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Tift and Turner counties...

Expect Double Lane Closure for I75 South Mainline Resurfacing

What: Contractor Reames and Son Construction Co. Inc. of Valdosta is about to start milling and paving the outside (right) lane of Interstate 75 South. Milling is the removal of the top layer of asphalt and is done to create a level surface on which to lay new asphalt. It also prevents a drop-off from the edge of the pavement.

The outside and middle lanes will be closed in the work zone for safety reasons. The contractor will be working in the outside lane, but the proximity of equipment and people to the middle lane will require closing both lanes. Reames will start on the Turner County end of the project and work south.

Reames is resurfacing 18.8 miles of the roadway and off- and on-ramps beginning south of Southwell Boulevard in Tift County and ending on the south side of Hat Creek in Turner County. Striping will be done later from Hat Creek to south of Exit 78/state Route 32.

The cost of the project is \$19.8 million. This is the first major resurfacing of this section of I-75 since 2001. Work began May 8 and is scheduled to be finished Jan. 31, 2017.

When: Beginning Aug. 9. The contractor is working from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday through Thursday to minimize traffic interruptions. **This type of work requires favorable weather so rain will affect the schedule.**

Where: Outside (right) and middle lanes of I-75 South beginning on the south side of Hat Creek in Turner County and ending south of Exit 59/Southwell Boulevard in Tift County.

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