

Getting ready to work...Clearing to start in February

I-85 & SR 316 Reconstruction and HOV Extension project

GAINESVILLE – Georgia DOT District Engineer, Russell McMurry is pleased to announce the start of work on the project to reconstruct the I-85 and State Route 316 interchange and HOV lane extension in Gwinnett County.

“The contractor is getting all their paperwork, equipment, materials and crews ready,” explained McMurry. “Weather permitting, we expect to begin clearing trees and shrubs in the project area in February. Clearing is the first stage of construction. You will see the clearing occur but it will not impact traffic, except for motorists slowing down and watching the work.”

The projected completion date is December 31, 2008 and its cost is \$147,436,542.45

Some of the features of the project include:

- New flyover bridge from SR 316 westbound to Pleasant Hill Road through a new system of ramps known as Collector - Distributors
- New flyover bridge from SR 316 westbound to I-85 southbound to allow merging traffic to enter I-85 southbound in the slow lanes (right-outside lane) of I-85
- * Extension of HOV lanes on I-85 to Old Peachtree Road (Exit 109) and construction of HOV lanes on SR 316 to Herrington Road
- Changing of existing 316 westbound merge into HOV only merge from new HOV lanes on SR 316 to new HOV lanes on the Interstate

“Our projected schedule shows a ramp closure that will definitely affect traffic beginning sometime in March,” explained McMurry. “The entrance ramp from Boggs Road to Interstate 85 southbound will close in March and be closed throughout construction. Please check www.georgianavigator.com for the latest traffic information.”

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