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## **THOMPSON ROAD GETS EXTREME MAKEOVER**

Dawsonville, Ga. – Georgia DOT announces a portion of Thompson Road from SR 53 for approximately 1,000 feet will close Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> for two months while that section of Thompson Road is rebuilt.

“Thompson Road will be made over completely at its intersection with State Route 53. The road will be rebuilt to intersect SR 53 at the same grade as the state route, improving the distance motorists can see oncoming traffic therefore improving safety. The new turning lanes from Thompson Road onto SR 53 will open for you to use as Thompson Road reopens. Thank you for your patience during construction. Once finished, this project will benefit the entire community by allowing traffic to flow more efficiently through the area,” explained Harold Mull, DOT District Construction Engineer.

The closure is scheduled to last 2 months if the weather cooperates. While Thompson Road is closed a signed detour will be in place directing traffic to use SR 53 to Hugh Stowers Rd then to Thompson Road.

This \$2.7 million construction project includes construction of turning lanes on State Route 53 and changing the grade on all four roadways to improve sight distance for motorists. The project completion date is June 30, 2013 and the contractor is Baldwin Paving Company of Marietta.

*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 follow us on [Facebook](#) ([www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT](http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT)) and [Twitter](http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans) (<http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans>).*

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A detour map below*

