

Good day,

Work is beginning this week on Northside Drive in preparation for the installation of the 36-inch waterline and roadway/sidewalk improvements planned from Interstate 75 to Northside Parkway.

Motorists are urged to be alert as heavy equipment and workers are in the area during the hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and on some weekends.

Workers will begin clearing at Interstate 75 and move along the southbound (west) side of Northside Drive toward Peachtree Creek.

The Georgia Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the City of Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management, has awarded a \$23.8 million contract for the installation of new water lines as well as a reconfiguration of lanes and the installation of sidewalks on Northside Drive in Northwest Atlanta.

For approximately 2.4 miles along Northside Drive from Interstate Highway 75 to its intersection with Northside Parkway, the existing water line will be replaced with a new 36" main line. New customer distribution lines also are to be added. Coinciding with this work, the existing center reversible lane from I-75 to Collier Road will be converted to a two-way left turn lane. The lane configuration north of Collier to Northside Parkway also will consist of two travel lanes and a two-way left turn lane. A new turn lane from Northside onto Collier, signal upgrades, sidewalks and other

improvements also are included in the contract awarded to Astra Group, Inc., of Woodstock. While the City and Georgia DOT are collaborating on the project and sharing the cost, the latter will manage the contract. Work is scheduled for completion within three years.

It is anticipated that work will occur during weekday daytime hours to accommodate the primarily residential nature of the community. One lane in each direction will remain open, although occasional “flagging” (temporary lane closures) may be necessary. Workers will ensure access to driveways and side streets but significant traffic delays may occur on this already busy corridor. Those who frequently travel Northside in this work zone area are encouraged to determine detour routes and avoid the area as much as possible during project work days.

GDOT thanks you for your patience and understanding; we’re pleased that this project is under way.

Please contact me if you have any questions/concerns; you can access the project website (project ID 0004166) at:

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/informationcenter/activeprojects/StateRoute/Pages/NorthsideDr.aspx>

Thank you.

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