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## **YOU WILL BE ON 1<sup>ST</sup> TO GET TO THE PARK ROAD WORK CLOSSES PARK DRIVE FOR ONE MONTH LANE CLOSURES ON LOOP NEXT WEEK**

**Athens, Ga.** – Georgia DOT announces the Park Drive Entrance to East Athens Community Park off of Peter Street will be closed for one month beginning Friday, May 17.

**WHAT:** Park Drive will be closed at its intersection with Peter Street to raise the grade of Park Drive by approximately 1 foot. No one will be able to enter East Athens Community Park from Park Drive. Traffic will be directed to use the First Street entrance to the Park.

**WHEN:** Park Drive will close Friday morning, May 17 around the clock until Tuesday, June 18 if weather cooperates.

**WHY:** To raise the grade of Park Drive by 1 foot as it intersects with Peter Street.

“In addition to the work on Park Drive, lane closures are planned to resume Wednesday, 22 to install drainage pipe under the Loop. The inside lane of the Outer Loop will close from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays through the end of May. The cross drain pipe is installed during the day and steel plated will cover the roadway as pipes each night. The plates allow work to go faster. Please slow down in the area even when work isn’t active. We have made adjustments to the traffic signal at the Loop and Peter Olympic but we expect delays will continue. Congestion peaks in the afternoons, please an alternate route especially in the evening. If you get off the SR 10 Loop at Lexington Road or College Station Road you will avoid the work zone and the congestion,” explained District Construction Engineer, Harold Mull.

This \$14.5 million construction project was awarded to E.R. Snell Contracting Inc of Snellville, Georgia. The project will build an interchange at the existing intersection of SR 10 Loop and Peter/Olympic Streets. The project completion date is May 31, 2015.

*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*

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