

**PROJECT UPDATE:
I-285 AT BOULDERCREST ROAD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS**

DeKalb County

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Project Progress: I-675 Ramps Construction and Reconstruction of the Bouldercrest Bridge over I-285 Continues

Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) contractors have provided a summary of work performed and a schedule of upcoming activities for the I-285 at Bouldercrest Road interchange Improvements project. *Please note that the work schedules provided are dependent on weather and on-site conditions.*

Project Overview: This \$95 million project will replace the existing Bouldercrest Road bridge over I-285, reconstruct the I-285/Bouldercrest Road interchange and construct five new bridges and new Collector-Distributor (CD) lanes between Bouldercrest Road and I-675. This project is designed to reduce traffic delays and congestion, improve pedestrian and vehicle safety and better accommodate the growing commercial truck traffic in the area.

Overview of Current Project Activities: Right-of-way acquisitions of Pilot/Wendy's are now complete, and crews have begun clearing that area in preparation for construction activities, including removal of trees and dense shrubs on Bouldercrest and relocation of underground and overhead utilities. Crews have utilized the right-of-way delay to work in areas of the project that are not reliant on completed utility work, including bridge and roadway construction.

Completed Construction Activities:

- ✓ Significant progress on construction of the two new bridges over the South River tributary creek, just west of I-285, that will be part of the new Collector-Distributor (CD) roadways/ramps that will provide direct access between Bouldercrest Road and I-675.
- ✓ Continued work from below the Bouldercrest Bridge over I-285 to construct the new, wider bridge.





Anticipated activities through early fall 2024, weather and on-site conditions permitting:

- Continued construction of the CD/roadway bridges and ramps over South River, including the ramp from Bouldercrest Road to I-675 and the ramp from I-285 to eastbound Bouldercrest Road.
- Additional erosion/stormwater runoff control measures will be installed where needed.
- Continued construction of MSE/retaining walls throughout the project.
- **Bouldercrest Bridge over I-285** - The water lines and other utilities attached to the existing Bouldercrest bridge will be removed. For safety on the existing bridge, pedestrian access continues to be limited to the northbound side of the bridge only.



- Construction continues on the new bridge, with crews working in the I-285 median below. The substructure footing, columns and bridge beams are in place. Crews will begin pouring the bridge deck on the new bridge this summer.



Traffic Impacts: Lane closures may be needed to provide safety for work crews and drivers in the area. Most of these impacts to travel will be scheduled for overnight hours, generally 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. to avoid peak commute traffic hours.

Project Details: In addition to the interchange reconstruction, bridge replacement, new bridge construction and new CD lanes, additional features of the project include:

- The existing Bouldercrest Bridge over I-285 will be replaced with a new, wider bridge with six travel lanes, sidewalks and bike lanes in both directions
- On Bouldercrest Road, the project will extend from just south of Sugar Creek Golf Drive to just north of Continental Way. Traffic flow on Bouldercrest will be improved with dedicated turn lanes and traffic signal upgrades
- On I-285, the project extends from the I-675 northbound exit ramp bridge over I-285 to just west of the I-285 bridge over Sugar Creek
- A new CD roadway system will be built along I-285 providing an alternative travel route from I-675 direct to/from Bouldercrest Road
- A total of five new bridges will be constructed



Advisory: The project area is a work zone. Message boards and signage will advise drivers to slow their speed through the project area. Drivers are advised to expect some traffic delays, 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](https://www.511ga.org), or download the Georgia 511 app.