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### *Your Dollars Maintaining a Better Georgia...* **Newton and Morgan County maintenance services contracts begin Monday**

MADISON – Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) maintenance service contracts valued over \$2 million begin in Newton and Morgan counties Monday.

The traveling public can expect contractors in the following areas next week and beyond:

- **Newton County:** State Route (SR) 162 patching and shoulder building mile 0 to 10; Single lane closures will be setup with a flagman and pilot vehicle.
- **Morgan County:** SR 83 vegetation removal mile 0 to 8; may require temporary lane closures.
- **Morgan/Newton County:** Interstate 20 removal of dead, diseased or hazardous trees mile 114 to 100 westbound;

The aforementioned tree and vegetation removal safeguards motorists, providing adequate room to recover if someone leaves the roadway; ensures sign visibility and sensitively extracts obstructions that may fall onto interstates and state routes during winter or other inclement weather.

This and similar upcoming maintenance service contracts within the 27-county East Central District come from the Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015. Georgia DOT uses the sustained annual revenue from the TFA to launch much-needed routine maintenance and capital improvements.

In the coming months, citizens will see contracted vegetation removal; pavement preservation; mowing and litter pickup; shoulder widening; roadway patching, slab repair and guardrail repairs at various district locations.

Whenever you approach a work zone: slow down; allow extra distance between vehicles; read signs; obey road crew flaggers; and expect the unexpected.

For general information about the TFA and how it's investing in your area, visit [www.GAroads.org](http://www.GAroads.org).



*Starting Monday, July 25, select Newton and Morgan County roadways will receive side trimming vegetation removal to reclaim overgrown rights-of-way and tree removal targeting dead or diseased trees. These maintenance service contracts ensure the traveling public's safety, while providing an environmentally sensitive transportation system.*