

I-85/GA 400 Connector Ramps Open to Traffic!



Governor Deal speaks at ribbon cutting for the new GA 400 flyover ramps to I-85, while DOT

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COMING SOON!



Commissioner Keith Golden and former Atlanta Mayor Sam Massell frame the city's skyline.

Motorists living and working in Buckhead and the North Fulton area can now navigate between I-85 and GA 400 a little easier with the opening of the new I-85/GA 400 connector ramps on Wednesday, April 2.

Governor Nathan Deal and other state and community leaders officially dedicated the flyover ramps during a ribbon cutting ceremony. The ramps opened to traffic later that day in time for the evening rush hour.

"This project is going to help make an already great place to live and work even greater," Governor Deal said during the ceremony. "It is important for government to keep its promises. We kept our promise to end the tolls on Georgia 400 and we still managed to work together to construct this wonderful project and several more on this corridor. I want to thank (Commissioner) Keith Golden at the Department of Transportation and (Executive Director) Chris Tomlinson at the State Road and Tollway Authority, their staffs and the good people of the project's engineering and construction firms for their outstanding efforts. This is a great day for Buckhead and for Atlanta."

The ramps will provide the two heavily travelled corridors with much-needed northbound connectivity to one another. According to the Georgia Department of Transportation, more than 32,000 vehicles are expected to use the new ramps every day - that number increasing to nearly 40,000 by 2035.

In addition, needed relief will be provided for those who live and work near local routes - Lenox and Cheshire Bridge roads, Sidney Marcus Boulevard, Buford Highway and countless neighborhood streets - that have been clogged for years with cars and trucks trying to make the northbound connection through a series of area surface streets.

A pedestrian trail from Cheshire Bridge Road to Lenox Road, with a bridge across the North Fork Peachtree Creek, also is being constructed as part of the project.

Archer Western Contractors, Ltd. was awarded a contract for \$21.5 million for the GA 400/I-85 interchange and pedestrian trail in summer of 2011; work began in February 2012. The project was funded from SRTA Toll Revenue Bonds and is one of 14 GA 400 improvement projects. To learn more about other GA 400 Improvement Projects, go to www.georgiatolls.com.



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**REMINDER: Update New License Plate and
Vehicle Info on Your Peach Pass Account**



Got a new license plate or new vehicle? The State Road and Tollway Authority reminds you to add your new vehicle and/or plate information to your Peach Pass account to avoid violations when using the I-85 Express Lanes.

If you have a new license plate, you only need to update that information on your Peach Pass account to avoid violations. For a new vehicle, you'll also need to order a new transponder, as transponders cannot be transferred from one vehicle to another. In addition, be sure to have us deactivate the transponder in your old vehicle to avoid paying tolls accrued after it is traded in or sold.

Peach Pass customers can update their vehicle and license plate information and order a new transponder online by accessing their accounts at www.PeachPass.com and clicking on the "Open/Manage Your Account" icon (*must have user id and password*). You can also update your account to reflect vehicle or license plate changes by phone at 1-855-PCH-PASS (724-7277) or in person at one of three Peach Pass Customer Service Centers located at:

Peach Pass Walk-up Center

State Road and Tollway Authority
47 Trinity Avenue, Ground Floor
Atlanta, GA 30334

Department of Driver Services

2211 Beaver Ruin Road
Norcross, GA 30071

Department of Driver Services

310 Hurricane Shoals, NE
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Go to www.PeachPass.com for more information on updating your license plate or vehicle information.

GA 400 LANE CLOSURES: APRIL 14-20 for MARTA Buckhead Pedestrian Bridge Construction



MARTA Buckhead Pedestrian Bridge in November 2013 pictured here. GA 400 lane closures planned to accommodate overhang and protective decking removal and sign installation.

From Monday, April 14-Sunday, April 20, the Georgia Department of Transportation will close northbound and southbound lanes of GA 400 between Mile Markers 2 and 3 to remove overhang and protective decking, paint mechanical components, hang drainage piping and install signage.

The overnight closures will be as follows:

Monday Night 4/14/14

- 8:00 PM - 5:00 AM - One left lane of GA 400 NB closed from 8:00 PM-9:00 PM; two left lanes closed from 9:00 PM-5:00 AM to remove overhang and protective decking, paint bridge mechanical components and hang drainage piping

Tuesday Night 4/15/14

- 8:00 PM - 5:00 AM - One left lane of GA 400 NB closed from 8:00 PM-9:00 PM; two left lanes closed from 9:00 PM-5:00 AM to install "MARTA" sign, remove overhang and protective decking, paint bridge mechanical components and hang drainage piping
- 8:00 PM - 5:00 AM - One left lane of GA 400 SB closed to install "MARTA" sign, remove overhang and protective decking, paint bridge mechanical components and hang drainage piping

Wednesday Night 4/16/14

- 8:00 PM - 5:00 AM - Right lane of GA 400 NB to remove to remove overhang and protective decking, paint bridge mechanical components and hang drainage piping

Thursday Night 4/17/14

- 8:00 PM - 5:00 AM - Right lane of GA 400 NB to remove overhang and protective decking, paint bridge mechanical components and hang drainage piping

Friday Night 4/18/14

- 9:00 PM - 5:00 AM - Two left lanes of GA 400 NB Lenox Road Off Ramp to remove overhang and protective decking, paint bridge mechanical components and hang drainage piping

Saturday Night 4/19/14

- 9:00 PM - 5:00 AM - Right lane of GA 400 NB Lenox Road Off Ramp to remove overhang and protective decking, paint bridge mechanical components and hang drainage piping

To learn more about other GA 400 Improvement Projects, go to www.georgiatolls.com.

New GA 400 ITS Signage and Traffic Monitoring System Operational

F. GA 400 ITS/HERO Expansion from McFarland to SR 20



If you've recently traveled GA 400 from McFarland Parkway to SR 20, you've probably noticed the digital signage spanning the roadway. The changeable message signage is part of the new expanded Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) now operational in the GA 400 corridor.

ITS technology currently in use in Georgia includes the Navigator system, 511 traveler information, digital changeable messages signs that alert drivers of upcoming traffic issues or delays, ramp meters and video cameras.

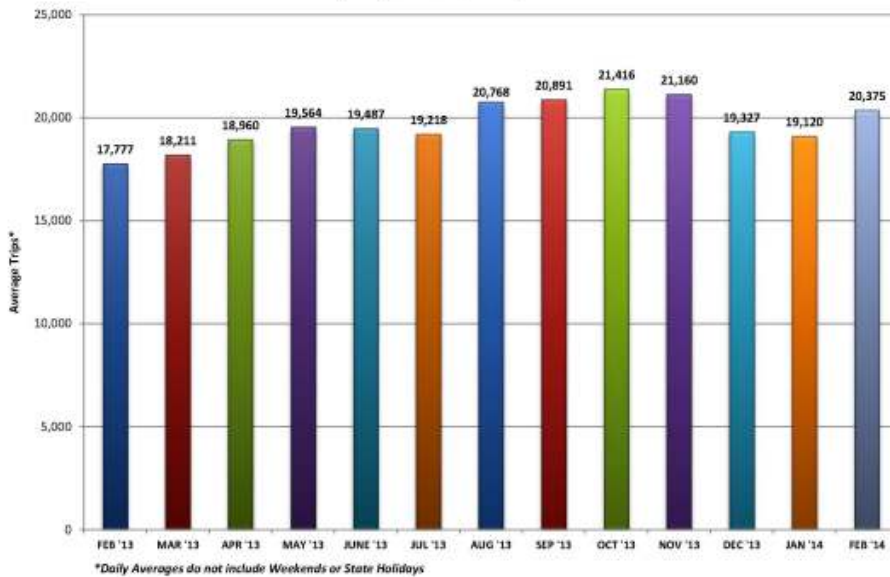
Highway Emergency Response Operator (HERO) units that respond to incidents and help direct motorists around traffic hazards also are considered a part of ITS coverage.

Expanded ITS and HERO coverage between McFarland and SR 20 are two of 14 GA 400 Improvement Projects being funded with toll revenues.

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I-85 Express Lanes Usage: February 2014

I-85 Express Lanes
Daily Trip Averages by Month*



Severe winter weather returned to Metro Atlanta roadways on February 11-13, 2014, significantly reducing travel in the I-85 Express Lanes for those days. However, lane usage for the remainder of February 2014 far surpassed the previous year's trip average for the same month. Motorists averaged more than 20,000 Express Lane trips a day, 3,000 trips higher than the February 2013.

In addition, the total number of trips taken in February 2014 exceeded the number for February 2013 by 30,000 - nearly 427,000 trips in February 2014 compared to 396,000 the year before.

[Click here](#) to view more I-85 Express Lanes monthly travel data.

FAQs Answered

Each issue of this newsletter will include questions received from the public and the corresponding responses. A full list of [frequently-asked questions](#) can be found on the Peach Pass web site www.PeachPass.com.

QUESTION: Can I conduct Peach Pass account transactions online, and if so, which ones?

ANSWER: Yes. If you have a Peach Pass account, online account management is available to you. With online account access, you can check and add funds to your balance, add new vehicles to your account, order new transponders, change toll mode, view your most recent or monthly transactions and view and download monthly statements.

To establish online account access, you will need the account number and PIN provided to you when you opened the account. You may also use the last four digits of the primary phone number listed for the account as your PIN. Go to www.PeachPass.com and click on the "Open/Manage Your Account" icon. On the next page, select the green "Set Up Online Access" tab and use your account number and PIN to set up an username and password and follow the prompts.

With your new username and password, you will have 24/7 web or Smartphone access to your account. You can also download our Peach Pass GO! mobile app for account access using your iPhone®, iPod®, iPad® or Android ® (version 2.3 or higher) smart device.

For more online account management information, go to www.PeachPass.com or call our Peach Pass Customer Service Center at 1-855-PCH-PASS (724-7277).