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GEORGIA DOT BEGINS ASPHALT REPAIR IN PICKENS

JASPER, Ga. - Georgia DOT advises motorists on State Route (SR) 53 Connector in Pickens County that maintenance crews will begin today their work on repairing and deep patching the deteriorating asphalt spots on this highway. Work will proceed daily Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and will force pacing traffic on the state route. This maintenance operation and the lane closure it necessitates are weather permitting and subject to change.

It is the Georgia DOT policy to repair and maintain Georgia interstates and state highways promptly, efficiently and economically using well-planned activities such as deep patching, proper equipment, and skilled and dedicated employees. Prompt repair of small asphalt pavement defects has significant impacts on reducing maintenance costs. Deep patching which will be used in this maintenance operation is one of the methods Georgia DOT uses to repair deteriorated, settled, cracking and dislodged pavement. The technique is much less expensive than other methods. As used by GDOT, deep patching provides a reasonable measure of roadway repairs and reduces maintenance costs.

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 information on the Department of Transportation, visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov>. You also may follow us on (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest) and [Twitter \(https://twitter.com/GDOTNW\)](https://twitter.com/GDOTNW).

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