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“What In The World Are They Doing To That Road Now?”

Georgia DOT Makes It Easier To Find Out, Seek Help, Make Suggestions

Atlanta – Being responsible for more than 18,000 miles of roads and highways in a state of nearly 10 million people, the Georgia Department of Transportation realizes our projects are almost always in *someone’s* way. And while we have to do the work necessary to grow and maintain the state’s transportation system, we certainly also ought to make it easier for people to answer the question above and know exactly what we’re doing that’s put us in their way.

A new feature of the Department’s website (www.dot.ga.gov) does just that, and much more.

Titled simply **Projects**, this new feature will offer the public understandable descriptions and the current status of Georgia DOT projects throughout the state. Easy-to-use links allow viewers to learn about select major projects that have statewide or regional effects, projects in their home and neighboring communities, or work that may be going on along routes they intend to travel on an upcoming trip.

And the site’s new **“Quick Fix”** section gives the public an opportunity to inform the Department of roadway or traffic problems they’ve noticed and offer suggestions on how they believe the issues might be remedied.

“The Department very much wants Georgians to understand our work and the state’s transportation needs,” Georgia DOT Communications Administrator Karlene Barron notes. “We utilize every tool we can think of to disseminate this information and I think our new **Projects** webpage is going to be one of the most helpful – both in terms of informing the public but also for us to learn from them problems we need to address and how they believe that can be accomplished.”

To open **Projects**, visitors to the Georgia DOT website simply click on the yellow hardhat located mid-page on the left. From there, links are available in four boxes titled: **Featured Projects**, **Project Search**, **State Project Map** and **Suggest a Quick Fix**. **Featured Projects** provides current information about various major projects around the state and also offers links to individual websites of high-profile projects. **Project Search** utilizes the Department’s TransPi feature and allows the user to search for specific projects with as little starting information as the county it is in and the road it is on. **State Project Map** is a Geographic Information System (GIS) tool that allows the viewer to see information on ongoing projects or other data on bridges, crashes or permits throughout the state. Finally, **Suggest a Quick Fix** offers the public the opportunity to point out to Georgia DOT engineers existing operational roadway problems like pedestrian/bike conflicts; turn lanes needed at intersections; signal timing or sight distance issues; as well as offer their own suggestions for immediate fixes.

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