



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# Media Alert

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*COWETA COUNTY...*

### **WORK CONTINUES NEXT WEEK ON SR 16 EASTBOUND AND I-85 NORTHBOUND**

**WHEN:** Beginning Monday, May 9

**WHERE:** SR 16 between the Carroll County line and SR 14 and I-85 northbound between Exits 47 and 51

**WHAT:** The Georgia DOT has been notified by the contractor of lane closures on SR 16 eastbound for resurfacing. Delays are expected in the area as work occurs. A pilot car will be utilized to assist motorists traveling through this work zone. Work is expected to be complete by May 31; weather permitting.

Also, contractors will continue working to improve the smoothness of I-85 northbound beginning Monday, May 9 until Wednesday, May 18 from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. nightly. This work will require nightly **DOUBLE LANE CLOSURES** between exits 47 and 51. Motorists are advised to expect delays in this area as work continues.

This is a work zone and extreme caution is necessary. Motorists are advised to reduce speeds as they travel through this construction work zone. Message signs, barrels and cones will be utilized to alert the public of the upcoming changes. Drivers should be aware that personnel and equipment will be operating in close proximity to travel lanes.

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. *Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone.*

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