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EXPECT A NIGHT DETOUR OFF I-75 NORTH AT EXIT 326 IN WHITFIELD COUNTY

DALTON, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) is advising motorists on I-75 in northwest Georgia of a night detour off I-75 North at Carbondale Road/Exit 326 in Whitfield County, scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2017. Traffic will be detoured off the northbound lanes of I-75 onto Carbondale Road to accommodate work on setting the beams on the new bridge over I-75. This detour will be in place from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. It is weather permitting and subject to change.

This bridge work is part of a project to widen and reconstruct a roundabout on Carbondale Road, beginning west of Redwine Cove and extending Tilton Road. It also includes the construction of a bridge over I-75. Work on this project began late December 2015. The entire project is expected to be completed by the end of September 2018, at a construction cost of \$18,139,653.

“We certainly hope that all motorists watch out for this detour and be extra cautious, while approaching this work zone,” said DeWayne Comer, district engineer at the DOT office in Cartersville. “This project may be causing the public some inconvenience, but upon completion, it will improve the flow of traffic in the area, make it safer, and help the public get where they need to go in northwest Georgia,” Comer explained.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org. For more information on the Department of Transportation, visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov>. You also may like us on www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest and follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GDOTNW) (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNW>).