



PRESS Release

I-285 Westside Rebuild

Fulton County...

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ALL LANES CLOSED on I-285 in SW Fulton 7/31-8/3, Cascade to MLK – Traffic will be Detoured - Expect Extreme Travel Delays, Plan Alternate Routes

ATLANTA – Work crews for the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will close all northbound and southbound lanes on I-285 in southwest Fulton County this weekend, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 31 and continue to 5 a.m. on Monday, August 3. These closures continue the ongoing I-285 Westside Rebuild concrete slab reconstruction and rehabilitation project currently ongoing along the westside of the I-285 corridor from State Route (SR) 14/South Fulton Parkway in College Park to Collier Road.

Detour signs will direct all northbound and southbound I-285 traffic approaching the closure to use SR 166/Langford Parkway, the I-75/I-85 Downtown Connector and I-20.

Weather and on-site conditions permitting, these are the lane and ramp closures scheduled from 7 p.m. on Friday, July 31 through 5 a.m. on Monday, August 3:



I-285 northbound:

- **All lanes closed between Cascade Road (exit 7) and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (exit 9)**
- One left lane closed between Washington Road (exit 1) and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (exit 9)
- The Cascade Road (exit 7) and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (exit 9) ramps will be closed.

I-285 southbound:

- **All lanes closed between Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (exit 9) and Cascade Road (exit 7)**
- The Cascade Road (exit 7) and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (exit 9) ramps will be closed.

Crews will be milling/grinding the roadway concrete in preparation to repair or replace the concrete slabs through the project area. Lane closures are necessary to provide sufficient space for crews to work safely and to protect motorists while large equipment is in operation. Motorists are urged to pay attention to shifting and changing travel infrastructure along the corridor. Roadside message boards and signage will alert drivers in advance of lane shifts and closures.

Motorists who use this segment of I-285 should make plans now to allow significant additional travel time during these closures, or to plan alternate routes in advance. GDOT strongly urges motorists to rely on the 511GA app as the primary source for real-time traffic conditions and lane closure details. Motorists may also use their preferred navigation or wayfinding apps; however, 511GA provides the most up-to-date, Georgia-specific information to help drivers navigate around the closures as efficiently as possible.

This \$206 million project is one of two projects along the I-285 westside corridor designed to repair and/or replace concrete slabs. It is scheduled for completion in 2028.

ADVISORY: Drivers should exercise caution in and around work zones, wear seatbelts, follow signage guidance, reduce speed, move over one lane, when possible, to ensure the safety of crews, and avoid distractions behind the wheel. Motorists are urged to use the 511GA app or their preferred navigation or wayfinding apps to navigate lane and road closures during construction if traveling on I-285 this weekend is necessary. Additional information and project history can be found on the [I-285 reconstruction project website](#).

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