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Weigh-in-Motion install closing Columbia County I-20 lanes this weekend

WHAT: A statewide Georgia Department of Transportation Weigh-in-Motion scale project will close the outside Interstate 20 westbound lane approaching the Columbia County Scales Friday night through midday Sunday. The contractor must also finish loop installation on the eastbound side, requiring a brief closure there as well through early Saturday morning.

This is part of a statewide project installing weigh scales in outside interstate lanes approximately 3,000 feet upstream of the existing 19 weigh stations.

The current weigh station system requires motor carriers to exit the interstate, which can cause motor carrier delays. With Weight-in-Motion, weight compliant trucks can continue along the mainline without diverting to the weigh stations. The project scope also includes a “virtual” component that allows the mainline scales to send information to the nearby weigh station and to Georgia Highway Patrol officers for enforcement purposes.

WHEN: From Friday, Feb. 19 at 9 p.m. until Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12 p.m., weather permitting for the contractor to install westbound scale components; the eastbound lane closure will last from 9 p.m. Friday to 2 a.m. Saturday.

WHERE: I-20 westbound mile 188 to 186.5 approaching the Columbia County scales and I-20 eastbound on the opposite side

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