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DAYTIME RESURFACING STARTS TOMORROW ON SR 17

LAVONIA, GA – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces a resurfacing project will begin tomorrow, February 9 on State Route 17 in Franklin County. The project resurfaces the roadway and reconstructs shoulders on SR 17 from the Hart - Franklin County Line to north of Silo Road in Lavonia.

Work will begin tomorrow if weather permits. The work will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. One lane will be closed as crews work. A pilot vehicle will lead motorists through the work zone. Delays are expected in the work zone.

“The first stage of resurfacing is to remove the deeply damaged sections of asphalt and patch those locations. Patching the entire project area will take about 2 to 3 weeks then crews will resurface the entire length of the project,” said DOT Construction Engineer Johnny Emmett.

This 4.2 mile long resurfacing project was awarded to E.R. Snell Contracting of Snellville. The contract cost is \$1.1 million and the completion date is May 31, 2012.

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) (<http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT>) and [Twitter](http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans) (<http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans>).

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