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TRAFFIC SHIFT FOR NEW RAMP SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK ON I-75 SOUTHBOUND

MACON, GA – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces traffic will be shifted at the I-75 southbound on-ramp, Tuesday, September 3, at Exit 167; North Pierce Avenue/SR 247. Beginning at 9 p.m. the Contractor will install a lane closure in order to remove existing stripping and replace with new stripping to direct motorists to the newly constructed ramp. This traffic shift is needed as part of the widening of I-75 and will allow crews to safely complete pavement marking operations in the area.

If the weather cooperates, the contractor will begin shifting traffic at 9 p.m. and will continue throughout the evening, finishing before the morning rush hour begins. Delays are expected as the shift occurs. Local law enforcement will be on-hand to assist motorists traveling through this area.

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 or subscribe to our Press Release [RSS feed](#). You also may follow us on [Facebook](#) (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) and [Twitter](http://twitter.com/qadepoftrans) (<http://twitter.com/qadepoftrans>).

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Five-hundred, forty-five fewer people died on Georgia roads in 2012 than in 2005. Highway fatalities have declined in each of the seven years since 2005. The 2012 total-recently finalized in a report to federal officials-was 1,199. By comparison, 2005 deaths were a record high 1,744.

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