

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Media Alert

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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, Gilmer, Paulding, Whitfield, Cherokee

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

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:

- Dekalb County--I-285 at I-675
- Fulton County—I-285 EB at Roswell Road
- 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—I-75 NB at MP 239
 - Fulton County---I-285 SB ramp to I-20 East
 - Fulton County—I-20 WB at exit 59
 - Fulton County—I-20 WB at I-285
 - Dekalb County—I-85 NB at Exit 93 off ramp
 - Dekalb County—I-85 NB at MP 94
 - Dekalb County—US 78 WB at Brockett Road
 - Cobb County—I-75 NB at Exit 258
 - 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 28 at MP 4-7 - Closed due to ice on roadway.
- Greene County - SR 44 at MP 1.5 - Closed due to accident

In West Central Georgia

The following roads have been reported closed:

- Harris County –SR 27 and SR 190 intersection, salt trucks enroute
- Crawford County – SR 7 between mile markers 0 and 3, salt trucks enroute
- Georgia DOT crews are currently working to clear the roadways, bridges and overpasses on the following routes where snow and or icing have occurred:
 - Stewart County – plowing SR 1 and SR 26
 - Troup County –salting roadway; icy patches on SR 109 and SR 219
 - Coweta County – icy patches on SR 54

- Coweta County – icy patches on interstate, bridges and ramps of I-85

In Southwest Georgia

There are no road closures in Southwest area. Georgia DOT crews are salting bridges and overpasses as a precautionary measure at this time.

In Southeast Georgia

All roads in Southeast Georgia are open and passable; however icy conditions exist and roadways may be closed when necessary.

Agait 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:

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Periodic road condition updates will be provided by the EOC.