



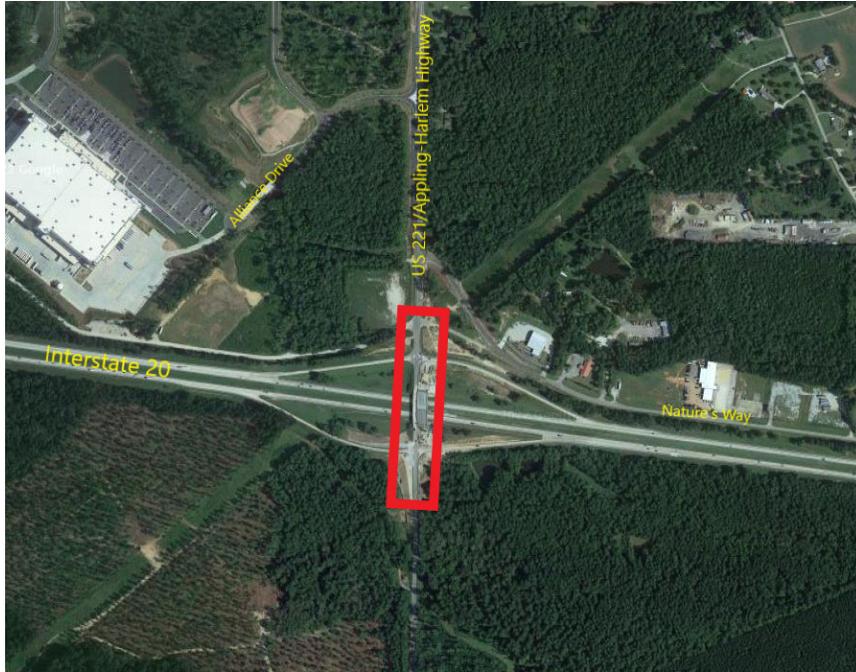
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Columbia County: Interstate 20/US 221 Interchange Project Schedules Traffic Shift to New Bridge for Tuesday, Sept. 20

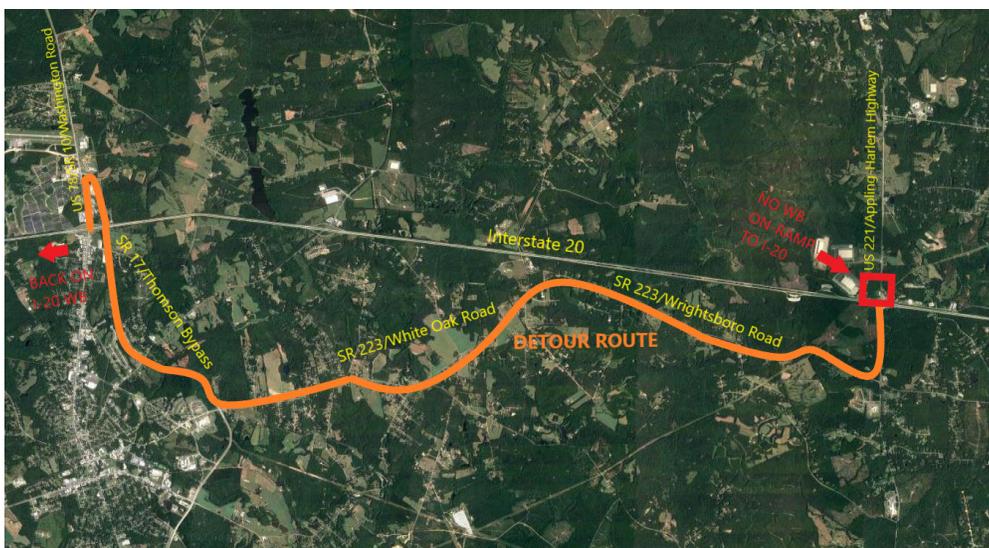


APPLING, Georgia — Contractors for the Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) project making improvements to Columbia County’s Interstate 20 and US 221/Appling-Harlem Highway interchange will shift traffic onto its newly-constructed bridge on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022, weather pending.



The shift is scheduled to take place starting at 9:00 a.m. and is expected to be completed during the morning hours. When ready, a pilot car will guide traffic onto the new bridge, demonstrating the new configuration on both sides. Crews will put up barrels and barricades to block the old bridge.

A construction team also will close off the westbound on-ramp to Interstate 20 and it will then remain closed for eight days. The closure is necessary to raise the grade between the westbound on-ramp to Interstate 20 and the old roadway. The ramp is expected to reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022. While the westbound on-ramp is closed, drivers wishing to enter Interstate 20 westbound will be detoured to SR 223, where they will travel west and use US 78/SR 10/Thomson Bypass to access the interstate. A map of the detour is below.



While the US 221/Appling-Harlem Highway westbound on-ramp to Interstate 20 is closed, motorists who wish to access Interstate 20 westbound are urged to use the detour pictured here. Signage will be posted along the detour route.

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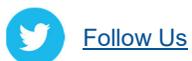
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Another current traffic pattern will remain in place as well: those wanting to use the eastbound on-ramp to Interstate 20 will still be required to travel southward on Appling-Harlem Highway to Pumpkin Center, where they will utilize the roundabout to get into the northbound lane and then access the on-ramp.

Drivers are encouraged to be alert while traveling through the work zone and to be attentive to the pilot car and the crews on site.

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