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**GA 400 TOLLWAY DEMOLITION PROJECT WORK BEGINS OCTOBER 25**  
*Advanced signage alerting drivers begins October 18*

ATLANTA –The State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) and the Georgia Department of Transportation announced that the first phase of a four-phase demolition project will begin on Friday, October 25, 2013, with restriping in the Peach Pass electronic toll lanes and modification/removal of redundant signage. Today portable message signs will be placed in the corridor to alert motorists of the upcoming pre-construction activities for the ending of tolls on GA 400 the week before Thanksgiving, weather permitting.

In July 2012, Governor Deal announced that the state would pay off its bond debt and end tolls on GA 400 by December 2013. Southeastern Site Development, Inc., of Newnan, has been contracted for the construction component of the project and will be managed through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

Phase I of the project will include the restriping in the electronic Peach Pass lanes and the start of the removal or modification of toll-related signage from areas approaching the GA 400 Toll Plaza within the next two to three weeks. Nearly 70 signs will be removed or modified before and after toll collection ends.

In Phase II, preparation for no tolling continues with the completion of restriping and the installation of concrete barriers between the Peach Pass and cash lanes in anticipation of the eventual shifting of traffic into the electronic lanes when toll collection ends. Once tolls end and traffic is shifted in Phase III, no heavy demolition work is expected to take place during the winter holidays. Phase IV will begin in January 2014 and will include removal of plaza toll booths, the canopy as well as reinforcement and filling of the tunnel stairwells. The demolition project will be completed in the fall of 2014.

Traffic patterns and travel times could shift during construction. Georgia's transportation agencies — GDOT in partnership with The Clean Air Campaign, Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), MARTA and GRTA (Georgia Regional Transportation Authority)—are working closely to ensure drivers know about other GA 400 transportation options that could help with their commute both during construction and after completion.

Visit [www.PeachPass.com](http://www.PeachPass.com) for more details on the GA 400 Tollway Demolition Project.

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