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Summer Construction … Extreme Delays Expected

Motorists asked to plan ahead, be patient as GA DOT repairs & improve highways across Georgia

Jesup 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 Southeast Georgia, construction projects on Interstates 16 in Chatham County and Interstate 95 in Camden and McIntosh Counties are underway with restrictive work hours during high peak traffic hours but could cause travel delays at any time.

Savannah is a popular destination in the southeast region, with State Route 204/Abercorn Street a major artery from I-95 and downtown. A new interchange construction project is underway on State Route 204 at King George Boulevard, which is a highly congested area. The Georgia DOT interchange project, once complete, will relieve congestion but ongoing construction could hinder summer travel times.

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."

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.
- 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.
- 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. #ArriveAliveGA*

- *For more information about work zone safety, visit www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/Workzone.*

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MASTER STATEWIDE SUMMER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS LIST/ June 2015

DISTRICT 1 – Northeast, Georgia			
Project Name	**Project Description**	**Project Timeframe**	**Lane Closure Allowed & Timeframe**
PI # 0004430 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
PI # 132985 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
PI # 0002392 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
PI # 162430 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
PI # 142291 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.
DISTRICT 2 – East Georgia			
Project Name	**Project Description**	**Project Timeframe**	**Lane Closure Allowed & Timeframe**
PI # 0006431 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. Construction of 2 bridges	Ongoing; scheduled completion: August 28, 2016	Lane closures likely later in construction

PI # M004920 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.
PI # **M00**3956 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
PI # 221900/221910 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.
PI # 232305/231356 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).
DISTRICT 3 – West Georgia			
Project Name	**Project Description**	**Project Timeframe**	**Lane Closure Allowed & Timeframe**
PI # 0009156 and **PI # 0009157** 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. Lane closures on I-75 allowed continuous on weekends from 9 p.m. Friday through 5 a.m. Monday

DISTRICT 4 – Southwest, Georgia			
Project Name	**Project Description**	**Project Timeframe**	**Lane Closure Allowed & Timeframe**
PI # 0000543 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
PI # 432100 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
PI # 0000803 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
PI # 432092 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.
PI # 422550 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
PI # 431780 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

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

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

PI # 0002626 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
DISTRICT 7 (number corresponds to GIS map) – Metro Atlanta			
lane closures allowed in contract. Actual work may include reduced closures			
Project Name	**Project Description**	**Project Timeframe**	**Lane Closure Allowed & Timeframe**
#1 **PI # M003044/ M003054** 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 Triple lanes closed: Friday 9PM to 5AM Monday No work 2 hours before or after Braves games
#2 **PI # M004620** 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
#3 **PI # 752300** 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
#4 **PI # M004203** 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 1-285.	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

#5 **PI # 0008256** 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
#6 **PI # M004422** 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
#7 **PI # 751580** 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
#8 **PI # M005309** 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
#9 **PI # 713290** 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
#10 **PI # M004426** 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
#11 **PI # M004425** 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
#12 **PI # M004584** 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