

Past Program

GDOT Provides Updates on 285/400 Construction and Express Lanes

Confucius famously quoted, "Roads were made for journeys not destinations." Although Confucius may not have had the Georgia roadways in mind, sometimes driving even an exit or two on the roads surrounding Atlanta can seem like a Journey (often with a few four letter words thrown in). Our speakers this past Monday aim to change this experience for all travelers on the roadways in Georgia.

On August 1st 2022, The Georgia Department of Transportation spoke to the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs to provide updates on the Transform 285/400 Project as well as the Express lanes that are coming to SR400 and I-285.

Marlo L. Clowers, Alternative Delivery Program Manager at the Georgia Department of Transportation, provided an update on the much anticipated Transform 285/400 Project. The key focuses of the project include:

- New ramps and flyover bridges at the I-285/SR 400 Interchange.
- New Collector-Distributor (CD) lanes and bridges between Long Island Drive and Ashford Dunwoody on I-285
- Bridge Replacements over Glenridge, SR 400, and Peachtree Dunwoody
- Bridge Deck Improvements on Long Island Drive and Lake Forrest Drive
- New CD lanes and bridges between Glenridge Connector and Pitts Road
- Bridge Replacements at Mount Vernon Highway and SR 400 over Abernathy Road
- A new diverging diamond interchange at Abernathy Road

MEETINGS

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

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2/6 Regular Meeting

2/13 Regular Meeting: Club Assembly

2/20 Regular Meeting

2/27 Regular Meeting

11/27 Lunch Meeting - Ryan Maguire

12/4 Diahann Fulwider, Ed.S

12/11 Board Meeting and Lunch Meeting - Ryder Leary

BIRTHDAYS

WEDDING

ANNIVERSARIES

8/10 Julia Bernath (47)

8/22 Bob Belmonte (35)

8/24 Steve Money (19)

ROTARY ONLINE

<https://sandyspringsrotary.org>

<https://rotary6900.org/>

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ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY SPRINGS

Mondays, 12:15 pm
Sandy Springs, Georgia
Wyndam Atlanta Perimeter
6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Road,
NE
Sandy Springs, GA 30328



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Clowers noted two of the most recent accomplishments to the project are the new bridge from I-285 Eastbound to SR 400 Northbound and a new exit on SR 400 Northbound to Abernathy Road.



Tim Matthews, Georgia DOT State Express Lanes Administrator, spoke about the new express lanes that will be coming to SR 400 and I-285 to make that white-knuckled rush hour commute less stressful and more efficient.

NWC Express Lanes Transit Success



Rush Hour Reduced

Rush hour has been reduced by over 1 hour in both the morning and evening commutes



**3%
Average
Increase**

in Xpress boardings



**15 Minutes
Earlier**

Xpress schedules
had to shift 15
minutes due to
early bus arrivals



**20 mph
faster**

General Purpose (GP) lanes
are up to 20 mph faster than
they were before the
express lanes opened

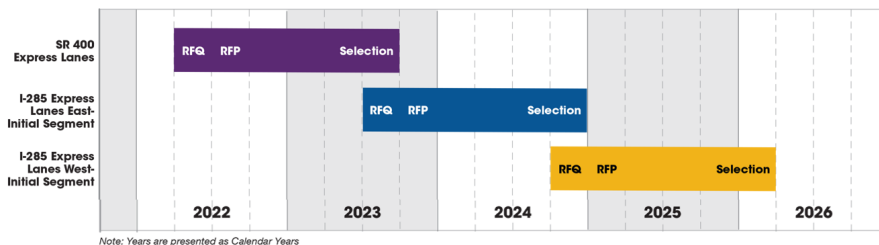


**20%
faster**

Travel speeds are
20% faster in the
express lanes than
in the GP lanes

Data referenced from December 31, 2019 report.
NWC Express Lanes opened in September 2018.

Matthews explained the vision for the project is to "Provide a comprehensive regional express lanes system for the Atlanta region." These express lanes should maximize value for travelers by improving safety, adding additional capacity to I-285, enhancing access and connectivity to existing express lanes, support enhanced transit options and promote innovation.



The current procurement timing of the regional express lane project

Representatives of the Transform 285/400 can be reached by email at transform285400@dot.ga.gov, by phone at 404-609-4609, or their website at <https://transform285400-gdot.hub.arcgis.com/>

If you would like to keep up with these projects and the many other exciting things going at GDOT follow them on Instagram or Twitter @gadepthoftrans or on Facebook @GeorgiaDOT.

Thank you for the informative presentation GDOT, we look forward to seeing these projects come to fruition and improve the roadways for our community!

Next Meeting

Mayo Sowell - Co-Founder of LIIV Atlanta

Join the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs on August 8th to hear Mayo Sowell speak about his mission to create Dream Centers to fill three voids: Education, Employment, and Entrepreneurial training within the community.



Mayo is Co-Founder of LIIV Atlanta and is an Executive Pastor with almost 15 years experience of ministerial background. Skilled in communication, creativity, leadership development and discipleship. Mayo's leadership style exhibits loyalty, humor, grace, truth with an entrepreneurial mentality to successfully influence, design and execute non-profit and for-profit mission-based organizations.