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McDuffie and Wilkes County...

US 78 barrier install closing northbound lane

WASHINGTON- Concrete barrier installation on the US 78/State Route (SR) 17 widening project will close one northbound lane Tuesday and Wednesday on a 2.5-mile stretch within both McDuffie and Wilkes counties. Work is planned from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. There will be a flagging operation with a pilot car to get drivers through the area safely.

Whenever you approach a work zone: slow down; allow extra distance between vehicles; read signs; obey road crew flaggers; and expect the unexpected.

Overall, this project consists of widening US 78 and shifting new alignment from north of Smith Mill Road to the southern end of the Washington Bypass for a distance of approximately 9.7 miles. At the Little River, two new bridges each 300-foot long and 38-foot wide will be constructed.

Citizens should monitor 511ga.org or download the App to stay current on all upcoming lane closures. [Georgia DOT East](#) on Facebook and [@GDOTEastTraffic](#) on Twitter also provide daily updates.