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### **GDOT CONTRACTORS BACK TO WORK THIS WEEKEND**

ATLANTA – Georgia DOT maintenance crews and contractors will be back to work on the state routes and interstates this weekend after breaking for the holidays during the last two weeks of December. Bridge joint work on the I-285 top end and overnight I-85 work near 17<sup>th</sup> street will be the hot spots for motorists this weekend, weather permitting.

Bridge joint work will close three left lanes in both directions on I-285 between Northside Drive and I-75 all weekend. Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes as long delays are expected.

All weekend, contractors will continue the construction of the bridges in the SR 400/I-85 interchange. Flagging operations on surface streets around the interchange and shoulder closures on State Route 400 are expected to cause some delays in the area so motorists should plan ahead to avoid the backups.

Additionally, during the overnight hours on Friday, two inside (left) lanes will be closed on I-85 northbound near the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge for the installation of lighting on the bridge. The lanes should be reopened by 5 a.m. on Saturday.

“The holidays are behind us and the contractors are back out in full force this weekend,” said GDOT District Construction Engineer Lee Upkins. “Plan ahead before you hit the interstates this weekend.”

Here is a full list of this weekend’s work in metro Atlanta:

Cobb, 10/12/12 to 12/21/12, 7pm till 5am, daily  
**SR 120 EB/WB**, from MP 0 (Cobb County Line to MP 10.31 (SR 5),

Cobb, 1/6/13, 8am till 7pm  
**I-285 EB/WB**, from MP 22 (Northside Drive) to MP 20 (I-75), three left lanes closed for bridge joint replacement.

Fulton, 5/15/12 to 2/28/13, continuous  
**GA 400 NB**, from MP 1 (I-85) to MP 1.2 (Sidney Marcus Blvd), shoulder closed for building bridge foundations.

Fulton, 5/25/12 to 5/1/13, continuous  
**SR 154 WB**, from MP 34.16 (Capital Ave) to MP 34.02 (Memorial Dr), single right lane closed for parking deck construction.

Fulton, 6/18/12 to 1/31/13, continuous  
**GA 400 SB**, from MP 3 (Lenox Rd) to MP 2 (Sidney Marcus Blvd), right shoulder of ramp closed for bridge foundation construction.

Fulton, 9/24/12 to 12/31/12, 9am till 3pm, daily  
**SR 400 SB**, about MP 1 Sidney Marcus Blvd), single left lane closed for construction of bridge bents.

Fulton, 1/4/13 to 1/6/13, 9pm till 8am, daily  
**I-285 EB/WB**, from MP 22 (Northside Drive) to MP 20 (I-75), three left lanes closed for bridge joint replacement.

Fulton, 1/4/13 to 1/5/13, 10pm till 5am  
**I-85 NB**, from MP 249 (14<sup>th</sup> Street) to MP 85 (Buford Highway), two left lanes closed for the installation of lights on the 17<sup>th</sup> street bridge.

DeKalb, 5/14/12 to 4/30/12, 9am till 4pm, daily  
**SR 42 SB**, from MP 13.17 (North Druid Hills Road) to MP 13.12 (Briarcliff Road), right shoulder closed for construction activities.

*Motorists can access real-time, statewide, route-specific information on accidents, road work, traffic and weather conditions through **Georgia 511** - a free phone service. By dialing 511, callers also can transfer to operators to 24 hours a day to report incidents or request assistance. The system can be used to access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, tourism information and 511 systems in surrounding states. Additionally, 511 is available online. Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, thereby preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information about 511, visit [511ga.org](http://511ga.org). For information on the Department of Transportation, visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov>; you also may follow Georgia DOT on [Facebook](#) (<http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT>) and [Twitter](#) (<http://twitter.com/qadepofttrans>).*

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