

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Media Alert

For Immediate Release:

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GEORGIA DOT CREWS STILL TREATING ROADWAYS

Over 200 Road Closures treated and now opened throughout the state overnight; Motorists Advised to Stay off Roadways

ATLANTA—Georgia DOT maintenance crews have done a mammoth job overnight treating more than more than 200 roadway closures on Interstates and secondary routes across the State. From the coast to the mountains, approximately 2300 GDOT employees in two shifts have been working to keep the roadways safe and passable. BUT, there is still so much more to do...

“Now more than ever, it is critical that people stay off the roadways, if it is not an emergency,” said DOT Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr. “We are treating roads and they are refreezing due to the low temperatures in many areas. Especially in the metro area, we are seeing many icy spots on the roadways.” **The Commissioner also encouraged the traveling motorists to allow GDOT spreaders and dump trucks to use the emergency lanes to get to accidents or icy spots so that they can treat the areas.**

Georgia DOT crews will treat interstate and major state routes first to try to keep those major roadways open as the Department’s first priority is maintaining interstate and major federal and state highways. Georgia DOT does not have the resources to routinely treat city streets and county roads.

Below is a listing of road closures and areas that may have extreme icy conditions where motorist are encouraged to use extreme caution if they must travel in these areas.

In Northwest Georgia

The following roads are closed:

Walker county—SR 157 south of SR 136

Cherokee county—SR 140 EB & WB from MP 3 -17

Cherokee county—SR 20 EB & WB at MP 2

Cherokee County—SR 140 EB & WB at MP 26

Roadways in the following counties are icy and may close at anytime:

Dade, Bartow, Floyd, Gordon, Whitfield, Carroll, Murray, Catoosa, Gilmer, Paulding, Whitfield

In Northeast Georgia

The following roads are closed:

Union County—SR 11 NB and SB from MM 0 – 24
Union County—SR 180 EB and WB from MM 0 – 20
Jackson County—I-85 NB at MM 125 to 147
Jackson County—I-85 SB at MM 148

Roadways in the following counties are icy and may close at anytime:

Banks, Union, Hart, Forsyth, Stevens, Oconee, Hall, Jackson

Metro Atlanta

The following roadways are closed:

Fulton County—I-285 EB at Roswell Road
Fulton county—I-85 NB ramp at SR 74
Fulton county—SR 70 (Fulton Industrial Blvd) at MLK
Fulton county—SR14 (Roosevelt Hwy) at Welcome All Road

The following roadways are passable but are icy and may close for treatment at anytime:

Fulton County—SR 166 at Enon St
Fulton county—I-285 WB at Riverside Drive
Douglas County—SR 92—between SR 5 and US 78
Clayton County—SR 139NB & SB at Walker Rd
Clayton County—I-285 WB over I-75
DeKalb county—SR 154 EB and WB from MP 0 – 15
Rockdale county—SR 162 NB and SB from MP 0 - 2

In East Central Georgia

The following roads are closed:

Richmond County –SR 56 SB at MP 11
Dodge County—SR 165 EB & WB at MP 0

The following roadways are passable but are icy and may close for treatment at anytime:

Morgan County—I-20 EB & WB from MP 115 to 121
Morgan County—I-20 WB at MP 105
Newton County—I-20 EB at MP 93

In West Central Georgia

No interstates or state routes closed at this time

Georgia DOT crews are currently working to clear the roadways, bridges and overpasses on the following routes where snow and or icing have occurred:

Taylor County – SR 96 and SR 137 – salting, road and bridges icing
Marion County – SR 137 – plowing roadway
Peach and Bibb Count Condace Pressley- CBI- Atlantaies – I-75 – icy patches, salting and plowing road, bridges and ramps
Harris County – SR 354 – plowing roadway
Troup County – SR 219 – salting bridges and roadway; also icy patches on SR 411, SR 109 W, SR 14 Bypass

In Southwest Georgia

There are no road closures in Southwest but the following roadways are icy but passable
Randolph county—SR 50 at SR 1
Terrell County—SR 49NB from MP 0 – 4
Terrell County—SR 45 NB from MP 0 - 4

In Southeast Georgia

Bulloch County—SR 73 @ I-16 ; overpass and bridge iced over
Bulloch County—SR 73 @ Screven County line; 24 bridges iced over
Tattnall County—SR 121 @ Appling/Tattnall county line; bridges iced over
Tattnall County—SR 147 @ the prison; bridges iced over
Long/Tattnall Counties—SR 196 at the Long/Tattnall county line; roadway iced over
Candler County—SR 121@ 15 Mile creek; roadway icy
Candler County—SR 46 @ 15 Mile Creek: roadway icy
Evans County—SR 30 @ Canoochee River; 12 bridges iced over
Evans County—SR 21 @ Railroad Overpass bridge; bridge iced over
Again The public is encouraged to refrain from driving if possible. Please contact the Georgia DOT for the latest information on road conditions via [www:georgia-navigator.com](http://www.georgia-navigator.com) or by dialing 511; and utilize extreme caution if driving is necessary.

Georgia DOT Winter Weather Media Contact Information...

The following Department media relations personnel will be available at the number listed for updates on roadway conditions in the specified areas:

Comprehensive Statewide Information -- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)/Transportation Management Center (TMC)

Friday, 8 a.m to 8 p.m..... Karlene Barron
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District One in Northeast Georgia (Gainesville)

Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.... Teri Pope, (404) 274-6436
Friday, 8 p.m to Saturday 8 a.m..... Rick Parham, (770) 561-1508

District Two in East Central Georgia – (Tennille)

Beginning Friday at 8 a.m....Cissy McNure, (478) -552-4656.

District Three in West Central Georgia – (Thomaston)

Beginning 7 a.m. through the event... Kimberly Larson, (706) 646-6938.

District Four in Southwest Georgia – (Tifton)

Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m...Craig Solomon, (229) 309-9706.

District Five in Southeast Georgia –

Media Inquires should be directed to the EOC at 404) 635-8093 or 8094.

District Six in Northwest Georgia – (Cartersville)

Throughout the event...Mohamed Arafa, (770) 387-4081 or (770) 359-9523.

District Seven in Metro Atlanta – (Cheshire Bridge Road Maintenance Barn)

Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m....Crystal Paulk-Buchanan, (404) 895-4956.

Friday 6 p.m. to Saturday 6 a.m....Mark McKinnon, (404) 326-6672.

Periodic road condition updates will be provided by the EOC