

# I-285/I-20 West Interchange

A Major Mobility Project — P.I. Number: 0013918

## Frequently Asked Questions

## Project Overview

### What is the Project?

The I-285/I-20 West Interchange project proposes improvements of the I-285/I-20 West Interchange and addition of lanes along I-20 in Cobb, Douglas, and Fulton Counties.

### Improvements include:

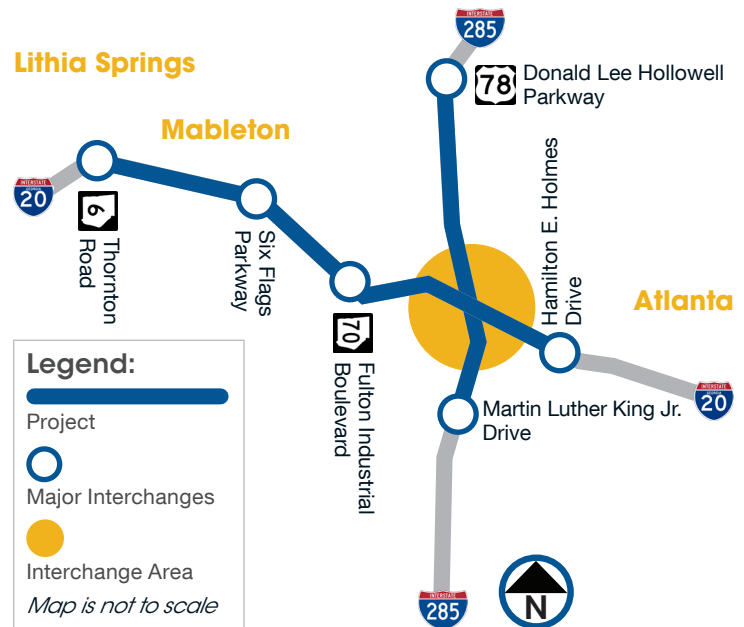
- Reconstructing the interchange to remove left hand exits and improve design speed, and modification and/or replacement of six (6) existing bridges and ramps
- Construction of I-20 westbound collector-distributor (CD) system from the interchange to Fulton Industrial Boulevard (FIB)
- Construction of lanes and improvements along I-20 in both directions from Thornton Road to Hamilton E. Holmes Drive (8 mi.)
- Modification and/or replacement of seven (7) bridges along I-20, including bridges over CSX Railroad and Chattahoochee River
- Addition of new lane and improvements along I-285 southbound from Hollowell Parkway to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (2 mi.)

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

### What is the MMIP?

The Major Mobility Investment Program, or MMIP, is a portfolio 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 <http://www.dot.ga.gov/IS/MMIP>.

## Where is the Project?



## Noise

### What is considered a noise impact?

Noise impacts occur when sound levels approach or exceed the federal Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC) for each land use category. In Georgia, “approach” is defined as one decibel lower than the NAC. The NAC for an outdoor area of frequent human use at a residential home is 67 decibels, meaning 66 decibels or higher is considered an impact. The NAC for an outdoor area of frequent human use at a business (such as a pool) is 72 decibels, meaning 71 decibels or higher is considered an impact. An impact also occurs if the proposed project increases sound levels by 15 decibels.

### Will noise barriers be included/replaced as part of the project?

Noise impacts and the need for noise barriers will be evaluated as part of this project, in accordance with the Georgia DOT noise policy and Federal Highway (FHWA) noise regulations. As the environmental field work and

roadway design move forward, impacted property owners and renters that are eligible for a noise barrier will be identified and notified of the opportunity to participate in noise barrier voting. It is expected that proposed noise barrier materials will be available for the public to view prior to voting.

## Stay Connected

Georgia DOT will provide regular updates through the project website, Georgia NaviGator 511, social media, newsletters, media announcements, and community outreach events. Project representatives are also available to speak to groups. To be added to the project distribution list to receive updates, please email [WestInterchange@dot.ga.gov](mailto:WestInterchange@dot.ga.gov).

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