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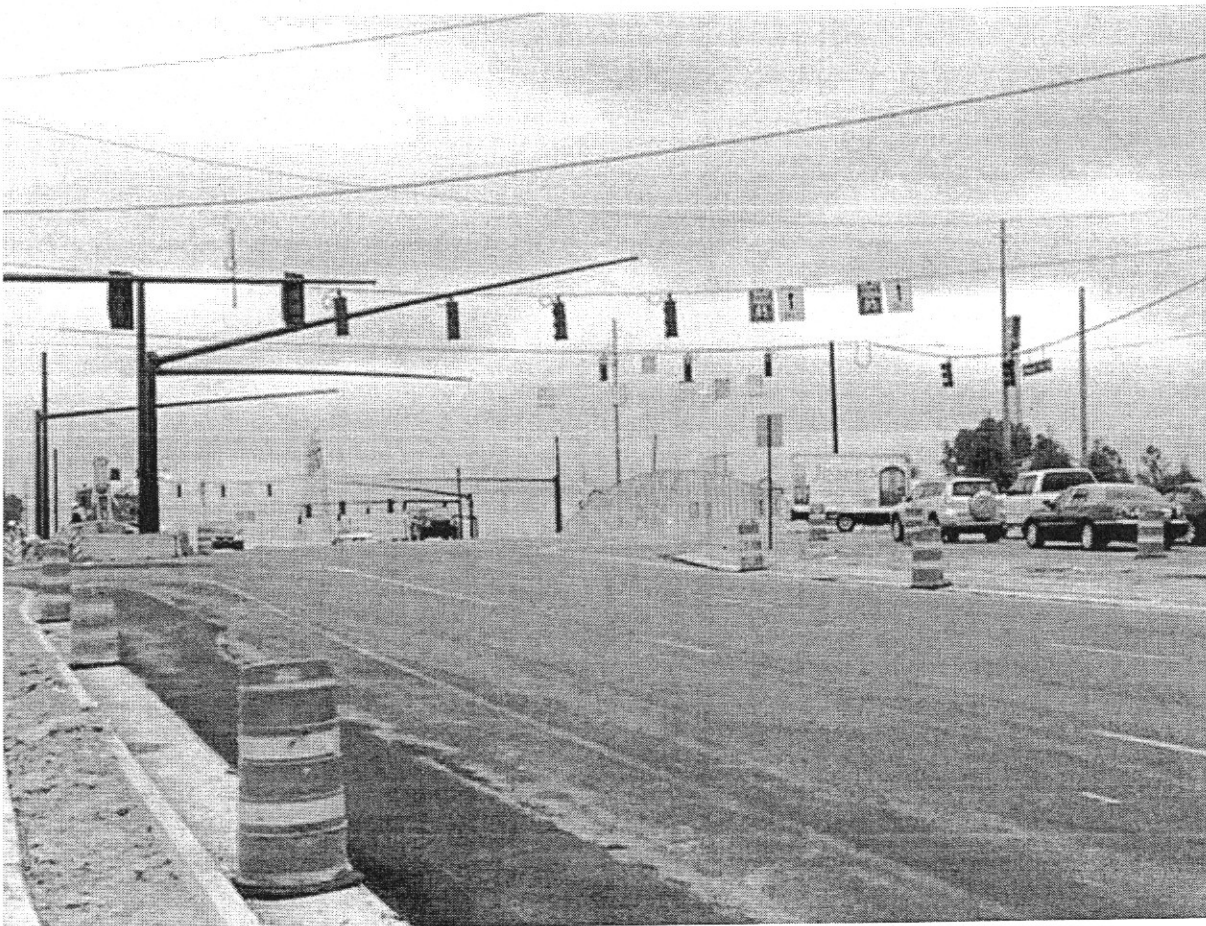
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Gwinnett's diverging diamond to be ready Monday



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Duluth, GA — The next phase of metro Atlanta's second diverging diamond interchange begins Monday morning and crews will be working all weekend to make sure it happens.

Traffic will "crossover" to the opposite side of the bridge at Pleasant Hill Road at I-85 for motorists either turning left onto the interstate or going straight on the roadway.

"Before motorists get to the bridge they'll be diverted into the left-hand lane so that when they approach that left turn... they're already in that lane and just make a free-flow movement," says Kim Conroy, director of the Gwinnett Transportation Department.

He says barrels and signage as well as off-duty police officers will be on hand to make sure of an easy transition.

The overpass at Pleasant Hill will be closed to through traffic beginning tonight at 9pm and will reopen no later than 5am Monday morning. The ramps for motorists turning right off of I-85 onto Pleasant Hill or making a right turn from the road onto the interstate will remain open throughout the weekend.

Even though traffic will crossover beginning Monday, construction will continue on the interchange through September when the project is expected to be completed.

A second diverging diamond for Gwinnett is also planned for Jimmy Carter Boulevard.

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