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### Georgia DOT invests \$2.6 million in Barrow Bridge Replacement

Atlanta, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces a project to replace the Highway 211 Bridge over Beech Creek was awarded to E.R. Snell Contractor Inc. of Snellville. The project will remove the existing bridge and build a new bridge.

A detour will be in place as construction occurs. The detour route will direct traffic onto Highway 11 to Highway 82 and back to Highway 211. The detour will be in place for a maximum of 60 days, weather permitting.

This project is a first for Georgia, “The 60 day detour is much shorter than typical for bridge construction because we are using a new type of construction, precast concrete bridge deck panels. It is a different application of the precast concrete panel system we used on Broad Street in Winder. The bridge will come to the job site in sections like a 3D jigsaw puzzle and just has to be put together. We are hoping this new style of construction will expedite bridge replacement work across Georgia minimizing construction times,” said Brent Cook, Georgia DOT District Engineer serving Barrow County.

The bridge was built in 1965. It is posted, limiting the weights of vehicles using the bridge and does not meet current design standards. The new bridge will have paved 8 feet wide shoulders providing an area for pedestrians to walk across the bridge and an area to move a vehicle out of traffic if needed.

The contract was awarded for a construction cost of \$2,681,640.30 and a completion date of April 30, 2016.

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*The SR 211 Bridge over Beech Creek to be replaced.*