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GEORGIA DOT BEGINS SHOULDER REPAIR IN HARALSON COUNTY

WHAT Georgia DOT's Maintenance crews will begin today through Thursday their work on repairing the shoulders of State Route (SR) 8 at various locations in Haralson County. Work will proceed daily between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., weather permitting.

GDOT maintains over 4929 miles of road shoulders in Northwest Georgia. Shoulder rebuilding maintenance operations often consist of reshaping continuous sections of road shoulder using a grader or a truck-mounted material conveyor to restore the shoulder to its original condition. This same activity is used for shoulder restoration following resurfacing projects. Safety is a top priority for Georgia DOT. Highways with well-maintained shoulders have lower accident rates, as they provide space to make evasive maneuvers, accommodate driver error and add a recovery area to regain control of a vehicle. Shoulders also provide structural support to the roadway pavement and help discharge water further from the travel lanes, reducing the undermining of the base and subgrade of the highway.

WHEN: Monday, August 25 through Thursday, August 28 , 2014, from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: SR 8 in Haralson County

Independent analysis consistently ranks Georgia's transportation system as being in the best condition of any in the United States, despite the fact that we lag near the bottom of all states in per capita investment in transportation infrastructure. But our highways and bridges are carrying more vehicles than ever; they are aging; and they are becoming more expensive to maintain. More than \$500 million is needed for basic bridge maintenance over the next decade and \$1.5 billion for routine road repairs over just the next five years. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit www.dot.ga.gov or subscribe to our Press Release [RSS feed](#). You also may follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GDOTNW) (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNW>).

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