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Greenbrier Creek Bridge Now Open, Detour Removed



***Photo Caption:** Subcontractor Highway Services, Inc. laid down final paint in the new Greenbrier Creek bridge area Monday that includes US 221, Yelton Road and Tubman Road. The detour was removed around 2 p.m. signifying the completion of the bridge replacement project.*

APPLING- On behalf of contractor Gregory Bridge Company, the Georgia Department of Transportation announces the completion of the Greenbrier Creek Bridge replacement project on US 221/ State Route (SR) 47 and thus the removal of on off-site detour in place since mid-March. Final striping of the roadway and permanent signage installation was completed Monday. The \$2 million project area rests 2.5 miles north east of the City of Appling.

Local traffic will no longer be diverted to Ray Owens Road and Cobbham Road/SR 150. All vehicle movement will also return to Scotts Ferry Road, Tubman Road and Yelton Road in the

project area. Greenbrier Creek detour signage and barricades are out, as the contractors installed permanent speed limit and other roadway signage today.

The nearby Keg Creek detour signage/barricades for the bridge replacement and passing lane project on SR 47 remains due to active construction at that location. Both projects formerly shared a common detour route.

The old Greenbrier Creek Bridge was built in 1955 and consisted of three simple spans of steel girders on concrete caps with concrete columns. That former structure wasn't designed for the current state legal truck weights. A full replacement was ordered because Georgia DOT deemed bridge component rehabilitation work wasn't enough to improve the maximum allowed load situation.

The now complete replacement project constructed a new 180-foot by 36-foot concrete bridge. Also, the intersection of Yelton Road has shifted to the north approximately 100 feet to accommodate additional bridge length. The approaches on each side of the bridge consist of one, 12-foot lane in each direction with 10-foot, paved rural shoulders.

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