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SR 400 Cable Barrier Installation Rescheduled in Dawson and Lumpkin

DAWSONVILLE, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces that installation of the cable barrier in the median of State Route 400/Hospitality Highway has been rescheduled to begin Thursday, 15. The cable barrier will be installed along SR 400 from the Forsyth-Dawson County Line to Chesterra Drive in Lumpkin County.

Daytime work is scheduled to begin in the median Thursday, 15 and Friday, 16. Overnight work is scheduled to begin Monday, March 19 and continue weeknights as weather permits. Limited lane closures are planned for overnights only. Most of the work will occur without impact to drivers.

“The barrels you see out on State Route 400 now are there as crews prepare to begin installing cable barrier in the median. Crews will start by pouring the concrete foundation for the cable,” said DOT District Engineer Bayne Smith.

Cable barrier has previously been installed on more than 100 miles of Georgia interstates and state routes in which there are open center medians. It repeatedly has prevented cross-over accidents in which vehicles traveling in one direction become out of control, cross the median and strike vehicles traveling in the opposite direction, often head-on collisions resulting in fatalities and serious injuries. The barrier, which utilizes woven, tensioned cables attached to steel posts, also is less expensive to both install and maintain than traditional guardrail.

Massana Construction will erect 5.1 miles of the barrier on SR 400 at a contract price of \$665,452. The completion date for cable barrier installation along both routes is April 30, 2012.

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