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CONSISTENCY COMING TO SR 10 LOOP IN CLARKE Speed Limit Change

Athens, GA – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces a speed limit change to the State Route 10 Loop in Clarke County, the speed limit will be raised to 65 miles per hour. Georgia DOT is making the speed limit consistent along the entire corridor.

“The 10 Loop speed limit in Oconee County is currently 65 miles per hour and 55 miles per hour in Clarke County. After an engineering study on the entire Loop, data supports the change as most drivers are driving at 65 mph or faster. Keeping traffic flowing at a consistent speed will increase safety along the corridor. Another factor is the new interchange under construction now on the Loop at Peter and Olympic Streets. Once the interchange is complete, the corridor will be limited access with no at grade intersections,” explained Bayne Smith, Georgia DOT District Engineer.

The change affects a 7 mile section of the SR 10 Loop from east of North Avenue to the Clarke Oconee County Line. Signs will go up along the corridor Monday, March 3 alerting motorists of the upcoming change. The 65 miles per hour speed limit will become effective Monday, March 17 after the 12 speed limit signs are changed to show the new 65 mph speed limit.

This speed limit change will not affect the work zone on the SR 10 Loop at Peter/Olympic Streets, the speed limit in the work zone will remain reduced until construction is complete.

*Motorists can access real-time, statewide, route-specific information on accidents, road work, traffic and weather conditions through **Georgia 511** - a free phone service. By dialing 511, callers also can transfer to operators 24 hours a day to report incidents or request assistance. The system can be used to access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, tourism information and 511 systems in surrounding states. Additionally, 511 is available online. Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, thereby preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information about 511, visit 511ga.org. 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](https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE) (<https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE>) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GDOTNE) (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNE>).*

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