

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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LANE CLOSURES ON US 29 FOR STIMULUS ROAD WORK IN GWINNETT COUNTY

LILBURN, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces lane closures are scheduled next week on the intersection improvement project on US 29/State Route 8 and Pleasant Hill Road/Lester Road. Crews will be working in the northbound outside lane of US 29/SR 8 near Pleasant Hill/Lester Roads from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday next week, weather permitting. “The Contractor will be removing the old curb and gutter in order to widen the footprint of the roadway to include the new turning lanes and sidewalks that are a part of this project. Please slow down as you drive through the area and know that traffic will be impeded during work hours,” explained DOT District Construction Engineer Randall Davis.

The contractor for this \$8.8 million intersection improvement project is E.R. Snell Contracting. The project completion date is June 30, 2011.

Georgia DOT is responsible for 70 percent of Georgia’s \$932 million in highway system ARRA funds. The remaining 30 percent is divided among the state’s 15 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and designated rural areas. The MPOs, in conjunction with the Department, are funding projects from these respective allocations. The state also received \$144 million in stimulus funds for public transit and Georgia DOT has awarded related local grants totaling approximately \$39 million. Georgia is eligible for additional highway, rail and aviation grants from funds totaling \$12.1 billion.

The ARRA is a national effort to create jobs and transform America’s economy to compete in the 21st century. Nationwide, some \$48 billion in stimulus investments are being made in transportation infrastructure, including highways, public transit, high speed rail and aviation. Georgia DOT has created a Web page (www.dot.ga.gov/gastimulus) devoted to stimulus activities to provide specific program information and promote transparency of the process.

All selected ARRA stimulus projects are fully funded by the federal government; no state or local matching funds are required.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia’s economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia’s economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. Georgia is the 3rd fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49th in per capita spending on transportation. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

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