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## GEORGIA DOT BEGINS ASPHALT REPAIR ON HIGHWAY 53 IN PICKENS COUNTY

**WHAT** A Georgia DOT's Maintenance crew is set to begin today its work on repairing and cold mix patching the deteriorating asphalt spots on State Route (SR) 53 in Pickens County. Work will proceed daily between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., weather permitting.

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.

**WHEN:** Monday, March 16 through Thursday, March 19, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** SR 53 in Pickens County

*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](http://www.dot.ga.gov) or subscribe to our Press Release [RSS feed](#). You also may like us on [Facebook](#) ([www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT](http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT)) and follow us on [Twitter](http://twitter.com/gadeptoftrans) (<http://twitter.com/gadeptoftrans>).*

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