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### **“WEATHER PERMITTING” THE KEY TO THIS WEEKEND’S CONSTRUCTION WORK**

ATLANTA – With a sizeable list of construction and maintenance work scheduled across metro Atlanta this weekend, the words “weather permitting” seem to be front and center. Even though contractors have planned to work on bridge joints on the top end of I-285 and on pavement on I-20 just outside the east side perimeter, it may be Mother Nature that makes the call on whether to work or not.

Even though the forecast calls for heavy rain Friday and well into Saturday, contractors typically wait until Friday afternoon to set their final schedules, hoping that they can at least get some work accomplished before the precious weekend hours are gone. It has become the status quo in major cities across the nation to do the bulk of the interstate construction work on weekends in order to avoid heavy traffic volume associated with commuters during the week

Planned across the top end of I-285, up to three lanes will be closed in both directions between Ashford Dunwoody Road and Powers Ferry Road for bridge joint replacements and guardrail work in several locations.

On I-20 eastbound, just outside the perimeter in Dekalb County from Columbia Drive to Wesley Chapel Road, contractors have scheduled a double lane closure for pavement work.

Additionally, contractors will continue the construction of the bridges in the SR 400/I-85 interchange. Flagging operations on surface streets around the interchange and various lane closures on State Route 400 are expected to cause delays in the area so motorists should plan ahead to avoid the backups. The HOV ramps at I-85 and Lindbergh Drive also remain closed until mid July for work on the bridge columns for the interchange.

“The weather doesn’t look too good this weekend but we’ll wait and see what the contractors decide on Friday,” said GDOT District Construction Engineer Lee Upkins. “If you are out and about, plan as though the work is happening because I assure you they will work if they possibly can.”

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

Cobb, 2/4/13 to 3/2/13, 7pm till 5am, daily

**SR 120 EB/WB**, from MP 0 (Cobb co Line) to MP 10.31 (SR 5), a single lane moving closure for installing pavement markings.

Cobb, 2/15/13 to 2/25/13, 9pm till 5am, continuous

**I-285 WB/EB**, from MP 19 (Cobb Parkway) to MP 18 (Paces Ferry Road), one right lane closed for guardrail replacement.

Cobb, 2/15/13 to 2/25/13, 9pm till 5am, continuous

**I-285 NB**, MP 18 (Paces Ferry Road) to MP 20 (I-75), one right lane closed for guardrail replacement.

Fulton, 5/4/12 to 1/31/13, 9am till 3pm, daily

**Sidney Marcus Blvd EB/WB**, from MP 1 (GA 400) to MP 2 (Buford Hwy), Left lane affected with flagging operations for construction activities.

Fulton, 5/15/13 to 2/28/13, 10pm till 10am, continuous

**GA 400 NB**, from MP 1 (I-85) to MP 1.2 (Sidney Marcus Blvd), one left shoulder closed for the construction of bridge foundations.

Fulton, 5/25/12 to 5/1/13, 10am till 4pm, continuous

**SR 154 WB**, from MP 34.16 (Capital Ave) to 34.02 (Memorial Drive), one right lane closed for construction of parking deck.

Fulton, 10/5/12 to 12/31/13, 4:30am till 3pm, daily

**SR 400 SB**, about MP 1 Sidney Marcus Blvd), single left lane closed for construction of bridge bents.

Fulton, 3/27/12 to 2/28/13, 7:30am till 3:30pm, daily

**SR 141 NB/SB**, form MP 1.8 (Roxboro Road) to MP 1.1 (Stratford Road), either outside lane closed for construction activities.

Fulton, 5/4/12 to 12/31/13, 9am till 3pm, daily

**SR 13 NB/SB**, from MP 2 (I-85) to MP 3 (Lenox Road), one outside lane closed with flagging operations to support construction activities.

Fulton, 1/7/13 to 6/30/13, 9am till 5pm, daily

**Deering Road EB**, about MP 0 (Peachtree Street), **DEERING ROAD CLOSED** for construction on the Amtrak Station.

Fulton, 1/22/13 to 7/22/13, 7pm till 5am, continuous

**I-85 NB/SB**, from MP 0 to MP 0.25 (Lindbergh Drive), HOV Ramp closed on to construct bridge bent #11.

Fulton, 1/12/13 to 12/31/13, 7pm till 5:30pm, weekly

**Sidney Marcus Blvd EB/WB**, from MP .5 to MP 1 (Sidney Marcus Blvd), road closed on Saturdays only for construction activities.

Fulton, 1/12/13 to 12/28/13, 7am till 5:30 pm, weekly

**Cheshire Bridge Road EB/WB**, from MP 0 to MP 0.25 (Sheridan Road), Road Closed on Saturdays only for construction activities.

Fulton, 1/12/13 to 12/28/13, 7am till 3:30pm, weekly

**SR 13NB**, from MP 0 to MP 0.25 (Lenox Road), road closed on Saturdays only for construction activities.

Fulton, 1/23/13 to 4/1/13, 9am till 4pm, daily

**Bolton Road WB**, from MP 3.42 (Marietta Blvd) to MP 2.52 (Paul Ave), one right lane closed for demolition and sidewalk installation.

Fulton, 1/24/13 to 3/8/13, 9am till 4pm, daily

**Danforth Road EB**, from 0.13 (New Hope Road to MP 0.68 (Rehoboth Circle), one right lane closed for construction activities.

Fulton, 2/1/13 to 2/28/13, 10pm till 5am, daily

**I-75/I-85 NB**, from MP 245.7 (Capital Ave) to MP 247.7 (I-20), HOV lane closed for pouring concrete on median barrier.

Fulton, 2/7/13 to 3/8/13, 9am till 4pm

**Joseph Lowery Blvd**, from MP 2.84 (Park Street) to MP 2.53 (Westview Drive), one right lane closed for sidewalk construction.

Fulton, 2/15/13 to 2/25/13, 9pm till 5am, continuous

**I-285 EB**, from MP 25 (Roswell Rd) to MP 28 (Peachtree Dunwoody Rd), three left lanes closed bridge joint repair.

Fulton, 2/22/13 to 2/23/13, 8pm till noon

**GA 400 NB**, about MP 2 (Sidney Marcus Blvd), one right lane closed for the construction of the MARTA Pedestrian Bridge.

Fulton, 2/19/13 to 2/28/13, 10am till 3pm, daily

**I-75 NB**, from MP 241 (Cleveland Ave) to MP 246 (I-20), right shoulder closed for signage maintenance.

Fulton, 2/25/13 to 3/18/13, 7pm till 4am, nightly  
**I-85 SB**, from MP 76 (Cleveland Ave) to MP 57.2 (Collingsworth Rd), one left lane closed (moving right) for installing RPM's along the interstate.

DeKalb, 5/14/12 to 4/30/13, 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.

DeKalb, 2/15/13 to 2/18/13, 9pm till 5am, continuous  
**I-285 WB**, from MP 29 (Ashford Dunwoody Rd) to MP 26 (Glenridge Rd), three left lanes closed for the replacement of bridge joints.

DeKalb, 2/22/13 to 2/25/13, 8am till 5am, continuous  
**I-20 EB**, from MP 66 (Columbia Drive) to MP 68 (Wesley Chapel Road), two right lanes closed for road bed construction.

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