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## **Summer Construction...Extreme Delays Expected**

*Motorists asked to plan ahead, be patient as GA DOT repairs & improves highways across State*

**Gainesville, Ga.** – Plan ahead, drive alert and watch for work zones. That’s the advice to motorists from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) as an active summer construction season gets into full swing with projects beginning or underway throughout the state.

In Metro Atlanta, roadway construction, bridge replacement, resurfacing, sign upgrades and striping will occur on every major interstate and many state routes, leading to significant delays – especially during weeknights and weekends. There will also be construction projects on major highways throughout the state

“In Northeast Georgia, the biggest impact to traffic will be a detour on State Route 284. Beginning Monday, June 15 Clarks Bridge over the Chattahoochee River portion at Lake Lanier at the Olympic Venue on SR 284 will close for a maximum of 10 days as crews finish the roadway tying the roadway into the new bridge. Traffic will not be able to cross Clarks Bridge from June 15-25. To get to the parking area for boats or to the Buildings at the Olympic Venue, you must approach from Clermont not from Gainesville. The exciting part is as the road reopens, traffic will be using the new bridge,” explained Brent Cook, Georgia DOT District Engineer for Northeast Georgia.

To minimize traffic delays, the Department seeks to make the road work as non-disruptive to motorists as possible.

- Weather permitting and in most cases, lane closures are limited to times of lighter traffic volume: overnights Monday through Thursday (9 pm to 5 am) and weekends (from 9 pm Friday through 5 am Monday).
- In Metro Atlanta, GDOT will endeavor to limit lane closures to a maximum of two consecutive miles.
- Scheduled construction activities can change at any time due to emergencies; maintenance requiring immediate attention; or inclement weather. In these cases, emergency lane closures may be necessary outside the designated times.

“While we understand the frustration of being caught up in traffic delays, the long days and warm temperatures of summer are the ideal time to make needed repairs and improvements to our state and federal highways,” notes Georgia DOT State Construction Engineer Marc Mastronardi. “The preventative maintenance activities we undertake in the summer save taxpayers millions of dollars in avoided reconstruction costs over the long term.”

With more orange cones on the roadways this summer, work zone safety is a primary concern - for construction workers, and for motorists, who are often the victims in work zone crashes. GDOT reminds drivers that work zones are not always stationary. Moving maintenance activities like litter pickup, mowing, sweeping and drainage will also be in operation over the summer months and should be approached like any other work zone: slow down; allow extra distance between vehicles; read signs; obey road crew flaggers; and *expect the unexpected*. The Department notes that on occasion motorists may see closed lanes when no workers are present. This could happen during concrete work, due to time needed to cure or harden the concrete.

“Whether you are on a family vacation, an out-of-state trucker, or a motorist just passing through, I can’t over-emphasize the importance of planning ahead and looking for alternative routes when planning weekend travel this summer in Georgia,” Georgia DOT Commissioner Russell McMurry added. “Prior to getting on the road, call 511 or visit the 511 website. You’ll get real-time road conditions and you will know what to expect.”

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With the heavy summer construction season comes an increase in driving. Since the beginning of the year, traffic fatalities are up substantially in Georgia with many of these deaths attributed to distracted driving. Georgia DOT's **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** campaign implores motorists to take responsibility for their driving behavior. **It's easy as 1-2-3.**

**1. Buckle up** ... always wear a seat belt no matter how far you drive **2. Stay off the phone and mobile devices** ... if possible, shut off the phone to avoid temptation; and no texting **3. Drive alert** ... do not drive drowsy or impaired.

GDOT offers a variety of tools for motorists to use for planning their summer driving activities.

- Georgia DOT's Summer Construction web page features an interactive statewide project map. Visit [www.dot.ga.gov/BS/Projects/FeaturedProjects](http://www.dot.ga.gov/BS/Projects/FeaturedProjects).
- Call **511** to report incidents and for real-time traffic and travel information statewide, including traffic conditions, lane closures, and delays. In Metro Atlanta, request HERO assistance by calling 511.
- Real-time, detailed schedule and lane closure information on all work is posted on the 511 website at [www.511ga.org](http://www.511ga.org).
- Interstate highway travelers can visit the state's welcome centers for free maps and access to real-time information on construction or incident-related delays and lane closures.
- For more information about the **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** campaign, visit [www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA](http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA). #ArriveAliveGA
- For more information about work zone safety, visit [www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/Workzone](http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/Workzone).

**DriveAlert ArriveAlive** calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit [www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA](http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA). #ArriveAliveGA For more information about Georgia DOT, visit [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov) or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE) (<https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE>) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GDOTNE) (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNE>).

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EDITOR'S NOTE: LIST OF MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS STATEWIDE IS ATTACHED

## MASTER STATEWIDE SUMMER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS LIST/ June 2015

| <b>DISTRICT 1 – Northeast, Georgia</b>   |   |   |   |
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| <b>Project Name</b>  | <b>Project Description</b>  | <b>Project Timeframe</b>                              | <b>Lane Closure Allowed &amp; Timeframe</b>   |
| <b>PI # 0004430</b><br>SR 20 widening in Gwinnett County   | SR 20 widening to 4 lanes from Peachtree Ind. Blvd to Burnett Trail   | Ongoing; scheduled completion: June 30, 2016          | Overnights and middays, paving and lane shifts this summer  |
| <b>PI # 132985</b><br>SR 20 widening and bridge replacement in Gwinnett and Forsyth Counties       | Burnett Trail in Gwinnett Bridge over Chattahoochee River to Samples Rd in Forsyth  | Ongoing; scheduled completion: May 31, 2016           | No work allowed in river now but work happening on BR over river  |
| <b>PI # 0002392</b><br>SR 20 widening in Forsyth County  | SR 20 widening to 4 lanes from Samples Rd to James Burgess Rd   | Ongoing; scheduled completion: November 30, 2016      | Minimal closures for utility relocates  |
| <b>PI # 162430</b><br>SR 347 widening in Hall County   | SR 347 widens from I-985 west to SR 211 (half project is open to traffic)   | Ongoing; scheduled completion: January 12, 2016       | Middays and overnights, paving so shifting traffic lots over summer   |
| <b>PI # 142291</b><br>SR 284 bridge replacement in Hall County                                     | SR 284/Clarks Bridge Road bridge replacement over Chattahoochee River portion of Lake Lanier at Olympic Venue                                 | Beginning June 15, 2015; completion December 31, 2015 | DETOUR No through traffic will be allowed to use the bridge on State Route 284/Clarks Bridge Road over Lake Lanier at Olympic Venue in Gainesville June 15 - June 25, 2015. |
| <b>DISTRICT 2 – East Georgia</b>   |   |   |   |
| <b>Project Name</b>  | <b>Project Description</b>  | <b>Project Timeframe</b>                              | <b>Lane Closure Allowed &amp; Timeframe</b>   |
| <b>PI # 0006431</b><br>SR 56 (Mike Padgett Highway) widening and reconstruction in Richmond County | Widening and reconstruction of 4.87 miles on SR 56 beginning at Bennock Mill Rd. extending to Old Waynesboro Rd.<br>Construction of 2 bridges | Ongoing; scheduled completion: August 28, 2016        | Lane closures likely later in construction  |

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| <b>PI # M004920</b><br>I-20 resurfacing in Greene/McDuffie/ Taliaferro/ Warren Counties                 | Resurfacing I-20 sections from milepost 130 in Greene County to milepost 172 in McDuffie County.   | Ongoing; scheduled completion: late Spring 2016                             | Requires lane closure in both eastbound lanes from June to August from 130- 154 mile posts.  |
| <b>PI # M003956</b><br>I-16/SR 404 rehabilitation in Laurens/Treutlen Counties                          | Concrete removal and reconstruction of I-16 in Laurens and Treutlen counties   | Ongoing; scheduled completion: Nov. 12, 2015                                | Currently under permanent lane closures for outside lanes and shoulders  |
| <b>PI # 221900/221910</b><br>4.882 Miles of widening and reconstruction of US 1/ SR 4 in Emanuel County | Begins south of Bluebird Lane and extending north of Old Hwy 46: also includes construction of 6 bridges.  | Completed by the end of the summer.   | Minor traffic shifts will be made throughout the summer.   |
| <b>PI # 232305/231356</b><br>Keg Creek Passing Lane and Bridge Replacement SR 47 in Columbia County     | Two accompanying projects a few miles north of Appling, Ga. on SR 47 (Washington Rd.) Replacement of a bridge over Keg Creek and construction of a SB passing lane from mile 2.45 to 3.88.   | Current completion date Dec. 31,2016; 540 day off-site detour began May 27. | Detour uses SR 47/US 221 (Pollards Corner), SR 150 (Clarks Hill Road), US 220 (Ray Owens Road).  |
| <b>DISTRICT 3 – West Georgia</b>  |  |   |  |
| <b>Project Name</b>   | <b>Project Description</b>   | <b>Project Timeframe</b>  | <b>Lane Closure Allowed &amp; Timeframe</b>  |
| <b>PI # 0009156 and PI # 0009157</b><br>I-75 Express Lanes South in Clayton and Henry Counties          | The project will add two toll lanes along I-75 south of Atlanta. The project corridor extends 12 miles, from SR 155 /McDonough Road to SR 138 / Stockbridge Hwy. These new lanes will be built within the median of the existing roadways. | Work began October 2014; Completion Date is June 30, 2017                   | Lane closures allowed week nights NB between 9 p.m. - 5 a.m.; SB is 9 p.m. – 7 a.m.<br><br>Lane closures on I-75 allowed continuous on weekends from 9 p.m. Friday through 5 a.m. Monday |

| <b>DISTRICT 4 – Southwest, Georgia</b>   |   |  |  |
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| <b>Project Name</b>  | <b>Project Description</b>  | <b>Project Timeframe</b>                         | <b>Lane Closure Allowed &amp; Timeframe</b>  |
| <b>PI # 0000543</b><br>SR 133 from CR 276/Troupville Rd to CR 10/Pauline Church Rd in Brooks County    | 6.742 miles of widening and reconstruction on SR 133.   | Ongoing; scheduled completion: June 30, 2016     | No lane closures 7:00am to 9:00am Monday through Friday. No lane closures during Sunbelt Ag Expo   |
| <b>PI # 432100</b><br>SR 31 at Withlacoochee River at the GA-FLA State Line in Brooks/Lowndes Counties | .567 mile of construction of bridge over the Withlacoochee River.   | Ongoing; scheduled completion: October 1, 2015   | Traffic on detour bridge, No restrictions  |
| <b>PI # 0000803</b><br>I-75 at CR 410/Brighton Rd - Phase II in Tift County                            | Interchange reconstruction on I-75 at Brighton Rd   | Ongoing; scheduled completion: November 30, 2016 | Nighttime lane closures only. 60 day lane closure allowed for construction of bridge center bent footings  |
| <b>PI # 432092</b><br>SR 32 bridge replacement in Lee/Worth Counties                                   | Bridge and approaches replacement over Flint River and Overflow on Lee/Worth County Line                  | Ongoing; scheduled completion: November 30, 2015 | Traffic on current alignment while new bridges are constructed.  |
| <b>PI # 422550</b><br>SR 3 at SR 91 interchange reconstruction in Dougherty County                     | Interchange reconstruction on SR 91 from SR 3 to Jewel St and SR 133 at SR 91 in Albany                   | Ongoing; scheduled completion: December 31, 2015 | No day time multiple lane closures. No multiple lane closures on Liberty Expressway. No single lane closures 6:30am to 9:00am and 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm M-F |
| <b>PI # 431780</b><br>SR 133 widening and reconstruction in Colquitt County                            | 4.430 miles of widening and reconstruction on SR 133 from CR 388/Hawthorne Dr to SR 35/E. Moultrie Bypass | Ongoing; scheduled completion: July 31, 2016     | No lane closures during Sunbelt Ag Expo  |

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| <b>PI # 422235</b><br>SR 1 from CR 153/Carnegie<br>Vilulah Rd to Cuthbert Bypass in<br>Randolph County | TIA-9.13 miles of widening and<br>reconstruction of SR 1   | Ongoing; scheduled completion:<br>May 31, 2016     | No restrictions  |
| <b>DISTRICT 5 – Southeast, Georgia</b>   |  |  |  |
| <b>Project Name</b>  | <b>Project Description</b>   | <b>Project Timeframe</b>                           | <b>Lane Closure Allowed &amp;<br/>Timeframe</b>  |
| <b>PI # 0007421</b><br>I-95 at SR 251 Interchange<br>reconstruction in McIntosh<br>County              | Replace existing 2 lane bridge on<br>SR 251 over I-95 at Exit 49 with<br>new 4 lane bridge to achieve the<br>required vertical and horizontal<br>clearance for the widening of I-<br>95. | Ongoing; scheduled completion:<br>April 30, 2017   | Only nighttime lane closures from<br>7pm thru 7am on I-95 and SR 251   |
| <b>PI # M005229</b><br>Reconstruction of ramps on I-95<br>at Exit 1 and 3 in Camden County             | Concrete rehab work on I-95<br>on/off ramps. Exit 1 (SR40) &<br>Exit 3 (St. Mary's Rd)   | Ongoing; scheduled completion:<br>October 31, 2015 | Only nighttime ramp closures.<br>Daytime traffic shifts on ramps<br>could occur. NB/SB loop ramps<br>will have complete concrete<br>replacement in Sept. This work<br>must utilize ramp closures for up<br>to 7 days per ramp. |
| <b>PI # 522870</b><br>SR 204 Interchange at King<br>George Blvd. in Chatham County                     | 1.47 miles of construction of an<br>interchange on SR 204/Abercorn<br>St. over King George Blvd.   | Ongoing; scheduled completion:<br>January 31, 2017 | SR 204 lane restrictions at high<br>traffic peak hours are EB – 7 a.m.<br>until 9 a.m. WB – 4 p.m. until 7<br>p.m.   |
| <b>PI # M004918</b><br>I-16 Concrete Rehab in Chatham<br>County  | 11.25 miles of concrete<br>rehabilitation on I-16  | Ongoing; scheduled completion:<br>August 31, 2015  | I-16 lane restrictions at high<br>traffic peak hours are EB – 6:30<br>a.m. until 9:30 a.m. WB – 3:30<br>p.m. until 7 p.m.  |

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| <b>PI # 0000690</b><br>Georgia Welcome Center<br>I-95 South bound in Chatham<br>County | Georgia Welcome Center<br>Construction  | Ongoing with completion of new<br>center in Fall 2016 | No anticipated lane closures  |
| <b>DISTRICT 6 – Northwest, Georgia</b>   |   |   |   |
| <b>Project Name</b>  | <b>Project Description</b>  | <b>Project Timeframe</b>                              | <b>Lane Closure Allowed &amp;<br/>Timeframe</b>   |
| <b>PI # 610750</b><br>The I-75/SR 156 (Redbud Road)<br>Interchange in Gordon County    | Interchange reconstruction and<br>construction of the bridge on I-75<br>and its approaches  | Ongoing; scheduled completion:<br>May 31, 2016        | Single lane closures at non-peak<br>times weekdays, and occasional<br>double lane closures only at night<br>and on weekends                                   |
| <b>PI # 610930</b><br>The I-75/SR 136 Interchange in<br>Gordon County                  | Interchange widening and<br>reconstruction on SR 136,<br>beginning at Camp Creek and<br>extending to US 41/SR 3.<br>Includes construction of two<br>bridges and approaches over<br>Camp Creek and I-75  | Ongoing; scheduled completion:<br>November 30, 2015   | Single lane closures at non-peak<br>times weekdays; and occasional<br>double lane closures only at night<br>and on weekends; and periodical<br>traffic shifts |
| <b>PI # 0000931</b><br>The I-75/Rocky Face Interchange<br>in Whitfield County          | Interchange reconstruction on I-75<br>at US41 (Rocky Face<br>Interchange). Includes<br>construction of four bridges and<br>installation of intersection video<br>detection systems, and closed<br>circuit TV to monitor weather &<br>traffic conditions | Ongoing; scheduled completion:<br>October 2, 2016     | Single lane closures at non-peak<br>times weekdays; and occasional<br>double lane closures only at night<br>and on weekends; and periodical<br>traffic shifts |

| <b>PI # 0002626</b><br>Widening US 41 in Bartow County  | This project consists of 1.079 of widening on US 41 in Cartersville; the reconstruction of the existing historic interchange of US 41/SR 3 at US 411/SR 61, including the reconstruction of bridges over US 411/SR 61; and the reconstruction of bridges over CSX Railroad and the widening or reconstruction of the northern bridge over Pettit Creek. | Ongoing; scheduled completion: Completion Date: 12/31/ 2017 | Single lane closures and periodical traffic shifts   |
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| <b>DISTRICT 7 (number corresponds to GIS map) – Metro Atlanta</b>   |   |   |  |
| <i>*lane closures allowed in contract. Actual work may include reduced closures</i>                               |   |   |  |
| Project Name  | Project Description   | Project Timeframe   | Lane Closure Allowed & Timeframe   |
| <b>#1</b><br><b>PI # M003044/ M003054</b><br>I-20 Bridge joint replacements inside the perimeter in Fulton County | I-20 bridge joint repairs from just west of I-75/85 to I-285  | Ongoing; scheduled completion: April 30, 2016               | Double lanes closed: Night time 9PM to 5AM weekdays<br>Triple lanes closed: Friday 9PM to 5AM Monday<br>No work 2 hours before or after Braves games |
| <b>#2</b><br><b>PI # M004620</b><br>I-285 concrete slab rehab in Cobb County                                      | I-285 WB/EB from Paces Ferry to I-85 replacing concrete slabs, grinding, restriping   | Ongoing; scheduled completion: Spring 2016                  | Weekdays 2 RT or 2 LT 9PM to 5AM, 2 RT or 2 LT 9PM Friday to 5 AM Monday   |
| <b>#3</b><br><b>PI # 752300</b><br>I-285 at Atlanta Rd in Cobb County   | Widening of Atlanta Rd over I-285 with Auxiliary lanes on I-285 between Atlanta Rd and W. Paces Ferry   | Ongoing; scheduled completion: Fall 2017                    | I-285 has been shifted, various single closures during the day 9AM to 3:30PM   |
| <b>#4</b><br><b>PI # M004203</b><br>I-285 Sign Upgrades in Cobb/Fulton/ DeKalb Counties                           | Sign upgrades on I-285 from I-85 to I-20 on the western, southern and eastern part of I-285.  | Ongoing; scheduled completion: Fall 2016                    | Weekdays 2 RT or 2 LT 9PM to 5AM, 2 RT or 2 LT 9PM Friday to 5 AM Monday   |

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| <b>#5</b><br><b>PI # 0008256</b><br>I-75 Express Lanes (Northwest Corridor) in Cobb County       | 29 miles of new toll lane construction on I-75 from I-285 to Hickory Grove Rd to Sixes Rd | Ongoing; scheduled completion: Fall 2018      | Various lane closures on the project affects the I-285 and I-575 interchanges meaning closures will occur on I285, I-575 and on I-75 |
| <b>#6</b><br><b>PI # M004422</b><br>I-75 Sign Upgrades in Cobb County                            | I-75 from I-285 to I-575 upgrade overhead signs (coordination with Express Lanes project) | Ongoing; scheduled completion: Fall 2016      | Weekdays 2 RT or 2 LT 9PM to 5AM, 2 RT or 2 LT 9PM Friday to 5 AM Monday   |
| <b>#7</b><br><b>PI # 751580</b><br>GA 400 at Northridge in Fulton County                         | Widening of Northridge Rd over GA 400 to accommodate bridges                              | Ongoing; scheduled completion: Fall 2015      | Various lanes closed on GA400 at night or on weekends with shifts on Northridge  |
| <b>#8</b><br><b>PI # M005309</b><br>I-285 Striping in DeKalb County                              | I-285 roadway striping beginning at Snapfinger Rd to Chamblee Tucker Rd                   | Ongoing; scheduled completion: Dec 2015       | Monday to Sunday 9PM to 5AM various lanes closed   |
| <b>#9</b><br><b>PI # 713290</b><br>I-285 at Flat Shoals in DeKalb County                         | Flat Shoals Road (SR 155) widening over I-285 to accommodate bridges                      | Ongoing; scheduled completion: Fall 2017      | Various RT lane closures on I-285 nightly and weekend with shifts on Flat Shoals Rd  |
| <b>#10</b><br><b>PI # M004426</b><br>I-85 Sign Upgrade in Fulton/ Clayton Counties               | Sign upgrade on I-85 from I-75/I-85 to Union City   | Ongoing; scheduled completion: Fall 2016      | Weekend various lanes closed and nightly weekdays 9PM to 5AM   |
| <b>#11</b><br><b>PI # M004425</b><br>I-75/ I-85 Sign Upgrade (Downtown Atlanta) in Fulton County | Sign upgrade on downtown connector from Northside Dr to University Ave                    | Ongoing; scheduled completion: September 2015 | Weekend various lanes closed and nightly weekdays 9PM to 5AM   |
| <b>#12</b><br><b>PI # M004584</b><br>US 78 Milling and Resurfacing in DeKalb County              | Resurfacing US 78 from Montreal Road to Stone Mountain Park Entrance                      | Ongoing; scheduled completion: Winter 2016    | Weeknight and weekend lane closures from 9 PM to 5 AM  |