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GDOT TO CLOSE LINDBERGH HOV RAMPS FOR I-85/SR 400 INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION -- Ramps to Reopen in July 2013

ATLANTA – Beginning Wednesday, January 16th, the Georgia Department will close the on and off HOV ramps on I-85 at Lindbergh Drive for six months as the massive I-85/State Route 400 interchange project moves forward.

“Contractors will begin putting in the closure at 9 p.m. Tuesday,” said GDOT District Construction Engineer Lee Upkins. “By rush hour Wednesday morning the HOV ramps to and from Lindberg Drive will be closed.”

The closures will be in place for up to 6 months to construct a bridge foundation and are necessary as part of the State Route 400/I-85 Interchange project. The ramps are scheduled to reopen by July 15, 2013. Motorists should utilize Cheshire Bridge Road to access the Lindbergh MARTA Station.

The project reconstructs the interchange of State Route 400 and I-85 by providing connector ramps from 400 southbound to I-85 northbound and from I-85 southbound to 400 northbound. As part of the project, a pedestrian trail will be constructed from Cheshire Bridge Road to Lenox Road, including a bridge across the North Fork Peachtree Creek.

As the project progresses, lane closures on I-85 and State Route 400, as well as on the arterial roadways in the area including Buford Highway, Cheshire Bridge Road, and Sidney Marcus Boulevard should be expected, particularly in the overnight hours.

This is a Design-Build project and is funded entirely from SRTA Toll Revenue Bonds. Archer Western Contractors, Ltd. is the contractor and the cost of the project is \$21.5 million. The contract completion date is December 31, 2013 and it is currently on schedule.

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