



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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### **MAJOR ATLANTA TRAFFIC DELAYS WILL IMPACT CLEMSON FOOTBALL FANS LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

ATLANTA –The Georgia Department of Transportation is advising of a major Interstate reconstruction project where I-85 south meets I-75 south on Labor Day Weekend. This construction will cause heavy traffic delays on the interstate and in the area immediately surrounding the Georgia Dome where the Clemson University Tigers play the University of Alabama on August 30.

#### **Beginning at 9 p.m., Friday, August 29:**

- **I-85 southbound will be reduced to two lanes near its merge with I-75, and**
- **I-75 southbound will be reduced to one lane at this merge.**

**This work will continue until 5 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 2. Extremely heavy congestion is anticipated on both I-85 and I-75 SB north of and through downtown Atlanta.**

Tiger fans and others traveling from South Carolina on I-85 are strongly urged to take I-285 east to I-20 west for access to the Georgia Dome and downtown hotels.

“Throughout the holiday weekend, motorists should expect extreme congestion on the Connector southbound, delays that easily could extend two or more hours. And I expect this back-up will stretch far back on I-75 and I-85 as well,” said Metro Atlanta District Engineer Bryant Poole.

Those visitors staying in hotels in the Dunwoody/Perimeter area, Buckhead, Midtown and Downtown should use Atlanta’s transit system to travel to the game itself. The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) has stations convenient to those areas as well as a station immediately adjacent to the Georgia Dome.

The 72 consecutive hours of Labor Day Weekend work is necessary to complete a complicated lane shift and reconfiguration of the portion of I-75/85 that passes through Midtown Atlanta. If inclement weather postpones the work, it will be necessary for the Department to impose the same lane restrictions for the following six weekends.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at [www.511ga.org](http://www.511ga.org).

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