

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**MEDIA ALERT**

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**TRAFFIC SIGNAL ACTIVATION RESCHEDULED ON SR 162  
IN NEWTON COUNTY**

**WHEN:** Fully operational at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 13, weather permitting

**WHERE:** State Route 162 in Newton County - at the new Wal-Mart drive just east of Brown Bridge Road

**WHAT:** Georgia DOT is advising motorists in Newton County that beginning Tuesday March 13, the signal will become fully operational, weather permitting. Motorists are advised to use extreme caution at this intersection.

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 ([www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov)); you also may follow Georgia DOT on [Facebook](#) (<http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT>) and [Twitter](#) (<http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans>).