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## **BRRR – TOO COLD FOR ASPHALT TRAFFIC CHANGE DELAYED ON SR 53**

Dawsonville, Ga. – Georgia DOT planned to shift traffic on State Route 53 at Thompson/Etowah River Road tomorrow but cold temperatures have prevented the work needed prior to shifting traffic. Traffic will not be scooted over tomorrow as planned.

“There is asphalt work that needs to be finished before traffic can be moved and asphalt work is temperature sensitive so the shift has been delayed. After these cold temperatures leave the area, we will reschedule the asphalt work and shift traffic. Temperatures need to be in the 50s and 60s for the type of asphalt work we need to complete. We will let the community know when we reschedule,” explained Harold Mull, DOT District Construction Engineer.

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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