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Georgia DOT To Host Work Zone Safety Awareness Event

When: 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 16;

Where: Georgia Department of Transportation General Office, One Georgia Center, 600 West Peachtree St., NW, Atlanta;

What: The Georgia Department of Transportation’s annual Work Zone Safety Week Memorial & Public Awareness Event.

Theme for the event is “We’re All In This Together;” highlighting the complexities of work zones, especially in urban areas, and the need for awareness and planning on the part of everyone affected by work zones – DOTs, road workers, drivers, bicyclists, motorcycles, pedestrians, emergency responders, law enforcement and utility workers. Since 1973, 57 Georgia DOT workers and numerous other workers and motorists have been killed in construction work zone accidents. Highway workers are in danger daily as they work very close to the travel lanes of the state’s roadways. As well, the general motoring public is at risk; 80 percent of fatalities in those work zones are suffered by the general public.

(Editor’s Note: Limited parking is available in the adjacent lot. MARTA also is an option via the North Avenue Station.)