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Laurens County I-16 rest areas closing soon for rebuild

DUBLIN – Both Interstate 16 rest areas in Laurens County will close Monday, Sept. 12 until June 2017 for rebuilds.

Each facility (mile 44 eastbound and mile 46 westbound) will be completely shut off from public access to allow the contractor to complete the work as quickly as possible.

Both buildings will be demolished and re-built from the ground up. Construction of replacement buildings is scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2017.

On-ramps and off-ramps will be barricaded off and message boards installed to alert the travelers to the facilities' closure

During the assessments of both buildings, it was discovered that it would be less expensive to rebuild from the ground up versus retro-fitting the existing buildings.

The budget for this project is \$3.6 million. Improvements to these facility together with other statewide welcome centers and rest areas is funded by advertising revenue collected by the State Transportation Board's interstate exit sign Logo Program. There isn't any taxpayer money involved in these projects.

Visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/Travel/RestAreas> for information on statewide rest areas and welcome centers.

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