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## **WEEKEND CONSTRUCTION WILL CLOSE PLEASANT HILL ROAD BRIDGE JUNE 7**

(Lawrenceville, Ga., May 14, 2013) – The Gwinnett County Department of Transportation will close the I-85 at Pleasant Hill Road bridge for the Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) crossover. The project involves shifting traffic to the opposite side of the bridge, which will make left turns onto the interstate easier and improve the flow of traffic across the bridge. The closure will begin at 9 p.m. on Friday, June 7, weather and conditions permitting. The bridge will open to traffic by 5 a.m. on Monday, June 10 with the new DDI configuration.

The bridge will be closed to all through-traffic during the weekend, although construction will not impact right turn access to or from I-85. Drivers and pedestrians should take the planned detour: Pleasant Hill Road to Satellite Boulevard to Steve Reynolds Boulevard to Shackelford Road to Pleasant Hill Road and the reverse.

Pedestrian traffic should continue to use the detour route for at least one month following crossover during the construction of pedestrian walkways.

"We ask that drivers in this area be especially cautious and alert during construction," said Transportation Director Kim Conroy. "We understand this is an inconvenience, so Gwinnett DOT staff will closely monitor traffic flow and signals during the crossover weekend to help keep traffic moving."

After crossover, construction will continue on the center median and pedestrian facilities, while crews will finalize the signals, interchange lighting and pavement markings. The project is expected to be substantially complete in September, with landscaping to begin in the fall. Once the project is complete, the bridge at Pleasant Hill Road and I-85 will be Gwinnett County's first DDI and the second in Georgia.

Gwinnett Place CID Director Joe Allen said, "The Gwinnett Place business community is thrilled about this investment in our area. The end result of closing the Pleasant Hill Road bridge for a weekend will be improved mobility in this area."

For information on how to drive the diamond including a video rendering of the completed project, visit [www.gwinnettDDI.com](http://www.gwinnettDDI.com).

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