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I-85 Express Lanes Open TONIGHT at Midnight

Peach Pass Call Center Open 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Saturday, October 1

ATLANTA (September 30, 2011) – The State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) announced today that at midnight tonight, the I-85 Express Lanes will officially open. All motorists who want access to the I-85 Express Lanes must have a registered Peach Pass. On Saturday, October 1, SRTA will offer extended hours of operations for customers calling the Peach Pass Customer Service Center (1-855-PCH-PASS) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In addition, for the month of October, the call center will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each weekday and open every Saturday, beginning October 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (excluding State holidays). Motorists can continue to register for their Peach Pass online at www.peachpass.com or visit one of our walk-up Peach Pass Customer Service Centers.

“I’m extremely pleased that after a little more than a year of construction, technology development and equipment installation, the I-85 Express Lanes will open on-time and under budget,” said SRTA Executive Director Gena L. Evans, Ph.D. “This is a significant milestone for the Metro Atlanta region and the state of Georgia as we seek new and innovative transportation options for motorists.”

This evening, motorists should be aware of the changes that will occur on the toll rate signage:

1. 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. – Toll Rate Signs will begin to display “HOV2+ Only”
2. 11:50 p.m.-Midnight –Toll Rate Signs will begin to show actual toll rates for each segment of the Express Lanes.

Peach Pass registration is also available in person at two Department of Driver Services (DDS) locations in Gwinnett County: 2211 Beaver Ruin Road, Norcross, and 310 Hurricane Shoals Road, NE, Lawrenceville. The Peach Pass Customer Service Centers located at the Department of Driver Services are open Tuesday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon).

Peach Pass registration is required for all vehicles using the I-85 Express Lanes, including toll-exempt carpools with three or more occupants, transit vehicles, motorcycles, on-call emergency vehicles and Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFV) with the proper AFV license plates (not including hybrids).

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