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GA 400 TOLL PLAZA WORK HEADLINES CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE THIS WEEKEND

ATLANTA – As the tolls end on State Route 400 on Friday, the Georgia DOT will be focusing on moving motorists around the plaza until the actual structure is removed in early 2014. Beginning after evening rush hour Friday, crews will begin channeling traffic in both directions into the left lanes and around the plaza. The traffic shift should be completed by noon on Saturday, weather permitting.

“We are watching the weather and in order to get the work done, we are allowing the contractor to begin lane closures as early as 7:00 or 7:30, or as soon as they see traffic easing up,” said District Construction Engineer Shun Pringle. “We have a lot to do and some of it can’t be done in the rain, such as striping. Also, if the rain is too hard it becomes a real safety issue for the workers and the motorists.”

The potential work schedule changes will not affect the timing of the end of toll collection. It will still occur during the afternoon on Friday. Also, if the barrier wall placement for the lane shifts is postponed due to weather, the lanes will still be shifted with barrels and the work to place the concrete barriers will resume the following night.

All of the barrier wall will be in place by Monday morning rush hour with three general purpose lanes passing through the plaza in both directions where the two cruise lanes had been.

The only other significant interstate lane closures will be in the overnight hours on I-75/I-85 southbound at Peachtree Street. Contractors will be closing up to three lanes each night at 9:00 for bridge painting but they are scheduled to be out of the roadway by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Additionally, there will be several single lane and shoulder closures, as well as moving closures for utility work, striping and drain cleaning in various locations on I-285, I-20 and on some surface streets.

All work and lane closures are weather permitting. Additional information on these and other traffic interruptions is available via the following attachments:

*Motorists can access real-time, statewide, route-specific information on accidents, road work, traffic and weather conditions through **Georgia 511** - a free phone service. By dialing 511, callers also can transfer to operators to 24 hours a day to report incidents or request assistance. The system can be used to access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, tourism information and 511 systems in surrounding states. Additionally, 511 is available online. Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, thereby preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information about 511, visit 511ga.org. For information on the Department of Transportation, visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov>; you also may follow Georgia DOT on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) (<http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT>) and [Twitter](http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans) (<http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans>).*

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