



# Georgia Department of Transportation Fact Sheet

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## US 78 Removing the Reversible Lane System in Gwinnett County

### General Definition/Description of Project:

- Constructing 3 lanes in each direction separated by a raised concrete median and the removal of the existing reversible lane system from East Park Place in Stone Mountain to SR 124 in Snellville
- Project is 6.65 miles long
- Installation of new landscaping funded by the Evermore CID
- Installation of new equipment including LED signals, black fluted decorative mast arms, internally illuminated street signs, benches and pedestrian access at each signalized intersection
- Sidewalks on each side of US 78 for improved pedestrian access
- ATMS or Advanced Traffic Management System will be installed including of camera's to aid the traffic signal operation and signal synchronization
  - 8 Closed circuit television camera's along US 78 at East Park Place, Mankin Drive, Matterhorn Drive, Ross Road, Killian Hill Road, Hewatt Road, Highpoint Road, Valley Road
  - Speed sensors in the roadway at 8 locations to determine traffic flow/speeds
- Estimated construction cost is \$31.5 million and the contractor is CW Matthews Contractor, Inc. of Marietta, Georgia

### How will my drive be affected?

Work hours are restricted on this project. No lanes can be closed weekdays during morning rush hour from 5:00am to 9:00am or in the evening rush hour from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. Lane closures are also prohibited weekends from 7:00am to 9:00am and 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Most work requiring lane closures will occur overnight. No lane closures will be allowed Friday and Saturday nights from 7pm to 11pm during "Laser Show Season" at Stone Mountain Park.

The work has been broken down in to four segments; East Park Place to Stone Road, Stone Road to Killian Hill Road/Bethany Church Road, Killian Hill Road/Bethany Church Road to Highpoint Road and Highpoint Road to SR 124. Work will be underway in only two segments at a time. Work will begin at the western end of the project starting in the East Park Place to Stone Road section. The plan for each section is to work on the south side of US 78 and complete the work on that side then switch to work on the north side of US 78. The reversible lane system will come down as that section of work is finished. It will be progressively removed.

Access to all businesses and residents will be maintained at all times. Access could be gravel while construction occurs at that location. US 78 will be open for business even during construction!

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### How long will the work take?

The contract completion date for construction is November 30, 2009. If weather allows we hope to finish sooner than the contract date. This is a progressive project. As work begins in each section the reversible lane system will be removed and three lanes will head west into Atlanta with two lanes headed east towards Snellville. As work is completed in each of the four sections three lanes in each direction will open to traffic.

### When will the work start?

The first work to occur will be the relocating of infrastructure by utility companies. That work is underway. Clearing and grubbing, the first stage of construction when vegetation is removed from the construction area is scheduled to September 12<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

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