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ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WORK BEGINS IN BARTOW

CANTON, Ga. - As part of its integrated roadside vegetation management program, a Georgia DOT routine maintenance crew begin today its work on trimming overgrown vegetation along State Route (SR) 140 in Cherokee County. Work will proceed daily Tuesday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., weather permitting.

Integrated roadside vegetation management is a method to bring together social and cultural elements, biological concerns, and mechanical treatments to economically manage roadsides for motorist safety, environmental health and visual quality.

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-seven 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 information on the Department of Transportation, visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov>. You also may follow us on (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNW>).