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***Pacing operations on 85-385 Gateway project to continue to allow for blasting***

GREENVILLE, S.C. – Drivers should expect pacing operations for the next few weeks as part of the 85-385 Gateway Project.

A pacing operation occurs when the Highway Patrol temporarily slows, but does not stop traffic during heavy construction work. There should be no significant impact to the travelling public. These pacing operations are being done to fracture rock via blasting work to facilitate the installation of storm drainage pipe on the project. Drivers are not expected to feel the blasting and there will be nothing to see as the blasting will be confined to the bottom of the pipe trench.

Pacing operations will occur during the early morning hours and early evening hours on weekdays. There will be more frequent pacing operations over the weekends. These pacing operations will occur over extremely short durations -- less than 2 minutes each.

These pacing operations will occur on I-385 NB and SB along with the Woodruff Rd. on-ramp to I385 North. These impacts are expected to occur over the next 20 to 30 days.

**About the 85-385 Gateway Project:**

The 85-385 Gateway Interchange Improvement Project will provide an economic boost to the Upstate, improve safety for the traveling public, and increase the capacity of this Interchange to function more efficiently for many years to come. At \$231 million, it is the second largest transportation project in South Carolina History. Learn more at [www.85385gateway.com](http://www.85385gateway.com).