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MAINTENANCE ON I-85 AND IN ELBERT, FRANKLIN, HART, JACKSON, MADISON, OCONEE AND WALTON COUNTIES DAILY NEXT WEEK

GAINESVILLE, GA – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces maintenance plans for next week on Interstate 85 and in Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Hart, Jackson, Madison, Oconee and Walton Counties.

Most activities will only require shoulder or median lane closures. This is a tentative schedule; if emergency response is needed at a crash scene or if emergency repairs are necessary this schedule will change.

WHEN: Crews will work Monday, February 4 through Friday, February 8. Work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. if weather permits.

WHAT and WHERE:

Interstate 85 – crews will clean, repair and restore ditches along the interstate in Banks and Jackson Counties.

Elbert – servicing intersecting driveways on SR 72 and SR 17

Franklin - crews will hand sweep SR 8 and SR 211 while another crew inspects drainage pipes on SR 174, SR 326, SR 63 and SR 320

Hart – crews will mow on SR 51 while another crew inspected drainage pipe on SR 181 and SR 172 and edge ruts are repaired along the shoulder of SR 172

Jackson - a crew will repairs ruts along the edge of asphalt on SR 124 while another crew repairs damaged guardrail on SR 11 and a crew trims vegetation on SR 335

Madison –hand sweeping intersections on SR 8 and SR 281

Oconee – trim vegetation on SR24 and damage guardrail is repaired on SR 15

Walton – mowing on SR 138 and damaged guardrail is repaired on SR 11

Motorists should reduce their speed in these and all work zones.

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. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit www.dot.ga.gov or subscribe to our Press Release [RSS feed](#). You also may follow us on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) and [Twitter](http://twitter.com/gadepofrans) (<http://twitter.com/gadepofrans>).

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