

# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## Media Alert

For Immediate Release:  
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### SNOW LIKELY FOR PORTIONS OF STATE OVERNIGHT HAZARDOUS DRIVING CONDITIONS POSSIBLE

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation is advising motorists of possible hazardous driving conditions developing overnight roughly north of a line from Columbus to Macon to Augusta.

The National Weather Service has issued a winter weather advisory for the area until Noon, Thursday. The weather system is expected to begin mostly as rain this evening and change to snow during the overnight hours, possibly continuing until mid-morning, Thursday. Accumulations of one to two inches in extreme North Georgia are possible. About an inch of snow is likely in the Metro Atlanta area; less than half an inch south of Metro.

Georgia DOT is urging motorists to be especially cautious during the Thursday morning commute hours, especially those before dawn, when temperatures are expected to be below freezing in the Metro area. Conditions should improve rapidly Thursday as temperatures should reach 40 degrees by noon and the mid-40s during the afternoon.

The Department has marshaled additional manpower from other areas of the state to assist in clearing affected roadways as quickly as possible.

***Editor's Note: Event Press Contacts --***

*Beginning at 6 p.m., this evening, Georgia Department of Transportation communications office staff will be available at the locations and via the phone numbers listed below until further notice.*

- ***The Transportation Management Center (TMC) Emergency Operations Center (EOC):***  
*Media Phone Lines – (404) 635 8093 and 8094. Karlene Barron and Jill Goldberg will alternate 12-hour shifts at the EOC if necessary. (Note - This is the Department's statewide command center and the clearinghouse for real-time conditions; it is your best source for current status of roadways.)*
- ***Cheshire Bridge Road (Metro Atlanta) Maintenance Facility:***  
*Mark McKinnon at (404) 326-6672 and David Spear at (404) 326-6668 will alternate 12-hour shifts at this site if warranted, **beginning at 9 p.m.***
- ***District One (Northeast Georgia) Gainesville Headquarters:***  
*Teri Pope at (404) 274-6436, will be available **beginning at 8 p.m.***
- ***District Six (Northwest Georgia) Cartersville Headquarters:***  
*Mohamed Arafa at (770) 359-9523 will be available.*

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