

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MEDIA ALERT

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July 4th Weekend Lane Closures Restricted

GEORGIA DOT: EXPECT DELAYS, PLAN AHEAD AND CALL 511 FOR HOLIDAY WEEKEND

ATLANTA— For the July 4th holiday weekend Georgia Department of Transportation is advising motorists to expect delays, plan ahead and be patient.

“We anticipate that with Independence Day falling on Sunday, there will be numerous people extending the weekend,” said Georgia DOT Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr. “Traffic congestion on Thursday and Friday will be heavier than normal, with rush hour beginning as early as 1:00 p.m. in high-volume areas. Monday could also be very busy, with people returning from the long holiday combined with regular rush hour.”

In metro Atlanta, those areas include, but are not limited to the following areas:

- I-75/85 southbound (Downtown Connector)
- I-285 on the top end
- SR 400 in both directions
- I-85 in Gwinnett County
- I-75 in Cobb County
- I-75 Southbound in Clayton and Henry counties

As a reminder, Georgia DOT will suspend construction-related lane closures on all interstates and major state routes from 5a.m. Friday, July 2 until 5 a.m., Tuesday, July 6.

Check the maps on www.georgia-navigator.com for current road conditions, or call 511 on any phone for free, real-time traffic information. Traveler information is also available at www.511ga.org and a toll-free number for callers from outside the state, 1-877-MYGA511 (1-877-694-2511).

Georgia 511 provides statewide traffic conditions, route-specific information and estimated travel times within metro Atlanta. Additionally, 511 callers can access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, Georgia tourism information and 511 systems in neighboring states.

For those preparing to fly, 511 connects callers to airports in Atlanta and Savannah for information on parking, delays or connections to carriers. An automated voice recognition system guides the service, but callers can also reach live operators to report accidents or congestion, request HERO assistance or obtain additional information.

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