

I-285/I-20 East Interchange

A Major Mobility Project — P.I. Number: 0013915

Fact Sheet

What is the Project?

The I-285/I-20 East Interchange Project will improve traffic flow and safety at the busy I-285/I-20 East Interchange in DeKalb County.

This project will:

- Construct new I-20 westbound (WB) to I-285 southbound (SB), I-20 westbound to I-285 northbound (NB) and I-285 SB to I-20 eastbound (EB) ramps
- Widen the I-20 EB to I-285 NB ramp from one to two lanes
- Construct WB connecting lanes* between Wesley Chapel Road and I-285/I-20 East Interchange
- Construct one WB auxiliary lane between Lithonia Industrial Boulevard and Wesley Chapel Road**
- Construct one EB auxiliary lane from Panola Road to Lithonia Industrial Boulevard
- Extend auxiliary lanes on I-285 NB
- Extend one auxiliary lane in the I-20 EB connecting lanes to the Wesley Chapel Road off-ramp
- Construct replacement bridges along I-20 to accommodate the new auxiliary and connecting lanes

5 Things You Need to Know

1. Improves traffic flow and enhances safety.
2. Constructs connecting lanes that run parallel to I-20 and help improve traffic flow, speed, and safety.
3. Adds auxiliary lanes on I-20 EB and WB.
4. Helps decrease motorist travel times.
5. One of the large-scale Major Mobility Investment Program projects to improve transportation in Georgia's metro areas.

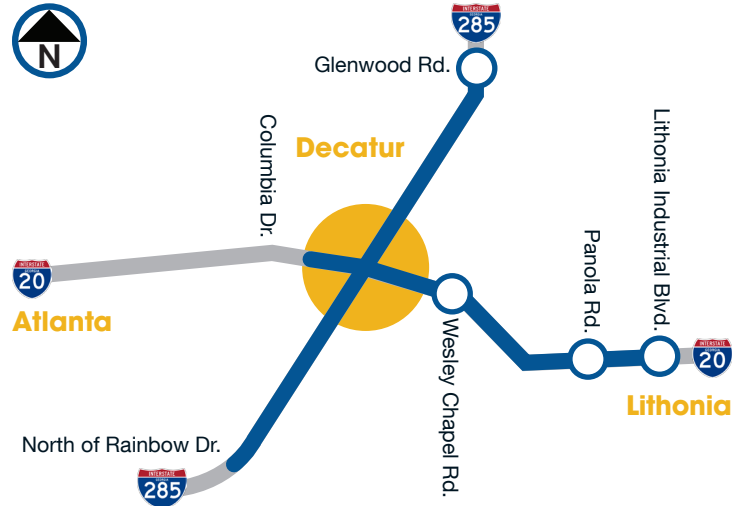
What's the Project Status?

Construction has continued following the initial work that began in early 2023. Throughout 2025, crews will continue constructing new bridges and enhancing existing ones along the corridor, as well as widening I-20 eastbound and westbound from Lithonia Industrial Boulevard to the interchange. Noise barrier installation and related activities will also continue through substantial completion, which is anticipated in late 2026.

* Connecting lanes run parallel to the main travel lanes of an interstate or highway. They connect the mainline to access roads or entrance and exit ramps, helping to improve overall traffic flow, speed, and safety.

** Auxiliary lanes are additional lanes alongside the main travel lanes. They provide drivers with more distance and time to merge when entering or exiting the highway, reducing congestion and improving safety.

Where is the Project?



Legend:



Project



Interchange Area



Major Interchanges

Map is not to scale

What's Next?



Environmental Process
2018-2021



Project Development/
Developer Selection
2022



Construction Began
2023



Substantial Completion
2026

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All current project layouts and alignments are available under Resources on the project webpage:

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