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Study to Remove Traffic Signal
State Route 317 (Lawrenceville Suwanee Road) @ Sawmill Drive Intersection

Officials in Suwanee are considering eliminating left turns at the intersection of Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road and Sawmill Drive, a move they hope will create safer, less congested, and more efficient access to Interstate 85.

The plans call for connecting the raised concrete medians on either side of the intersection along Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road, making it so drivers can only turn right onto or off of Sawmill Drive (eliminating the need for a traffic signal), extend the dedicated left turn lane for I-85 northbound by 400 feet, and ultimately allow for more efficient timing of other traffic signals.

The process of removing a signal and closing a median requires:

- A 90-day closure of the median break, including bagging the traffic signal heads;
- A study of the impact of the proposed traffic operational change; and
- Collection of public comments for review.

Once the study is completed, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will review and make its final determination. If the determination is to make the change permanent, GDOT would consider the project as a Quick Response Project and bid the work to potential road construction contractors.

The temporary closure would likely begin in September, by message boards going up to advise motorists of the upcoming temporary traffic operation change. Thereafter, implementation of the change for the 90-day period would occur.

Public comments can be made at Signalstudy@suwanee.com. Information provided to this e-mail address will be collected as part of the study process.

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