

# I-285 Top End Express Lanes

A Major Mobility Project — P.I. Number: 0001758

Fact Sheet

## Where is the Project?

**LEGEND:**

- Project Corridor
- Express Lanes Interchange
- Express Lanes Merge
- Project Length: 22.6 miles
- Map is not to scale
- One Lane Each Direction
- Express Lanes Merge
- Project Limit
- Two Lanes Each Direction



## What is the Project?

I-285 Top End Express Lanes will improve mobility along the I-285 top end in metro Atlanta, one of the most heavily traveled and congested interstate highways in America. More than 240,000 vehicles travel across this stretch of highway every weekday.

The project will be constructed in two sections: the I-285 Top End East and I-285 Top End West Express Lanes. This project focuses on adding two new at-grade and elevated, barrier-separated express lanes in both directions of I-285 and SR 400, alongside the existing general purpose lanes.

## 5 Things You Need to Know

1. Includes the I-285 top end from Paces Ferry Road on the west to Henderson Road on the east, along with a section of SR 400.
2. Adds 79 new lane miles.
3. Projected to reduce travel time by 39% for those using the express lanes and over 8% in the general purpose lanes.
4. Provides an option for more reliable trip times and free access for transit and vanpools.
5. The I-285 Advanced Improvement Projects will be completed and open to traffic prior to the I-285 Top End Express Lanes.

## What's the Project Status?

Georgia DOT is conducting studies, including environmental, to help determine alignments, express lanes configurations, and access points. The schedule is subject to change.

## What's Next

### I-285 Top End East Express Lanes



Environmental Process  
2018-2022



Public Comment  
Q1 2020



Construction Begins  
2023



Substantial Completion  
2028

### I-285 Top End West Express Lanes



Environmental Process  
2018-2022



Public Comment  
Q1 2020



Construction Begins  
2026



Substantial Completion  
2032

## Related Projects

The I-285 Top End Express Lanes Project connects with other future and existing Georgia DOT projects that will build a better Georgia by enhancing mobility and safety and fueling economic growth.

### In Construction:

- [Transform 285/400](#)

### Existing:

- [I-85 Express Lanes](#)
- [Northwest Corridor Express Lanes](#)

### Future:

- [SR 400 Express Lanes](#)
- [I-285 Eastside Express Lanes](#)
- [I-285 Westside Express Lanes](#)
- [I-285 Advanced Improvement Projects](#)

## Delivery Method

The Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) partners with private sector companies who design and build infrastructure projects using innovative delivery methods. These public-private partnerships accelerate project delivery, provide access to additional capital, enable a longer-term view of asset management, and can reduce public cost and debt requirements. The I-285 Top End Express Lanes is anticipated to be delivered as a design-build-finance-maintain project, which is a transaction concept similar to a home mortgage. The express lanes will be managed through congestion pricing, where the tolls collected will be used to pay for operations of the facility and to pay back project debt.

## Stay Connected

All current project layouts and alignments are available in the Document Library on the project webpage:

<https://majormobilityga.com/projects/topend/topendexpresslanes@dot.ga.gov> (sign up for updates)

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