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CHANGES TUESDAY STATE ROUTE 328 FOR STATE ROUTE 17 PROJECT

Avalon, Ga. – Georgia DOT announces State Route 328 in Avalon will shift onto temporary asphalt Tuesday, July 28th as the grade of the original Highway 328 is reset to match the grade of the new, wider State Route 17.

“There will be signs and barrels directing traffic on Highway 328 to scoot over. You may not even notice the change. Please slow down and use extra caution through the area as this change occurs Monday,” explained Brent Cook, Georgia DOT District Engineer serving Franklin County.

This 6.28 mile long widening of SR 17 from Scott Road to the Stephens Franklin County line has a contract completion date of May 31, 2016. C.W. Matthews Contracting is building this project at a cost of \$46.2 million.

State Route 17 from Toccoa to Interstate 85 is part of the 2012 Georgia Statewide Freight and Logistics Plan outlined the most viable freight routes providing the necessary connectivity to accommodate present and projected future freight flow through the state. These newly designated Freight Corridors represent approximately 17% of the roadways operated under the Department, yet provide for efficient north-south, east-west and last mile access for cargo and goods. The plan identified the 50 highest truck volume locations and the most critical freight bottlenecks throughout the state.

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