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NIGHT WORK BEGINS ON MAJOR CONCRETE PAVEMENT PROJECT ON I-20 IN CARROLL COUNTY

CARROLLTON, Ga. - Work will begin tomorrow night on a major concrete pavement project on Interstate 20 in Carroll County. The project consists of 12.732 miles of pavement replacement and reconstruction on I-20, beginning at US 27/Exit 11 and extending to State Route 61/Exit 24 in Carroll County.

The existing concrete pavement on the four travel lanes of this portion of Interstate 20 will be replaced with 12 inches thick jointed plain concrete pavement. The inside and outside shoulders will be replaced with hot mix asphalt. The existing guardrail along the interstate will also be upgraded to current standards.

Construction on this project will be phased and work in Phase One will be done exclusively at night and on weekends. Construction on both sides of the interstate will proceed on two sections. Work on the first section between Exit 11 and Exit 19 will begin Saturday night. Contractor will move to the second section between Exit 19 and Exit 24 once the work on the first section is complete.

Construction on the whole project will proceed in stages in order to keep two lanes open to traffic. Along with construction phasing, contra-flow traffic will be used in later construction stages. This will require one lane of traffic to crossover the median of the interstate and continue to travel in the same direction on the opposite side of the roadway.

Lane closures will be limited to the night hours between 9p.m. and 5a.m., Monday through Thursday. Weekend lane closures will be limited to the hours from 9p.m. on Friday until 5a.m. Monday morning.

“We are making every effort to minimize the impact of this major construction project on the heavy traffic on I-20 in Carroll County. Working in phases; limiting work and lane closures to night and weekends; informing the public in advance of any traffic interruption; and scheduling the lane closures after the evening rush hour, and reopening these lanes before the morning rush hour are only a few examples of these efforts,” said Dewayne Comer, district engineer at the DOT office in Cartersville.

In July 2016, Georgia DOT awarded a contract for this project to Archer Western Contractors, LLC of Chicago Ill. . The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of October 2019, at a construction cost of \$80,354,843.

This is the second segment of concrete pavement rehabilitation on Interstate 20. The rehabilitation of the first segment from the Georgia/Alabama State line in Haralson County to US 27 in Carroll County was

completed in 2008. The concrete rehabilitation of the existing roadway is vital for preserving the integrity and safety of the interstate.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-eight Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone. For information on the Department of Transportation, visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov>. You also may follow us on (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest) and [Twitter \(https://twitter.com/GDOTNW\)](https://twitter.com/GDOTNW).