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South Belair Road Wal-Mart Traffic Signal...

New Signalized Intersection Becomes Full ‘Stop and Go’ July 15

MARTINEZ- The Georgia Department of Transportation, in coordination with Columbia County, announces the new traffic signal at the intersection of South Belair Road and Colonial Road will enter full operational “Stop and Go” mode by mid-morning **Wednesday, July 15**. This signal was recently constructed in front of a new Wal-Mart in Martinez. The signal is currently in a test stage or “flash mode” to make sure all technology, power supply and anything else that could affect performance are 100 percent prior to the final switch.

The Georgia DOT successfully received the proper traffic study and application from Wal-Mart several months ago. The study found that a signalized intersection at South Belair Road and Colonial Road was necessary to ensure the best traffic operations in that area. The retailer had 12 months to complete the project. Every dollar of the project was funded by the company.

The Department urges motorists and pedestrians alike to be aware of a new traffic environment in this area. Be patient and cautious as everyone gets accustomed to the signal. Even with a signal, delays can still happen.

If an operational traffic signal happens to malfunction, motorists should proceed with caution if they are facing a flashing yellow light and yield to vehicles and pedestrians already in the intersection. A flashing red light means motorists should come to a complete stop, just like at a stop sign. If power is out and the traffic signals are off, please treat the intersection as an all-way stop. When it is safe to do so, please call 511 or visit 511ga.org to report the malfunction to the Georgia DOT.

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