

**I-85 at SR 74/SENOIA RD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – Fulton County**

**Project Benefits and Scope: Relieve traffic congestion and improve safety**

- ✓ Reconstruct the interchange to a partial cloverleaf with loop ramps
  - ✓ Widen 3 miles of I-85 at the interchange
  - ✓ Widen SR 74 from City Lake Road to Milam Road
  - ✓ Add signalized turn lanes on the reconstructed SR 74 overpass bridge and at the end of the I-85 at SR 74 exit ramps
- \$81 million construction cost
  - Scheduled completion Fall 2027

**UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES – UPDATE!**

In our November 23 correspondence, we indicated that clearing obstructive trees and vegetation would tentatively begin in early December 2024. However, as crews began to survey the vegetation, they sighted the Tri-Colored Bat (*perimyotis subflavus*), one of the two identified Protected Species in the area.

In keeping with federal and state law (Endangered Species Act of 1973 and Georgia Endangered Wildlife Act of 1973), crews immediately vacated the area and will not mobilize to begin clearing until early March 2025, at the end of the Tri-Colored Bat’s hibernation period.



We will notify project stakeholders as crews begin their work in March. As a reminder, clearing obstructive trees and vegetation along the roadway in the project area provides visibility and access required for the next phases of construction work.



And just in case you’re curious about the other Protected Species in the project area...it’s the Piedmont Blue Burrower (*cambarus Depressicambaraus harti*), in the crayfish family, often found in burrows near streams or low areas with high water tables, easily identified by deep blue claws. It is endemic to Georgia.

*NOTE: GDOT’s Office of Environment Services obtains environmental approvals for all construction projects in accordance with environmental laws, rules and regulations; identifies environmental resources; assesses project effects to identified resources; and avoids, minimizes harm, and mitigates adverse effects to environmental resources by coordination with GDOT design teams and other disciplines.*

**Happy Holidays!**