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DEKALB COUNTY'S REDAN ROAD BRIDGE TO BE REPLACED BY GDOT

Redan Road expected to remain closed for six to 12 months

DECATUR – DeKalb County CEO Burrell Ellis announced today that the flood-damaged bridge on Redan Road over Barbashela Creek is slated for replacement, rather than repair, by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

“Thanks to the hard work by Deputy Chief Operating Officer Ted Rhinehart and his team in the infrastructure group, the county can move forward on this important project,” said CEO Ellis. “While building a new bridge means Redan Road is going to be shut down longer than first anticipated, the decision to replace the bridge rather than repair it ensures optimal safety for citizens using the road on a daily basis.”

The bridge, which is located on the stretch of Redan Road between South Hairston Road and Redan High School, was damaged beyond repair during the flooding that hit the county last month. It has been closed since then to through traffic.

GDOT has assigned plan preparation for the replacement project to their Urban Design department. Costs for the project can be entirely paid for using federal highway funds, since the thoroughfare is a federal-aid route.

“I would like to thank the agency for their excellent partnership with DeKalb County in determining our most critical needs and the best avenues to secure state or federal funding,” said Rhinehart.

Construction of the new bridge is expected to be completed within a year.

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