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Temporary Southbound Express Lane Access Point Opening Soon *Construction of permanent SB access point to begin later this spring*

ATLANTA – The State Road and Tollway Authority announced today that a new temporary southbound Express Lane access point located near the Boggs Road overpass on I-85 South is slated to open at the end of the month, weather permitting, to registered Peach Pass customers. Peach Pass customers traveling southbound in the I-85 Express Lanes will have earlier access to the roadway between Old Peachtree and Indian Trail Roads. The access point is about 3.5 miles south of the Express Lane entrance near Old Peachtree Road and Sugarloaf Parkway.

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will conduct re-striping work for the access point entry zone on Sunday, January 29 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM (noon), weather permitting and if there are no delays due to equipment or materials. Motorists approaching the temporary access point will see a ground-mounted sign and changeable message sign side by side that will display the toll rate for the nearest exit and the last exit in the 16-mile Express Lanes stretch. Construction on the permanent access point will begin later in the spring.

“We are pleased to announce this new access point as SRTA, GDOT and local federal highway administration officials have worked tirelessly to evaluate and select the safest and most viable southbound access point in that area,” said SRTA Executive Director Gena L. Evans. “We will continue to monitor and make adjustments to enhance the performance of this temporary solution as we move toward implementation of the permanent access point later in the year.”

For updates on the implementation of the temporary access point go to www.peachpass.com.

Peach Pass registration is required for all vehicles using the I-85 Express Lanes, including toll-exempt carpools with three or more occupants, transit vehicles, motorcycles, emergency vehicles and Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFV) with the proper AFV license plates. The Peach Pass transponder adheres to a vehicle’s windshield (or front bumper if using a bumper mount transponder) and is electronically linked to a registered Peach Pass account. When customers decide to use the I-85 Express Lanes, tolls are automatically deducted from their Peach Pass account.

The I-85 Express Lanes project converted approximately 16 miles of the existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes to High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes on I-85 from Old Peachtree Road to Chamblee Tucker Road. The I-85 Express Lanes Project is part of a larger Congestion Reduction Demonstration Program grant awarded to the Atlanta region by the United States Department of Transportation.

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