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GDOT CONTINUES SAFETY MAINTENANCE WORK IN GORDON AND GILMER

CALHOUN, Ga. - Georgia DOT Maintenance crews continue next week to replace the obliterated and damaged reflective raised pavement markers on State Route (SR) 61 in Gordon County and SR 515 in Gilmer County. Work will proceed daily Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. It will force pacing traffic on this highway. This maintenance operation and the lane closures it necessitates are weather permitting and subject to change.

Georgia DOT maintains over 2000 lane-miles in Northwest Georgia. Relatively harsh winter and snowplows used to clear the region's interstates and state routes from snow and ice present a challenge to the DOT crews who are charged with maintaining lane markers on the roads. These crews follow Federal Highway Administration standards for markings and do their best to keep up. They also work almost continuously restriping faded markers and replacing missing reflective raised pavement markers. Still, the volume of traffic on the highways, snow removal in the winter and sunny summer all weigh heavily on the durability of the lane markers.

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. #ArriveAliveGA For information on the Department of Transportation, visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov>. You also may follow us on (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest) and *Twitter* (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNW>).

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