



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# Press Release

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## OVERNIGHTS ONLY 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 overnights only next week on the Interstate 85 Express Lanes project in DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties. Work will require triple lane closures and traffic pacing overnights this week.

The work plan requires **nightly** lane closures northbound and southbound. High Occupancy Vehicle lane or left lane will close overnight at these locations if weather permits. Northbound lane closures will begin at 10 p.m. and continue overnight to 5 a.m. the next day. Southbound lane closures will begin at 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. the next day. Up to three lanes will be closed nightly. These triple lane closures will only occur after midnight. Traffic will be paced one to three times as needed for that night's work between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. for the installation of antennas and cabling. This work is to install and test the conduit, cabling, antennas, cameras and other equipment that will operate the tolling network for the State Road and Tollway Authority.

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> a work zone on I-85 north and south from I-285 west to about ½ mile north of I-285. A second work zone is planned for SR 316 westbound from I-85 to Herrington Road.

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> three work zones are planned along I-85 north and south at different locations. The first southbound work zones is from ½ mile south of SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd to about ½ mile north of SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd. and will include closing multiple lanes and pacing traffic. The I-85 southbound work zone is from Steve Reynolds Blvd to SR 378/Beaver Run Road. The I-85 northbound work zone is from SR 316 to SR 120/Duluth Highway. Each lane closure begins with one lane closed in each direction. At 11 p.m. a second left lane in each direction will close. At 12 a.m. a third left lane in each direction will close and traffic will be paced from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. several times an hour.

The second southbound work zone will close the HOV lane only from Pleasant Hill Road to Old Peachtree Road. The northbound lane closures will be from SR 120 to Sugarloaf Parkway.

*Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup>* a work zone is planned and will include closing multiple lanes and pacing traffic. The I-85 southbound work zone is from SR 378/Beaver Ruin Road to SR 316. The lane closure begins with one lane closed in each direction. At 11 p.m. a second left lane in each direction will close. At 12 a.m. a third left lane in each direction will close and traffic will be paced from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. several times an hour.

*Friday, 26<sup>th</sup>* a work zones is planned on I-85 southbound only and will include closing multiple lanes and pacing traffic from Chamblee Tucker Road to north of I-285. At 11 p.m. a second left lane in each direction will close. At 12 a.m. a third left lane in each direction will close and traffic will be paced from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. several times an hour.

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. For more information on using the I-85 Express Lane please visit [www.peachpass.com](http://www.peachpass.com) operated by the State Road and Tollway Authority.

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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