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Interstate 516 Safety Enhancement Project Begins Next Week

SAVANNAH – A project to remove dense tree and brush overgrowth on the Interstate 516 right of way will improve sight distance for drivers, especially around interchanges.

The \$2.1 million Georgia Department of Transportation vegetation removal contract starts Monday. Vegetation removal from Montgomery Street to just past Burnsed Boulevard in Garden City will help the Department meet public demand for a safer roadway and create larger recovery zones throughout the corridor.

“The Department’s goal of improving safety is our top priority, which this project supports. We are expanding the recovery zone for vehicles that may leave the roadway so that the likelihood of an errant vehicle striking a fixed object is greatly reduced. This project will also greatly increase the visibility at all of the interchanges along I-516, especially the I-16 interchange,” stated Georgia DOT District Engineer Bradford Saxon.

Roy Jorgensen Inc. won the low bid. If weather cooperates, this six-mile long project should be completed by the end of this year.

The public is urged to use caution in the work zone areas. For project updates, follow us on Facebook ([@GDOTSouthEast](#)) and Twitter ([@Georgia DOT-Southeast](#)).

Every day Georgia DOT employees work on roadways in close proximity to travel lanes. Whether they’re in maintenance, in construction or are HEROs, it’s dangerous. Fifty-eight Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors’ workers have been killed in work zone crashes since 1973. When you drive in a work zone, obey the rules: Pay Attention - Slow Down - Watch for Workers. It can make the difference between life and death. Visit www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/Workzone.

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