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## **GEORGIA DOT MINIMIZES ADDITIONAL DISRUPTION TO MOTORISTS BY RESURFACING I-85 DURING CLOSURE (yes...*that I-85!*)**

*Nighttime lane closures start Thursday northbound, Sunday southbound*

ATLANTA –With Georgia DOT’s commitment to reopen the I-85 bridge over Piedmont Road by June 15, the Department is moving ahead with an adjacent resurfacing of 6.6 miles of I-85 from I-75/SR 401 to Clairmont Road, including the collector-distributor (CD) lanes. Starting the resurfacing now will diminish further disruptions for motorists and commuters already challenged by the closure of I-85 during the reconstruction.

“Georgia DOT recognizes the inconveniences faced by motorists due to the closing of the I-85 at Piedmont Road area,” Commissioner Russell R. McMurry, P.E. said. “We have carefully thought this through and determined that getting a jump on this essential resurfacing is an opportunity to limit the public’s stress and inconvenience, while also using our time and resources sensibly.”

The \$22.9 million resurfacing project has been on hold while Georgia DOT determined a suitable strategy to efficiently get the project done while minimizing public inconvenience. The low bid joint contract was awarded to C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. and E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. Each will focus their efforts on a single direction, reducing the timeframes that work will affect motorists. The anticipated completion date is February 28, 2018.

Outside the existing closed roadway, there will be no daytime lane closures on weekdays due to the resurfacing. Night work is expected to start on Thursday, April 20 northbound, and Sunday, April 23 southbound. Further information will be made available in advance of work activities.

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