

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Press Release

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Statewide...

NO LANE CLOSURES PLANNED FOR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

ATLANTA – To facilitate Thanksgiving holiday travel, the Georgia Department of Transportation is suspending all construction-related lane closures on interstate highways and primary state roads from 5 a.m., Wednesday, through midnight, Sunday.

“Georgians are exceedingly patient with our construction throughout the year,” DOT Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr., says. “We appreciate it very much and enjoy giving them these well-deserved breaks from lane closures. We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving.”

The Department reminds travelers to exercise caution nonetheless as heavy holiday traffic is expected throughout the state. In addition, crews may be working and equipment may be staged in proximity to roadways; and safety concerns may require some long-term lane closures remain in place. Also, incident management or emergency maintenance-related lane closures could become necessary on any route.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to dial 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia’s economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Georgia is the 3rd fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49th in per capita spending on transportation. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

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