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## **GEORGIA DOT BEGINS SHOULDER REPAIR ON HIGHWAYS 5 AND 60 IN FANNIN COUNTY**

**WHAT** Georgia DOT's Maintenance crews begin today through Friday their work on repairing the shoulders of State Route (SR) 5 and SR 60 in Fannin 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:** Tuesday, April 7 through Friday, April 10, 2015, from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** SR 5 and SR 60 in Fannin County

*Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov) or subscribe to our Press Release [RSS feed](#). You also may like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNW) (<https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNW>) and follow us [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GDOTNW) (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNW>).*

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