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SR 3/Northside Drive 90-day Closure and Detour Scheduled to Open December 7

ATLANTA -- The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) contractors are scheduled to open the 90-day closure of SR 3/Northside Drive between Wesley Drive and Peachtree Battle Avenue in Fulton County the first week of December. The roadway has been closed to traffic since September 8 for the ongoing Northside Drive at Peachtree Creek Bridge Replacement Project.

Weather and on-site conditions permitting, the lane closures on Northside Drive and detour route will be removed on Monday, December 7. Contractors will have completed construction of the two bridges at the intersection of Northside Drive and Woodward Way/Sagamore Way in addition to raising the existing roadways to meet new higher bridge elevations.

This extended closure allowed crews to safely work 24/7 traffic-free and with the space needed to bring in large construction equipment and expanded work crews. The plans for this closure and detour were finalized after extensive coordination with the residents, businesses and elected officials in the project area, and allowed cost- and time-effective work on this project with reduced impact to residents and businesses in the area.

The entire project is scheduled for completion in August 2021. Between December and project completion, City of Atlanta crews will continue work on the Woodward Way pump station and GDOT contractors will perform drainage, erosion work, and repairs to impacted driveways and sidewalks. Among the final activities will be asphalt paving in the area, which has to be done in warm weather.

GDOT has remained in constant communication with the affected community regarding the need for and timing of these activities. The public can visit the project website at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/BS/Projects/SpecialProjects/NorthsidePCBridge>.

The \$18 million project is addressing the structural deficiencies of the Northside Drive Bridge over Peachtree Creek, built in 1926; replacing the extensive water and sewer utility facilities in the area to accommodate current and future customer usage; and connecting the Northside pedestrian bridge to the Atlanta Beltline multi-use trail.

Exact dates may change due to weather or other extenuating factors. Motorists are advised to expect delays and use signed detours, exercise caution, and reduce their speed while traveling through work zones. Before heading out, get real-time information on work status and traffic conditions. Call 511, visit 511ga.org, or download the Georgia 511 app.