

## Five Bridges to Be Replaced Along I-85 in Jackson and Franklin Counties



The first of five bridges over Interstate 85 (I-85) in northeast Georgia closed this week in Jackson County as part of a \$16.6 million project. The I-85 Corridor

Bridges project will fully replace bridges in service for over 55 years and enhance safety by increasing lane width and adding shoulders to travel lanes. These replacements are part of a larger Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) effort to improve bridge infrastructure statewide.

Construction began Monday with the Plainview Road bridge closure in Jackson County. The Neal Road bridge in Franklin County is scheduled to close on July 16. The bridges at Old Stagecoach Road and Brown Road, in Franklin County, will be closed in early 2019, followed by the Cedar Ridge Road bridge in mid-2019. Once closed, each bridge will be shut off to traffic for up to 180 days. "The structure and reliability will be enhanced on these bridges as a result of this project," said Georgia DOT's I-85 Corridor Bridges Project Manager Andrew Hoenig, P.E. "The replacements will also provide greater public safety, improve mobility to the bridges, and allow for the future widening of I-85."

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## Georgia 511 Celebrates 11 Years of Service this Year

The Georgia Department of Transportation's Georgia 511 Travel Info system celebrates 11 years of service to Georgia travelers this year. The 511 telephone service officially launched in 2007 as Georgia's traveler information phone number, replacing \*DOT. The free service provides real-time travel information 24/7, as well as access to live operators to report incidents or request motorist assistance. There is also a website, 511GA.org, and mobile app, 511 Georgia & Atlanta Traffic, which is available for Android and iOS.

### Georgia 511 by the numbers (to date):

- 13 million calls
- 11.8 million website sessions (511GA.org)
- 5.6 million mobile app sessions and 300,000 downloads (Android and iOS combined)
- 50 million email and text alerts to MyGA511 subscribers. Register at 511GA.org

As the Georgia Department of Transportation gears up for a busy summer construction schedule and the start of hurricane season (June-November), Georgians can continue to turn to 511 for all their traveler information needs.

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We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient.

Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

# 5 Areas Where Project Management Risks Commonly Arise

## *How to be prepared for potential project issues*



Information is the essential core of every commercial construction project. From the initial stages of a project through to its conclusion, having the correct information at

every step is the best way to ensure you will not face costly delays and errors. Whether you are an architect, engineer or a contractor, organizing your information is the first step toward mitigating project risks like time delays, budget issues, miscommunication and mistakes.

The following are five areas where risks are most likely to arise, and ideas on what you can do to prevent them.

### *1. Misplaced Documents*

In an average construction project involving thousands of documents, finding a specific one at any given time can be a challenge. Whether it has been misplaced entirely or you just cannot remember where you filed it away, trying to find it can waste valuable time and impede productivity. Worse yet, you can be putting yourself at serious risk. Any time you cannot access the information needed to make the best possible decision, you could be opening yourself to mistakes and jeopardizing the whole project. Having a system that allows you organize, access and find project information regardless of where it is stored is crucial to avoiding that risk. With a complete index of your project data, you can easily search and find what you

you need, and possibly even things you didn't know about, allowing you to make the most timely and effective decisions possible.

### *2. Transcription Mistakes*

Every team on a construction project is likely using its own specialized software. There is just no product in the world that can be all things to all people, but multiple systems add risk in that the project information will not be entered the same way into all systems.

One approach is to manually retype information between the systems in use. The obvious problem with this approach is that manual entry always opens the door to mistakes and omissions. The result can be as simple as catching the error and manually fixing it, resulting in lost time and energy, or as serious as missing the error and having it percolate through the system, resulting in many additional errors across the project. Progressive architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) firms are adopting systems that help reduce transcription errors and are designed to work with many disparate construction management applications.

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