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Tift and Turner counties...

I75 Resurfacing Moves to Southbound Lanes

What: Contractor Reames and Son Construction Co. Inc. of Valdosta has started milling and paving the outside (right) shoulder and entrance and exit ramp gores of Interstate 75 South. Milling is the removal of the top layer of asphalt and is done to create a level surface on which to lay new asphalt. It also prevents a drop-off from the edge of the pavement. The gore is the triangular section of pavement that separates the ramps from thru lanes of traffic.

Reames is resurfacing 18.8 miles of the roadway and off- and on-ramps beginning south of Southwell Boulevard in Tift County and ending on the south side of Hat Creek in Turner County. Striping will be done later from Hat Creek to south of Exit 78/state Route 32.

The cost of the project is \$19.8 million. This is the first major resurfacing of this section of I-75 since 2001. Work began May 8 on the northbound lanes and is scheduled to be finished Jan. 31, 2017.

When: Southbound work began early this morning. The contractor is working from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday through Thursday to minimize traffic interruptions. The contractor hopes to reach Exit 64/U.S. 41 this week, but this type of work requires favorable weather so rain will affect the schedule.

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