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DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR RESURFACING COMPLETE THREE MONTHS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation announced today that the Downtown Connector Resurfacing project in Atlanta is finished nearly three months ahead of the November 30 scheduled completion date. Workers put the final touches on HOV striping earlier this week.

“The early completion of this project is the result of hard work and commitment on the part of many, including the contractors and state and local government as well as our Transportation Management Center,” said Georgia DOT Commissioner Gena Evans. “I’m sure this early completion is welcome news to the businesses and motorists who travel through this section of roadway every day.”

Motorists traveling through the I-75/I-85 corridor between University Avenue and 10th Street have a smoother commute each direction as a result of the resurfacing. The Downtown Connector was last resurfaced in 1995, just prior to the 1996 Olympic Games.

Metro Atlanta District Engineer Bryant Poole said that the early completion date is of particular note because spring rains delayed the project’s progress in April and May. But during all other clear weather weekends crews worked diligently Friday night through Monday morning. Each weekend saw a line of more than 300 dump trucks and more than 350 workers removing and replacing up to 20,000 tons of material for a project total of 175,000 tons.

E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. of Snellville, GA is the contractor for this \$27.7 million resurfacing project which extended nearly 5 miles through the heart of downtown Atlanta and included as many as eight lanes in each direction.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. 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.511ga.org.

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