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Work Begins on State Route 299 Bridge Reconstruction

Overnight closures on I-24 begin tonight in Dade County

ATLANTA –The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) approved the beginning of activities related to work on the State Route 299 bridge replacement, which is the state’s first time using Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) techniques today. The project replaces the bridge on SR 299 over I-24, and expands the shoulder width to help improve sight distance.

This project is being delivered using the Department’s Design-Build Program. The Design-Build team of Wright Brothers and Parsons Brinckerhoff was awarded the project in the amount of \$7.3 million. Utilizing innovative ABC methods, the existing bridge will be removed and the new bridge will be installed over a single weekend, thereby minimizing impacts to the traveling public. During the ABC period, a detour will be in place. Georgia DOT will widely distribute this detour information to the public well in advance of the bridge replacement weekend. Detour information will also be posted on the Georgia DOT website at www.dot.ga.gov and on GA 511.

To prepare for this work, clearing and erosion control activities required to reconstruct the State Route 299 Bridge over Interstate 24 begin this week. Initial construction activities include lane closures beginning tonight through Friday, November 11, 2016. All ramps will remain open to traffic.

One lane westbound on I-24 will close at 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. tonight and Tuesday night near the entrance ramp from SR299 beginning at mile marker 168 to 169.

Beginning Tuesday, November 8 through Friday, November 11, one eastbound lane will be closed each night from 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. near the entrance ramp from SR299 beginning at mile marker 169 to 170.

Work will also begin shortly on construction of a temporary crossover on I-24. The following renderings show both phases of ABC replacement for the SR 299 Bridge project.

ABC Sequencing of SR 299 over I-24 Replacement



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Information on schedules, lanes closures and any necessary detours will be made available in advance of construction activities. The project has a completion date of Summer of 2017.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to exercise caution and call 511 for updated information on roadway conditions before getting on the road during a winter weather event. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, including winter weather closures, reports of icing or other hazardous conditions on interstates and state routes.

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