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Georgia DOT Improving Freight Mobility in Port Wentworth

Port Wentworth, Ga. – Georgia Department of Transportation refines cargo movement in the City of Port Wentworth with a construction project on Crossgate Road.

Georgia DOT is overseeing the \$2.2 million Crossgate Road reconstruction project awarded to Reeves Construction Company of Macon. This project will replace the existing asphalt pavement with concrete pavement to allow the roadway to sustain the weight of heavy trucks traffic eliminating current weight restrictions. A truck turn around will also be constructed just west of the railroad which will allow semi-trucks to make a U-turn prior to the railroad crossing improving freight mobility in this area.

A **70-day road closure and traffic detour** is a necessity for this project. Crossgate Road will be closed near State Route (SR) 21 and the railroad tracks near SR 25 starting Thursday night May 19. The closure and detouring of traffic will remain in place until the end of July. The roadway will reopen early if the work is completed ahead of schedule or could possibly be closed longer if weather delays the work.

The detour route will be noted as follows:

- SR 21/Augusta Road
- SR 30/Bonnybridge Road
- SR 25/Coastal Highway

A local business within the construction zone will be provided continued access during construction. Crossgate Road will remain open to local traffic up to work zone. Message signs, barrels, and barricades will be utilized for control of traffic.

Every day Georgia DOT employees work on roadways in close proximity to travel lanes. Whether they're in maintenance, in construction or are HEROs, it's dangerous. Fifty-eight Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in work zone crashes since 1973. When you drive in a work zone, obey the rules: Pay Attention - Slow Down - Watch for Workers. It can make the difference between life and death. Visit www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/Workzone.

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