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New I-20 Welcome to Georgia sign install and other work affecting traffic next week

WHAT: Interstate 20 will be buzzing around the South Carolina state line early next week. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will replace the Welcome to Georgia sign on the westbound side of I-20 Tuesday, March 15. The District sign shop will also remove any temporarily closed signage that same morning for the Augusta Welcome Center that's opening for the general public after months of renovations.

The Welcome to Georgia sign install requires a westbound I-20 lane closure stretching into South Carolina. The work will begin in the morning and finish by mid-afternoon Tuesday if weather allows.

GDOT also wants the public to be aware of scheduled Augusta Canal and Savannah River bridge cleaning and nearby guardrail/bridge end vegetation trimming beginning Monday, March 14 and running until possibly Wednesday, March 16. The Department's area maintenance forces will work the eastbound outside lane side first Monday and then switch to the inside lane until work is completed. Expect a lane closure eastbound for maintenance of the bridge locations.

Then to coincide with the sign replacement traffic control, crews will address trimming I-20 westbound in this same area Tuesday, March 15.

WHEN: Monday, March 14 through possibly Wednesday, March 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting; lane closure I-20 eastbound approaching the S.C. state line on Monday and westbound coming into Georgia on Tuesday.

WHERE: Welcome to Georgia sign install on I-20 at mile 200.9 westbound and also the same general state line area eastbound for the maintenance work

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