

MEDIA ADVISORY

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CEREMONIAL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR CEDAR GROVE BRIDGE

DeKalb County to Celebrate Completion of \$14.2 Million SPLOST-Funded Infrastructure Project

WHO: DeKalb County CEO Lorraine Cochran-Johnson and the Board of Commissioners; DeKalb County SPLOST Program Management Team; Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT); Norfolk Southern; Metro South Community Improvement District (CID); and C.W. Matthews Contracting Co.

WHAT: DeKalb County officials will host a ceremonial Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate completion of the \$14.2 million Cedar Grove Bridge Replacement Project, funded through DeKalb County's SPLOST program. The bridge is located over the Norfolk Southern Railroad on Cedar Grove Road in Conley, Georgia, and officially opened to traffic on June 23, 2026.

The project included demolition of the existing bridge, construction of a new bridge, and reconstruction of the surrounding roadway approaches. Work was completed in carefully coordinated phases to maintain uninterrupted rail operations, accommodate active gas, water, and fiber utility lines, facilitate utility relocations, and improve detour routes with wider shoulders and enhanced turning movements to promote safety throughout construction. Additional improvements included new sidewalks, upgraded intersections, and enhanced drainage systems that will benefit the community and support long-term growth.

WHEN: **Thursday, August 6, 2026**
10:00 a.m.

WHERE: **1397 Cedar Grove Road**
Conley, Georgia 30288

WHY: Originally built in 1965, Cedar Grove Bridge closed as increased heavy truck traffic over the years prompted a need for improvements to meet current transportation demands. This ceremony will celebrate successful completion of the project and recognize partnerships that contributed to its success.

See Below: Run of Show



RUN OF SHOW
CEDAR GROVE BRIDGE I RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
AUGUST 6, 2026 I 10:00 A.M.

Time:	Individual/Activity:	Length:
10:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast & Networking • Speaker Briefings	20 mins
10:20 a.m.	Lorraine Cochran-Johnson CEO, DeKalb County • Mistress of Ceremonies & Opening Remarks	3-5 mins
10:25 a.m.	Nicole Massiah District 3 Commissioner, DeKalb County • Remarks	2-3 mins
10:28 a.m.	Ted Terry Super District 6 Commissioner, DeKalb County • Greetings	2-3 mins
10:31 a.m.	Chris Kingsbury Program Manager, DeKalb County SPLOST • Project Overview	2-3 mins
10:34 a.m.	Larry Kaiser Executive Director, Metro South CID • Remarks & Special Presentation	2-3 mins
10:37 a.m.	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Program Participants • Transition to Ceremony Location	18 mins
10:55 a.m.	Ceremony Ends • Transportation Available To Parking Lots	