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## State Route 47 Projects Require Long Term Closure and Detour

**APPLING-** On behalf of E.R Snell Contractor, Inc., the Georgia Department of Transportation announces the upcoming closure of State Route 47 (Washington Road) at the site of the Keg Creek passing lane and bridge replacement projects. SR 47 in Columbia County will close down **Wednesday, May 27** within the construction location a few miles north of Appling, Ga. An approved off-site detour will be put into place at that time and will remain for 540 calendar days.

The detour begins at the intersection of SR 47/US 221 (Pollards Corner), where travelers will turn southwest onto State Route 150 (Clarks Hill Road). This leads to a four-way stop intersection, where motorists will then turn right onto US 220 (Ray Owens Road). Then the detour moves northwest back into SR 47 or Washington Road. All appropriate signage and message boards will safely direct everyone around the construction area. This listed detour should decrease wetland area impact and will reduce project cost. Once construction is complete, traffic will be returned to SR 47.

These two companion projects include the replacement of the bridge over Keg Creek and the construction of a southbound passing lane from mile post 2.45 to 3.88. E.R. Snell will construct a new 195-foot-by-44-foot concrete bridge at the existing bridge site. The approaches will consist of two, 12-foot lanes with 10-foot shoulders (4-foot paved). The existing bridge will be demolished. The passing lane project will create a roadway with three 12-foot travel lanes with 10-foot grassed shoulders and 4-foot paved sidewalks. Safety slopes and a new vertical alignment proposal meet current federal design safety standards.

For more project details visit, <http://www.dot.ga.gov/BuildSmart/Projects/Pages/TransPi.aspx?ProjectID=231350>- or <http://www.dot.ga.gov/BuildSmart/Projects/Pages/TransPi.aspx?ProjectID=232305>-.

With traffic deaths in Georgia up an average of 25 percent compared to last year, Georgia DOT urges drivers to **DriveAlert ArriveAlive**, a campaign imploring motorists to wear their seatbelts, stay off the phone and focus on driving, especially in these work zones and detour areas.

*DriveAlert ArriveAlive* calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit [www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA](http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA). #ArriveAliveGA

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