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EXPECT MINOR DELAYS ON HIGHWAY 372 IN CHEROKEE COUNTY AS GEORGIA DOT CREWS REPAIR ROADWAY

CARTERSVILLE, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation is advising motorists in Cherokee County of possible delays on State Route (SR) 372 this week as maintenance crews work to repair the deteriorating asphalt spots on the roadway. Work will begin on the stretch of the highway between mile markers 14 and 14.5 in the city of Ball Ground. It will proceed daily from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. This moving maintenance operation is weather permitting and subject to change.

“Georgia DOT wants to constrict traffic flow in this area as little as possible, but delays at times are almost unavoidable,” said Ken Howard, maintenance engineer at the DOT office in Cartersville. “We will make every effort to minimize the impact this repair operation has on the heavy traffic in the area.”

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

Independent analysis consistently ranks Georgia’s transportation system as being in the best condition of any in the United States, despite the fact that only one state spends less per capita on transportation infrastructure. But our highways and bridges are carrying more vehicles than ever; they are aging; and they are becoming more expensive to maintain. More than \$500 million is needed for basic bridge maintenance over the next decade and \$1.5 billion for routine road repairs over just the next five years. For information on the Department of Transportation, visit (www.dot.ga.gov); you also may follow Georgia DOT on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT>) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans>).

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