

PRESS ALERT

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Harris and Muscogee Counties

Work zone safety prompts speed limit reduction through length of US 27/SR 1 widening project

A 45 MPH speed limit to be enforced starting Monday, Sept. 23, 2024



COLUMBUS, Georgia — On Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, the 7.5-mile stretch of US 27/SR 1 from Turnberry Lane in Muscogee County to SR 315 in Harris County will have its speed limit reduced from 55 MPH to 45 MPH.

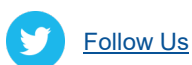
The speed limit reduction comes in response to traffic concerns throughout the work zone for the TIA-funded project currently widening and reconstructing the roadway to add passing lanes. Construction and utility crews are active in locations throughout the length of the project, often in close proximity to traffic. As the project has more than two years remaining in its construction timeline, with completion anticipated in spring 2027, the speed limit change is regarded as a reasonable action.

While the highway experiences consistent traffic throughout the day, traffic engineers report that as many as 1,200 vehicles utilize the corridor during commuter drive times in weekday mornings and late afternoons.

When traveling through the project work zone, drivers are urged to follow the new, lower speed limit, and also to remain alert to the workers and their vehicles along the roadway. In 2023, Georgia reported 13,689 crashes in roadway construction and maintenance work zones, which resulted in 4,891 injuries and 62 fatalities. The top three causes of the fatal crashes were driving too fast for conditions, driving distracted and driving while impaired.

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