

# I-85 Widening (SR 53 to US 129)

A Major Mobility Project — P.I. Number: 0013545

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Project?

The I-85 Widening, Phase 2 project will provide relief to motorists in this heavily-congested area by widening I-85 from two to three lanes in both directions from SR 53 to just north of US 129. Additional work on the project includes replacing one overpass bridge and six mainline bridges along I-85.

All current project layouts and alignments are available in the Document Library on the project webpage: <https://majormobilityga.com/projects/i85wideningphase2/>

### What is the MMIP?

The Major Mobility Investment Program, or MMIP, is a grouping of projects expected to yield a significant reduction in congestion along key freight and passenger corridors. The projects will create additional capacity, improve the movement of freight, provide operational improvements and efficiencies, enhance safety, and decrease travel times. More information on the MMIP is located at <https://majormobilityga.com/>.

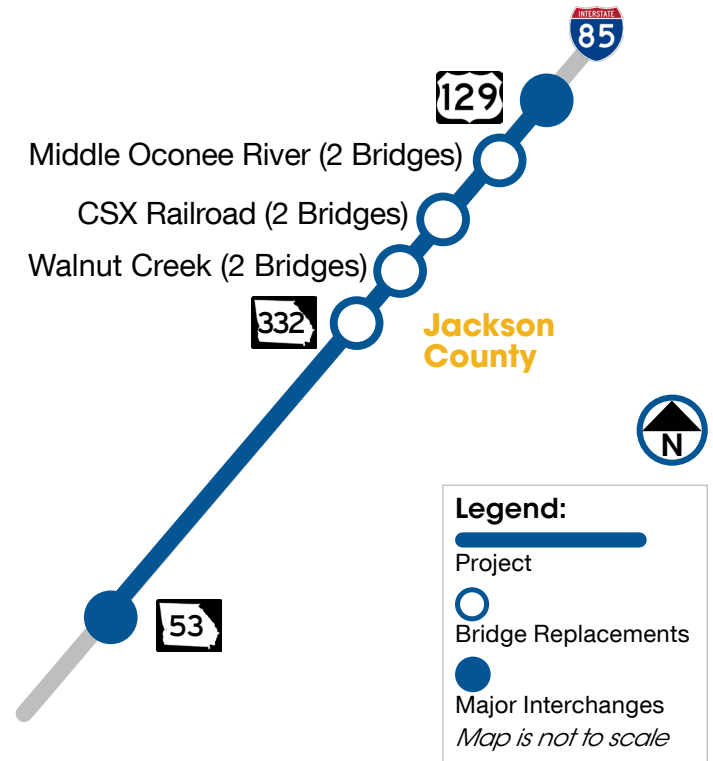
### What are the Project details?

- Widening I-85 from just north of SR 53 to just north of US 129
- Increasing I-85 from two general purpose lanes to three for 6.7 miles in each direction
- Widening to the median
- Replacing one overpass bridge and six mainline bridges
- Replacing the guardrail

### What are the goals for this Project?

The I-85 Widening, Phase 2 project will reduce congestion, improve operational efficiencies, and enhance mobility on I-85 in Jackson County, a well-traveled corridor heading into and out of South Carolina. The completed project is expected to add highway capacity for over 100,000 vehicles.

### Where is the Project?



### Project Delivery

#### What is the schedule for the Project?

Georgia DOT has selected the Design-Build Team, C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., that will design and construct the project using an accelerated process. Final design and construction are scheduled to begin in 2021 and complete in 2023.

The Department leveraged the success of the first phase of the widening of I-85 by advancing the second phase of improvements. This represents Georgia DOT's ability to progress projects forward when there is less or no right-of-way acquisitions and development that could be impacted through project design and construction. The I-85 Widening, Phase 2 project will be delivered and open to traffic four years ahead of the original schedule.

### **What are the construction hours?**

Construction will take place during the day, evenings, and weekends. Nighttime construction is anticipated, and activities will be posted on the project website at <https://majormobilityga.com/projects/i85wideningphase2/>

## **Improvements and Impacts**

### **What are the traffic impacts?**

Travelers will experience lane closures along the project corridor and detours when the bridge replacements are underway. Georgia DOT works diligently to minimize impacts to travelers, commuters, and businesses. The project team will communicate proactively with stakeholders, the media, transit agencies, and local organizations about any lane changes and closures in advance of construction activity. These construction notices will be communicated through the project webpage, Georgia NaviGator 511, social media, and traditional media.

### **What happens if a vehicle stalls, breaks down, or has an accident in the construction corridor?**

Shoulders are available on the I-85 Widening, Phase 2 corridor, so a driver can safely pull out of the lane in the event a vehicle stalls or breaks down. CHAMP, or Coordinated Highway Assistance & Maintenance Program, units assist motorists in the event of an incident outside of the HERO covered area in metro Atlanta.

### **How do I stay informed about the Project?**

Georgia DOT will provide regular updates through the project website (<https://majormobilityga.com/projects/i85wideningphase2/>), Georgia NaviGator 511, social media, newsletters, media announcements, and community outreach events. By bookmarking the project webpage to phones/tablets and computers, travelers can stay updated throughout the project duration. Project representatives are also available to speak to groups. A speaker's request form is available at the project webpage. To be added to the project distribution list to receive updates, please email [85Widening@dot.ga.gov](mailto:85Widening@dot.ga.gov).

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