

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

# **Media Alert**

For Immediate Release:

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**ANTICIPATED SNOW & ICE MAY CREATE EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS DRIVING CONDITIONS ACROSS NORTH GEORGIA AND METRO ATLANTA**

**WHEN & WHERE** : Beginning early Monday, in north Georgia and Metro Atlanta.

**WHAT**: Snow and ice accumulations and sub-freezing temperatures are anticipated. Treacherous driving conditions may develop in select areas. The public is advised to avoid all but absolutely necessary travel in affected areas.

In the Metropolitan Atlanta area, freezing temperatures are forecast for Monday morning. Moisture on roadways at that time will freeze; dangerous black ice may be prevalent, particularly on bridges, ramps and overpasses.

Georgia DOT crews will treat interstate and state routes as necessary and will continue through Monday out Friday. Metro Atlanta crews will be activated well in advance of any icing in the area. 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.

Again, the public is encouraged to refrain from driving if possible; consult Georgia DOT for 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 numbers listed for updates on roadway conditions in the specified areas:

Comprehensive Statewide Information -- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)/Transportation Management Center (TMC) – The EOC will be activated for media calls at midnight. Media call-in numbers at the EOC are 404) 635-8093 and 8094.

District One in Northeast Georgia – Mark McKinnon will staff the District Office in Gainesville beginning at 4 a.m. Monday. Mark can be contacted at 404) 326-6672.

District Six in Northwest Georgia – Mohamed Arafa will staff the District office in Cartersville throughout the event and may be contacted via 770) 387-4081 or 770) 359-

9523.

District Seven in Metro Atlanta – Metro Atlanta maintenance personnel currently are scheduled for activation at 4 a.m., Monday. Crystal Paulk-Buchanan will staff the Cheshire Bridge Road maintenance facility beginning at 4 a.m. Crystal may be contacted at (404) 895-4956 and is available ONLY for phone interviews Sunday evening.

Periodic road condition updates will be provided by the EOC.

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