



## **GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Press Release**

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*East Central Georgia...*

### **GA DOT REMINDS HOLIDAY TRAVELERS TO EXPECT DELAYS, PLAN AHEAD AND CALL 511**

TENNILLE —Christmas Day is on Saturday this year and Georgia DOT anticipates more travelers than usual during the holiday week and weekend. Motorists should expect congestion near malls and retail centers.

“We anticipate heavy traffic throughout the metro Atlanta area beginning Thursday around noon” said Georgia DOT Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr. “Mall and retail center traffic will be particularly congested. Additionally, many travelers will be returning home over the weekend.”

As a reminder, Georgia DOT will suspend construction-related lane closures on all interstates and major state routes from noon Thursday, December 23 until Monday, December 27 at 5 a.m. Incident management or emergency maintenance-related lane closures could become necessary on any route.

Visit [www.georgia-navigator.com](http://www.georgia-navigator.com) for current road conditions or call 511 from any phone for real-time traffic information. Traveler information is also available at [www.511ga.org](http://www.511ga.org) and 1-877-MYGA511 (1-877-694-2511), toll-free for out of state callers.

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 can connect callers to airports in Atlanta, Augusta 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.

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. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. Georgia is the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49<sup>th</sup> in per capita spending on transportation. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site ([www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov)).

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