



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# Press Release

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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, daytime crews will be removing temporary barrier wall along the interstate. **Daytime work** will occur this week and work hours northbound are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and southbound work hours at from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., between peak commute hours. Two work zones will occur daily as weather permits this week.

Monday, 1st and Tuesday, 2nd work will occur on I-85 closing the left lane or HOV lane from the Old Norcross Road Overpass to Boggs Road

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. 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.

Each night, Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> work will occur on I-85 south only, closing the right lane from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. from Chamblee Tucker Road to south of SR 141/Jimmy Carter Blvd. This is a three mile long lane closure.

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, 2nd a second work zone is planned along I-85 south only, from Boggs Road to the end of the current HOV lane south of SR 317/Lawrenceville Suwanee Road. This is a four mile long lane closure.

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> a second work zone is planned along I-85 north only, from Chamblee Tucker Road to north of SR 141/Jimmy Carter Blvd. This is a three mile long lane closure.

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> a single work zone is planned along I-85 south only, from SR 141/Jimmy Carter Blvd to Steve Reynolds Blvd. This is a four mile long lane closure.

**Overnight weekend work** is planned *Friday, 5th and Saturday, 6th* from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. on I-85 south and on SR 316 west only closing the left or HOV lane. 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.

*Friday, 5th* work will occur on I-85 south only at two locations. One lane closure will be from SR 141/Jimmy Carter Blvd. to Steve Reynolds Blvd. This is a four mile long lane closure. A second work zone will be in place on I-85 south only from north of Steve Reynolds Blvd to Boggs Road. This is a four mile long lane closure.

*Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup>* work will occur on I-85 south only from SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd to Steve Reynolds Blvd. This is a four mile long lane closure. A second work zone is planned for SR 316 west closing the left lane from I-85 to Sugarloaf Parkway.

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](http://www.511ga.org).

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