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## **SMOOTHER RIDE FOR MOTORISTS**

### **Lane Closure and Detour Scheduled This Weekend on State Route 247**

**WHAT:** Georgia DOT will be installing a temporary lane closure and detour for maintenance work on SR 247 southbound at the intersection of SR 11 (Broadway) and Houston Avenue (Seven Bridges). The lane closure is scheduled to begin at 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., Saturday, July 26, weather permitting. The lane closure and detour will be utilized for milling and inlay which provides motorists a smooth ride.

**WHEN:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, July 26, weather permitting.

**WHERE:** SR 247 southbound at the intersection of SR 11 and Houston Avenue

The detour route will be signed. Motorists traveling northbound on SR 247 will be detoured to SR 11, then Guy Paine Road. Motorists traveling southbound on SR 11, away from the City of Macon will also be detoured west at Guy Paine Road to SR 247. Motorists traveling southbound on SR 247 will not detour as 1 lane of traffic will remain open; however, you should expect heavy congestion near the work zone.

This is a **WORK ZONE** and extreme caution is necessary. Motorists are advised to reduce speeds as they travel through this construction work zone. Message signs, barrels and/or cones will be utilized to alert the public of the upcoming changes. Drivers should be aware that personnel and equipment will be operating in close proximity to travel lanes.

*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 more information on Georgia DOT, please visit [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov) or subscribe to our Press Release RSS feed. You also may follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT](http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT)) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/gadepftoftrans>).*

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