

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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FULTON COUNTY...

DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR RESURFACING PROJECT – SOUTHBOUND & NORTHBOUND LANE CLOSURES

WHAT: Resurfacing southbound lanes of the Downtown Connector (4.79 miles) between University Avenue and 10th Street.

WHEN: 9 p.m., Friday, May 30, continuously through the weekend until 5 a.m., Monday, June 2.

WHERE:

Southbound:

- Four inside (left) lanes will be closed between 17th Street and I-20
- Two inside (left) lanes will be closed between I-20 and University Avenue

Northbound:

- Three inside (left) lanes will be closed between University Avenue and I-20
- Four inside (left) lanes will be closed between I-20 and 17th Street

These closures are necessary for crews to safely work in the fourth (center lane). During the weekend crews expect to lay more than 13,000 tons of asphalt brought by more than 350 dump trucks. There will be more than 200 workers within the work zone.

These closures are expected to cause significant delays. Georgia DOT advises motorists to utilize I-285 to avoid backups.

Subject to change for weather conditions.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

Major lane closures will continue each weekend until the work is completed by the end of November. Lane closures will mostly be contained to weekends, starting Fridays at 9 p.m. through Mondays at 5 a.m. Any weeknight closures will be limited to shoulders or a single lane. Closure plans will be updated weekly and are subject to change due to weather and to coordinate with the 14th Street Reconstruction Project.

The speed limit will be reduced to 45 mph in the work zone area while work is in progress. Fines are doubled in a work zone.

Traffic delays will occur. Please choose alternate modes of transportation, car- or van-pool, or choose alternate routes and allow additional travel time during this construction project. There will be no construction during major holidays.

The lane closure schedule will be updated weekly and posted to the project website by 5 p.m., each Thursday. Click on link to the Downtown Connector project page from the main Georgia DOT Web site at:

www.dot.state.ga.us

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