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WORK PLAN FOR I-85 EXPRESS LANES IN DEKALB AND GWINNETT

DULUTH, Ga. – Construction of the new Express Lane System along Interstate 85 continues. As weather permits, lane closures are scheduled to occur during the day and overnight on the Interstate 85 Express Lanes project in DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties.

On the Express Lane Project, the installation of overhead signage is almost complete.

Daytime work will occur this week and work hours northbound are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and southbound work hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., between peak commute hours. Two work zones will occur daily as weather permits this week.

Monday, 18th through Wednesday, 20th work will occur on I-85 north only closing the left lane or HOV lane from north of SR 378/Beaver Run Road to Steve Reynolds Blvd.

Monday, 18th and Thursday, 21st work will occur on I-85 north and south closing the left lane or HOV lane from the Old Norcross Road Overpass to SR 120/Duluth Highway

This is the only daytime work scheduled for this week.

The work plan requires **nightly** lane closures southbound only. Southbound lane closures will begin at 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. the next day. Lane closures will occur on SR 316 Thursday night if weather permits.

Each night, Monday, 18th through Thursday, 21st work will occur on I-85 south only, closing the right lane from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. from SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd to Steve Reynolds Blvd. This work is to install the conduit, cabling, antennas, cameras and other equipment that will operate the tolling network for the State Road and Tollway Authority.

Thursday, 21st a second work zone is planned along I-85 south only, closing three right lanes from SR 378/Beaver Run Road to Steve Reynolds Blvd for the installation of new signage from Boggs Road to Sugarloaf Parkway for the installation of wireless systems.

Overnight weekend work is planned Friday, 22nd and Saturday, 23rd from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. on I-85 south only closing the left or HOV lane from I-285 to SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd. This work is to install the conduit, cabling, antennas, cameras and other equipment that will operate the tolling network for the State Road and Tollway Authority.

The existing High Occupancy Vehicle lanes on Interstate 85 will continue in operation allowing vehicles with 2 or more people, motorcycles and alternate fuel vehicles to use the lanes until the Express Lane System is opened.

The I-85 Express Lanes Project includes installation of 16 miles of fiber and signage along Interstate Highway 85 between Chamblee Tucker Road and Old Peachtree Road and along State Route 316 between I-85 and Riverside Parkway.

When completed, registered transit buses, motorcycles, alternative fueled vehicles and vehicles with three or more passengers will be allowed to use the inside (left) HOT lane for free, while single- and double-occupant vehicles will be allowed to use the lane if they choose to pay a variably priced toll.

Motorists can access real-time, statewide, route-specific information on accidents, road work, traffic and weather conditions through **Georgia 511** - a free phone, web, and mobile service. By dialing 511, callers also can transfer to operators 24 hours a day to report incidents or request assistance. The system can be used to access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, tourism information and 511 systems in surrounding states. Additionally, 511 is available online or as a hybrid solution via a free download for your smart phone. Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information about 511, its mobile application download, or to learn how to become a sponsor, visit www.511ga.org.

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