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First Week of I-75 South Metro Express Lanes Operations and Usage

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) and the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) released data on vehicle usage for the first week of the brand new I-75 South Metro Express Lanes today. Approximately 3000 vehicles traveled through the express lanes during opening weekend, and the first full week of operation saw a total of 23,750 trips in the lanes. Usage of the system shows an increasing trend through the week as motorists have begun to take advantage of the reliable trip option in the express lanes.

Below are the daily total trips in the I-75 South Metro Express Lanes for the first week of operation:

- Saturday, January 28 1,405
- Sunday, January 29 1,671
- Monday, January 30 2,828
- Tuesday, January 31 4,005
- Wednesday, February 1 4,150
- Thursday, February 2 4,900
- Friday, February 3 4,791

Peach Pass accounts have seen an increase as well. A total of 13,924 new Peach Passes were issued in the month of January, compared to 6,776 for the month of December.

Commuters and general motorists with a Peach Pass account have through Friday, February 10th, to try the I-75 South Metro Express Lanes toll free. This toll free trial period provides a chance for drivers to test the lanes and familiarize themselves with the entrance and exit points at no charge. This will help them make informed decisions about using the lanes when they choose to for reliable trip times in the future.

For more information on the I-75 South Metro Express Lanes, including tutorials on usage and signage, visit GDOT's website at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/GEL/I75ExpressLanes> or contact Jill Goldberg with GDOT at 404-357-8038. For more information on Peach Pass or to open an account, visit www.peachpass.com.

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