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SETTING NEW BRIDGE BEAMS STARTS MONDAY, JULY 7 FOR NEW SR 284 BRIDGE

Gainesville, Ga. – Georgia DOT announces Monday, July 7 crews will begin to set the new pre-stressed concrete bridge beams for the new State Route 284 Bridge over the Chattahoochee River portion of Lake Lanier. The plan is to set five beams daily Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, if weather cooperates.

“Each bridge beam is custom made like a puzzle piece that only fits in one place. The beams will be driven up I-985. Each beam is 136 feet long and six feet two inches tall. These are the first beams to be set as part of the new bridge at the Olympic Center on Lake Lanier. Please don’t get too distracted if you see the beams coming to the site. The plan is to set beams Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday on three spans of the new bridge. We expect the beams setting to start about 9 a.m. each day and take most of the day. There are five beams per span. The northbound lane of SR 284 will be closed so traffic going to the beach or boat launch area will be directed by flaggers,” explained Harold Mull, Georgia DOT District Construction Engineer,” explained Harold Mull, Georgia DOT District Construction Engineer.

Crews are working steadily on the new pedestrian tunnel. Approximately 100% of the concrete for the tunnel is poured. Crews should begin backfilling over the tunnel next. The work is on schedule to reopen SR 284 by July 26 as required by the construction contract.

Remember, there is a detour in place through July 26. SR 284 is closed to all traffic just north of the Olympic Venue.

- **To access the parking and boat ramps, vehicles must come SR 284 northbound or from Gainesville.**
- **No access will be available to the parking area or boat ramps from SR 284 southbound from Clermont.**

SR 284 is currently closed to traffic for construction of a pedestrian tunnel under SR 284. The grade of SR 284 must be raised by 3 feet to accommodate the new concrete tunnel. The tunnel is 10 feet wide, 8 feet high and 63.12 feet long. Traffic cannot continue to flow in as crews change the grade of the roadway by three feet and build the pedestrian tunnel under SR 284.

Southbound SR 284 (from Clermont) will be completely closed to all traffic before the Olympic Venue driveways. The SR 284 Bridge will remain open to traffic. **Northbound SR 284** (from Gainesville) can access the Olympic Venue driveways. Traffic will not be able to use SR 284 in the new tunnel location.

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This \$8.7 million construction project was awarded to E. R. Snell Contractor Inc., of Snellville, Georgia. The project will build a new bridge for SR 284 over the Chattahoochee River portion of Lake Lanier at the Lake Lanier Olympic Center. The new bridge will have 12 feet wide lanes and an 8 feet wide bike-able shoulder in each direction. The project also builds a new pedestrian tunnel under SR 284. The project completion date is December 31, 2015.

The existing bridge was built in 1958 and does not meet current design standards.

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