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Evanston Road construction and traffic delays start this week

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The next round of Evanston Road construction work will start this week with heavy equipment delivery, surface asphalt milling, and temporary traffic delays.

"This is a major road renovation project. Drivers should expect traffic delays over the next five weeks," Supervisor Frankie Massey, District 1, explains. "I'm suggesting regular commuters avoid Evanston until the work is complete. Fortunately, there are several options to get around this construction project."

Evanston Road is the main entrance to the George County Industrial Park and has experienced a significant increase in the number of vehicles and heavy haul traffic in the last two years.

The approximate 1.5 mile improvement project will widen roadway shoulders, repair the foundation, improve storm water drainage, and repave Evanston Road with 4.5 inches of asphalt. The project is expected to be completed in mid-April, weather permitting.

"We are rebuilding Evanston Road for the future. This project addresses the requirements for heavy hauling and the rise in drivers connecting from Highway 198 and Hwy. 613. This is a tremendous upgrade. Once complete, Evanston Road will serve the Industrial Park and local businesses for years to come," Massey said.

All drivers need to use caution throughout the construction zone and pay special attention to safety flagmen, heavy equipment, and slow traffic.

Evanston Road will remain open during the project. Employees and customers will still have access to American Tank & Vessel, Enviva Pellets Lucedale, Eubanks Poling, Ready Mix Concrete, Tri-State Pole & Piling, Turner Construction, and Vulcan Gravel.

This is an \$875,000.00 road restoration project with grant funding coming from the 2021 State Legislature and match money from the District 1 Road Fund.

The first round of road work on Evanston was completed in December 2021 at the intersection of GM Luce Road with the addition of a new center turn lane, low-boy trailer entrance, and major utility relocations.

Regular road construction updates will be posted on the County's website at www.georgecountyms.com/what'snew . For additional construction information, call District 1 Supervisor Frankie Massey at 601-947-7506.