

Thanks very much. My name is Penny Brooks, I am the district communication officer for the Georgia Department of Transportation's District 3 – West Central Georgia. I am also proud to be a McDonough resident.

With me today are the district's assistant area manager for construction, George Johnson, construction project engineer, Craig Sewell, and project manager, Cherrall Dempsey.

We are pleased to present today's update regarding the east-west one-way pairs project in McDonough.

We are currently still in Stage 1 of the project, but we are 80% complete with Stage 1. In particular, we are:

- 100% complete with drainage
- 85% complete with roadway grading
- 90% complete on the curb and gutters
- And 80% complete on the asphalt work.

We are preparing to begin work on the sidewalks.

Regarding our work with area utilities, we are 80% complete. AT&T is the main utility still to be relocated, and we are currently working with them on that.

One thing to note: completion of Stage 1 is dependent upon the railroad constructing their crossing on Jonesboro Road. When this happens, a 3-day closure and detour will be enacted during the construction. We will alert all necessary parties when the details come together.

In the meantime, we are in the process of installing a temporary traffic signal at the affected intersection, and traffic operations engineers are doing an inspection on Friday. If all goes well, the signal will be in operation a week from tomorrow, on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Some additional details have been requested, they are:

- Information concerning the opening of John Frank Ward and Keys Ferry at Georgia 155/Zach Hinton Parkway – the work happening near the high school area: This section has been paved up to the final asphalt layer, which will likely be going down in late spring or early summer of 2019. We still need to install 2 traffic signals at the Georgia 155/John Frank Ward intersection, and that will start in the spring as well, and be completed by June. After the asphalt topping is laid and the signals are operational, we'll be able to open that intersection.
- Information about opening the west side of the project connecting Georgia 81 and John Frank Ward: We will need to complete Stage 1 before that can happen; we still need to do the final asphalt topping on the roadway which should happen before June 2019, as well as the sidewalks, slopes, the grassing, the road striping, and the signage.
- Information about the South side roundabout, the paving of Geranium Drive and the connecting streets to Hampton Street: we have placed the base of the roundabout and will be doing the base paving this week, and then binder paving next week. The roundabout should be open in Spring of 2019, but as we're still coordinating with the railroad on the construction plans for the Jonesboro Road crossing, and we can't shift the traffic until that work is complete, we can't be more specific at this time.

Thanks very much for this opportunity for us to share our progress with you.