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I-85 CABLE BARRIER PROJECT TO BEGIN TUESDAY

WHEN: Beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17, weather permitting.

WHERE: I-85 from State Route 20 in Gwinnett County, through Barrow, Jackson and Banks counties, to the Franklin County line.

WHAT: The contractor will begin installing a cable barrier system in the median of I-85 in the above area. This is a safety project designed to help prevent crossover accidents where a vehicle traveling in one direction crosses the median and strikes a vehicle traveling in the opposite direction. In some areas, standard guardrail will be installed as well.

The project will require shoulder closures only. No through lanes will be closed.

This week, the shoulder closures will be just north of State Route 20 on the northbound and southbound inside (left) shoulders.

The project completion date is April 30, 2009 and the cost is just over \$6.5 million.

This is a WORK ZONE and extreme caution is necessary. Motorists should reduce speeds as they travel through the area.

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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