

The traffic shift on State Route 24 in Baldwin County has moved to Thursday, July 16.



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State Route 24 Traffic Shift onto New Fall Line Freeway Alignment Tuesday

MILLEDGEVILLE – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces a planned traffic shift on the Fall Line Freeway (FLF) project construction portion affecting Baldwin County starting **Thursday, July 16**. Construction contractor Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc. will shift motorists onto the new State Route 24 alignment between mile posts 5 and 6 that includes Ennis Road starting next week.

Message boards should be installed prior to July 16 informing the traveling public of the shift date and any other key instructions. This area is still considered a work zone, so be patient and aware of new driving conditions.

This most recent realignment of SR 24 onto the FLF path is another step toward completion of the “final leg” construction project involving a newly located roadway with four lanes and median from US 441 northeast to SR 24 encompassing Baldwin and Wilkinson counties. Eight bridges make up the contract also. The scheduled date of completion for this FLF portion is late October 2016.

This large scale construction project is one of three ongoing to complete the final stretch of the FLF that falls under the Governor’s Road Improvement Program (GRIP) corridor. When the freeway is ready for travel, area citizens will notice a major impact.

The General Assembly started GRIP in 1989 to foster economic development throughout the state by connecting 95 percent of all cities of more than 2,500 persons to interstate highways and assuring 98 percent of Georgians live within 20 miles of a four-lane highway. There are 19 GRIP corridors in Georgia totaling nearly 3,300 miles. The FLF corridor traverses the entire width of

the state from the Alabama State Line in Columbus to Macon and then to Augusta at the South Carolina State Line for a total length of 215 miles.

For more details on this FLF project, visit:

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/BuildSmart/Projects/Pages/TransPi.aspx?ProjectID=0000346>.

For more GRIP details, visit: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/BuildSmart/Programs/Pages/GRIP.aspx>

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Editor's Note: Please see the attached plan overview describing the upcoming State Route 24 traffic shift at Ennis Road.

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