



Georgia Department of Transportation

FAQ

14th Street Traffic Shift

Georgia DOT continues work on the 14th Street Bridge Reconstruction project.

Beginning February 14th, traffic on 14th Street between Crescent Avenue and Williams Street will be reduced to one westbound lane. A temporary alternate will be available for cars, motorcycles and light trucks only.

- Motorists will be able to access Williams Street and I-75 directly from Spring Street and access Spring Street from Williams Street.
- The entrance to the alternate from Spring Street is next to the Whole World Improv Theatre.
- The traffic shift and lane closures are expected to be in place for about six months.

What is this work for?

The traffic shift and eastbound lane closures are part of an \$88.5 million reconstruction project at 14th Street in Midtown Atlanta which began in spring 2007 and is expected to be completed in spring 2010. The improvements include a new 14th Street Bridge, a new ramp from I-75/I-85 southbound to 10th Street and a new ramp from I-75/I-85 northbound to 17th Street.

Over the past 18 months Georgia DOT coordinated with utility companies and the City of Atlanta to move transmission, telecommunication, gas, water and sewer lines from the project area. This will enable crews to rebuild 14th Street to align with the 14th Street Bridge currently under construction over I-75/I-85.

Why don't you just work overnight or 24/7 so you wouldn't have such a large impact on commuters and local traffic?

The Department weighed the work schedule for this section of the project very carefully. Crews are tearing out and rebuilding 14th Street to align with the height of the new bridge. This type of work cannot be completed overnights.

Additionally Georgia DOT determined that for this particular stage of the project working 24/7 would not move the work along quickly enough to justify the significant additional cost to the public.

When will commuters begin to see some relief from this project?

The Department is working with the contractor to open the new ramp from I-75/I-85 to 10th Street this spring. The new 14th Street bridge is scheduled to open by the end of the year, with the new ramp from I-75/I-85 northbound to open soon after.

How do I know what the traffic is like before I get into the area?

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on our state highway system. 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.511.ga.org

Georgia DOT is also encouraging area residents and visitors to visit the Department's Web site at www.dot.ga.gov before they start their travel to get project information.