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# Commuter behavior changed after Atlanta Interstate collapsed



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**Crews worked on a section of an overpass that collapsed from a large fire on Interstate 85 in Atlanta.**

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ATLANTA (AP) — Officials say commuter behavior shifted quickly after a section of Interstate 85 in Atlanta collapsed amid a massive fire, shutting down the busy highway for at least the next several months.

Georgia Department of Transportation Commissioner Russell McMurry said there was a 70 percent decrease Friday morning in the number of cars on the sections of I-85 leading up to the now-closed section. There was also a 20 to 25 percent increase in traffic on the major roads surrounding the interstate, he said.

Keith Parker, CEO of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, or MARTA, said there was a 25 percent surge in ridership and a nearly 80 percent increase in sales Friday morning.

Parker called it “an opportunity to make sure everyone knows that there are alternatives to driving alone.”

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## Memo from Brian McGrory on the Boston Globe reinvention

A dedicated group of Boston Globe staff has spent much of the past year examining our digital and print report, talking with colleagues throughout the newsroom, the company and the wider industry, and creating a blueprint for what the Globe should look like in the future. Below is the latest staff memo on this reinvention process from Globe Editor Brian McGrory. [MORE...](#)

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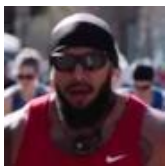
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