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Belair Road Walmart Traffic Signal...

New Signalized Intersection Entering Flash Mode July 6

MARTINEZ- The Georgia Department of Transportation, in coordination with Columbia County, announces the new traffic signal at the intersection of South Belair Road and Colonial Road will enter flash mode **Monday, July 6**. This signal was recently completed in front of a new Walmart in Martinez. If the test mode goes well, the signal should be fully operational at **9 a.m.**

Thursday, July 9.

The Department urges motorists and pedestrians alike to be aware of a new traffic environment in this area. Be patient and cautious as everyone gets accustomed to the signal.

If an operational traffic signal happens to malfunction, motorists should proceed with caution if they are facing a flashing yellow light and yield to vehicles and pedestrians already in the intersection. A flashing red light means motorists should come to a complete stop, just like at a stop sign. If power is out and the traffic signals are off, please treat the intersection as an all-way stop. When it is safe to do so, please call 511 or visit 511ga.org to report the malfunction to the Georgia DOT.

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

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