once completed, this project will greatly improve the commute not only for the northwest metropolitan area, but will also serve as a model project for the upcoming Georgia Express Lanes program throughout the

greater Atlanta metropolitan area,” says Stephen Lively, Georgia DOT’s Project Manager for the Northwest Corridor project. “The public can now see construction throughout the entire length of the project from the Hickory Grove Road express lanes access point on the northern end of I-75 to the bridgework to complete seven express lanes bridges at the I-285/I-75 Interchange.”

Beginning this fall, expect to see increased construction activity at several I-75 southbound sites, including Roswell Road and Terrell

Mill Road (express lanes access points) as well as Windy Hill Road, where the access ramp to I-75 southbound will be reconfigured in order to accommodate the express lanes. Construction "hot spots" at the I-75/I-575 and I-75/I-285

interchanges will continue through the life of the project.

Georgia DOT thanks you for your patience while we complete one of the most significant transportation projects in the history of the state.

## Let's Get Social

Going social? Keep an eye out for Northwest Corridor news on the GDOT Facebook and Twitter feeds! Look for the #GAExpressLanes hashtag for the latest updates. Be on the lookout for weekly info about the project. We are making great progress!

Visit the project webpage here:  
[www.dot.ga.gov/DS/GEL/NWC](http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/GEL/NWC)

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The screenshot shows the Facebook page for the Georgia Department of Transportation (@GeorgiaDOT). The cover photo is an aerial view of a highway interchange. The profile picture is a scenic view of Georgia. The main post is from the Georgia Department of Transportation, posted 2 minutes ago, with the text: "The Georgia Express Lane Northwest Corridor Project is looking incredibly promising. Need more info on it? Click on the link below. If you need any information on it, please let us know below! <http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/GEL/NWC>". Below the text is a large aerial photo of the highway interchange. The right sidebar shows the location "Highway · Atlanta, Georgia" with "Open Now" status, a search bar, "9,140 likes", and "ABOUT" information including the address "600 W Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30308", phone number "(404) 631-1990", and hours "Today 7:00AM - 8:00PM".

## Just the Facts and Stats

### We're making progress:

- Project is more than 60% complete
- 14 of 39 bridges are complete; 17 bridges are under construction; 8 bridges will begin construction by 2017
- 29 of 68 retaining walls are complete
- Approximately 8 of 10 miles of roadway on I-575 have been paved
- 4 of 14 gantries have been erected for toll points

For more project updates and pictures please, visit our website at:

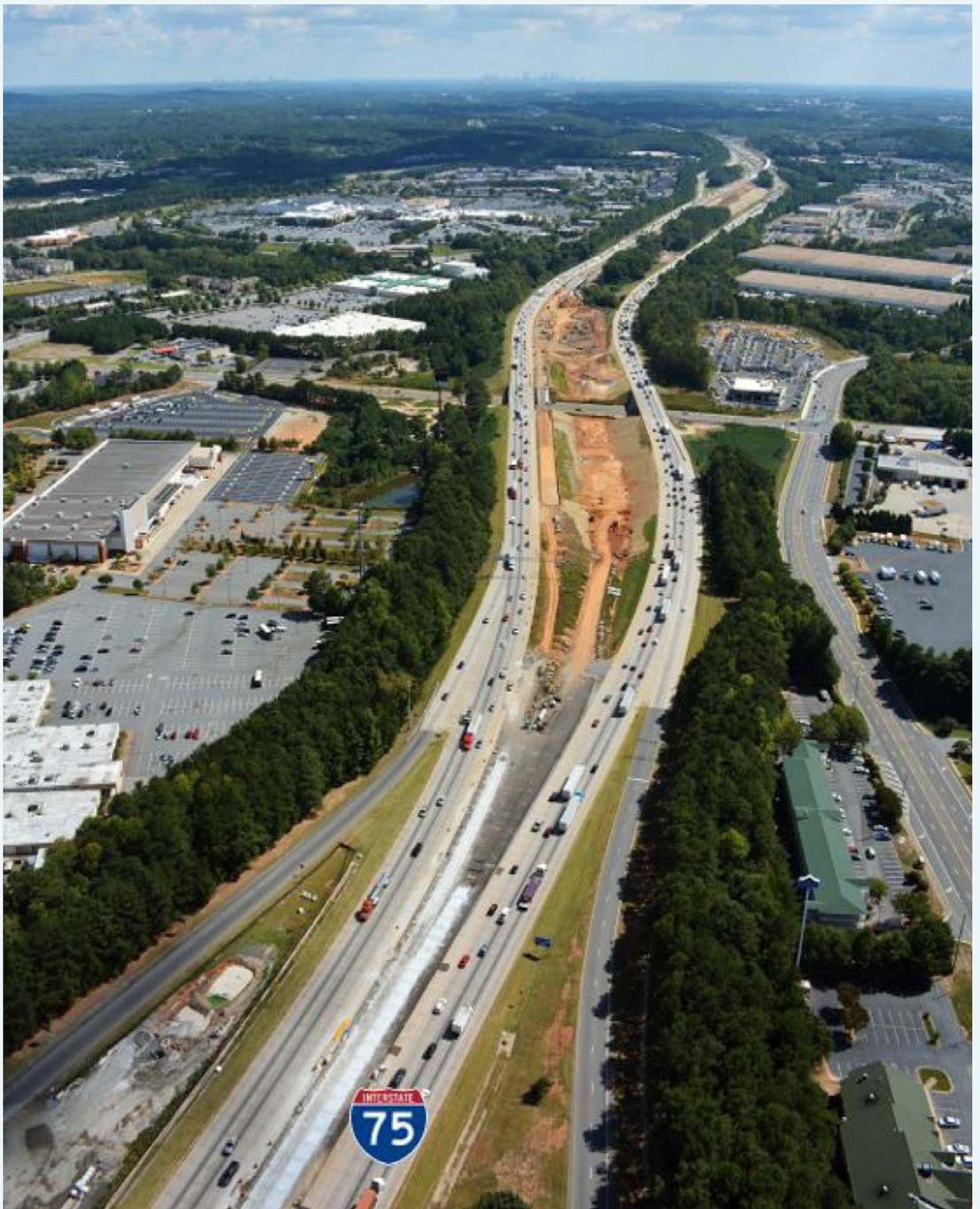
<http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/GEL/NWC>.

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*The express lanes bridge at Delk Road will be over 2,300 feet long and is one of the longest bridges in the Northwest Corridor Project.*



*Big Shanty Road at I-75 will be an express lanes access point.*

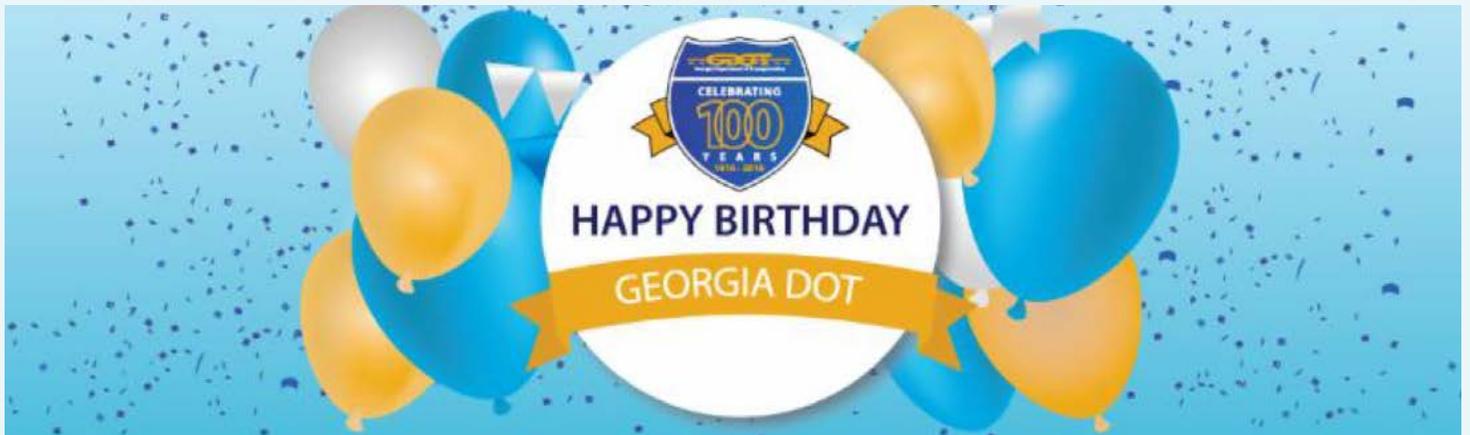
## Signage Sneak Peek

Traveling southbound on I-75 just south of Terrell Mill Road, you may have already caught a glimpse of express lanes signage. Two express lanes signs have been installed on the west side of I-75 near Terrell Mill Road and

provide a sneak peek of what signage will look like as you travel in the express lanes. Easy to read and understand, express lanes signage will provide clear notification for exiting to and from the express lanes.



*Express lanes signage on I-75 indicating the Terrell Mill Road access point. Expect to see new signage installed throughout the Northwest Corridor project limits this fall.*



## Celebrating a Century of Safety, Service and Innovation:

### 2016 Marks the 100th Anniversary of Georgia DOT

For nearly 100 years, Georgia DOT has developed a transportation system that is now the 10th largest in the country. It has led to a better quality of life for residents, tourists and businesses and has improved the overall economic development of the state.

There are two remaining dates to see the travelling exhibit showcasing the history

of Georgia DOT are: November 7th through November 30th at GDOT's Metro Atlanta regional office, **5205 New Peachtree Road, Chamblee GA 30341**, and December 5th through December 30th at GDOT Headquarters, **600 W. Peachtree St. NW (4th floor), Atlanta GA 30308**.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/AboutGDOT/gdotcentennial>.

## GDOT and Partners Raise \$20,000 for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

The third-annual Splash for Cash fundraiser made a huge splash this year by raising \$20,000 for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA). Georgia Express Lanes team members from the Northwest Corridor project office provided support to the event which continued the tradition of a dunk tank, t-shirt sales, picnic lunches and raffle prizes donated by local businesses.

The annual event joins private and public agencies to support CHOA - drawing donations from project consultants, roadway developers,

contractors and employees. Major partners included the design-build-finance contractor, Northwest Express Roadbuilders, a joint venture of Archer Western and Hubbard Construction, as well as HNTB, Atkins and Michael Baker International. Since 2014, the Northwest Corridor project team and its partners have donated \$31,000 to CHOA.

To learn more about the Better Roads Ahead Foundation, which developed the Splash for Cash event, please visit: [www.betterroadsqa.org](http://www.betterroadsqa.org)



Georgia DOT and fundraising partners were on hand to present a \$20,000 check to CHOA representatives on September 23, 2016, at the NWC project office.

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