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OLD STATE ROUTE 20 IN CARTERSVILLE TO BE CLOSED AND TRAFFIC RECONFIGURED

CARTERSVILLE, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) is advising motorists in Cartersville that Old State Route (SR) 20 is scheduled to be closed to through traffic starting Tuesday, November 1, 2016. Access to businesses and medical offices along Old SR 20 will be provided via Market Place Boulevard. Traffic on US 41 North going left onto Old SR 20 will be redirected onto Market Place Boulevard to gain access to US 411 via the newly constructed SR 20.

The closure of Old SR 20 at this location will allow for the permanent closure of the road to through traffic, construction of a cul-de-sac and channeling of traffic into the new SR 20. This operation is part of a 1.079 mile project of widening on US 41 and reconstruction of the existing historic interchange of US 41 and US 411 in Bartow County. This project also includes the reconstruction of bridges over US 411/SR 61, CSX Railroad and Pettit Creek. Work on this project began late August 2014. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2019, at a construction cost of nearly \$32 million.

“We certainly hope that all motorists watch out for this traffic shift and be extra cautious, while approaching this work zone,” said DeWayne Comer, district engineer at the DOT office in Cartersville. “This project may be causing the public some inconvenience, but upon completion, it will improve the flow of traffic in the area, make it safer, and help the public get where they need to go in Cartersville and Bartow County,” Comer explained.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511, visit 511ga.org or download the Georgia 511 app for updated information about this or any other construction or maintenance project/operation on our interstates and state routes. 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 more information on the Department of Transportation, visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov>. You also may like us on (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GDOTNW) (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNW>).

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