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## **Traffic Shifting North on Old Evans Road**

**MARTINEZ-** On behalf of E.R Snell Contractor, Inc., the Georgia Department of Transportation announces a minor traffic shift on Old Evans Road from Columbia Industrial Boulevard to Connor Drive. Weather permitting, this shift on the Transportation Investment Act supported Riverwatch Parkway Extension will begin **Tuesday, May 19 at 8:30 a.m.** This traffic shift will move traffic to the north side of Old Evans Road to permit Stage 1 construction activity.

The traffic shift also brings a speed limit reduction within the Old Evans and Old Petersburg Road work zone area from 45 mph to 35 mph. The posted change should remain until construction reaches a stage to safely permit travel at the original speed. This is a **WORK ZONE** and extreme caution is necessary. Message signs, barrels and/or cones will be utilized to alert the public of the upcoming changes.

With traffic deaths in Georgia up an average of 25 percent compared to last year, Georgia DOT urges drivers to **DriveAlert ArriveAlive**, a campaign imploring motorists to wear their seatbelts, stay off the phone and focus on driving.

***DriveAlert ArriveAlive** calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit [www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA](http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA). #ArriveAliveGA*

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