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Mega Load Coming Through Metro-Atlanta...

A Huge Transformer to Travel through Metro-Atlanta

WHAT: A 420,000 pound transformer will move through the state from Rome, Georgia to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport at **10 p.m., Friday, December 11**. The 209-foot long, 12-foot wide and 15-foot tall configuration belongs to General Electric (GE). Its planned movement was approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Metro-Atlanta traffic will be slow or even stopped at some points due to the excessive size of the load. Two Georgia State Patrol officers with blue lights and marked cars will be accompanying the load to pace traffic, when so warranted by the traffic control. The mega load will also feature moving message boards warning of traffic interruptions at key bridges and/or intersections. Normal travel speed is 45 mph but slows to 5 mph when crossing certain bridge structures. Narrow bridge locations will require escorts to restrict the passing of other vehicles while the permit vehicle is crossing.

ROUTE: The mega load will travel from Rome, Georgia to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. The mega load will travel on SR 1/Redmond Circle in Floyd County to SR 53/ New Calhoun Highway. The mega load will continue traveling on SR 140/Adairsville Road, then to I-75 southbound and will exit at Wade Green Road (Exit 273). The route will continue on George Busbee Parkway to Frey Road then it will continue on Chastain Road and get on I-75 southbound. The mega load will travel through downtown Atlanta on I-75/I-85 and continue on I-75 southbound to Charles Grant Parkway (Exit 239) until it arrives at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

WHEN: The carrier will leave Rome, Georgia around 10 p.m., Friday, December 11.

CAUTION: Motorists should exercise extreme caution in its vicinity and follow instructions from the law enforcement escort.

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