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Northwest Corridor Express Lanes, I-75 South Metro Express Lanes to Close Tonight at 11 p.m. Based on Weather Advisory Xpress Coaches to Use General Purpose Lanes

ATLANTA – Due to the possibility of black ice on roads as temperatures drop below freezing tonight, the Northwest Corridor Express Lanes and the I-75 South Metro Express Lanes will close in both directions at 11 p.m. tonight, Monday, December 10, 2018, according to the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA).

The lanes will remain closed until further notice. Drivers will need to use the general purpose lanes until an announcement is made that the lanes are open. In addition, Xpress commuter coaches that normally use the Northwest Corridor and I-75 South Metro Express Lanes will use the general purpose lanes.

"The decision to close to the lanes is being made out of an abundance of caution and based on the update from the National Weather Service," Chris Tomlinson, SRTA Executive Director, said. "We want to ensure the safety of drivers and Xpress riders." The Northwest Corridor Express Lanes run along I-75 from Akers Mill Rd to Hickory Grove Road and along I-575 from I-75 to Sixes Road in Cobb and Cherokee counties.

The I-75 South Metro Express Lanes run 12 miles along the median of Interstate 75 from State Route 155 in Henry County to State Route 138 in Clayton County.

About the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA)

<u>SRTA</u> is a state-level, independent Authority created to operate tolled transportation facilities within Georgia and acts as the transportation financing arm for the state. SRTA manages the collection of tolls on Georgia's Express Lanes System through the use of <u>Peach Pass</u>; administers the Atlanta region's vanpool program; and manages the <u>Xpress</u> regional commuter coach transit service. In 2017, SRTA combined with the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) to jointly provide the services of both state authorities. The GRTA Board of Directors oversees Developments of Regional Impact, air quality reporting and regional transportation plan approval.

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