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In Observance of Independence Day

GEORGIA DOT SUSPENDS MAJOR LANE CLOSURES IN NORTHWEST GEORGIA

CATERSVILLE, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation will scale back its construction projects across Northwest Georgia – suspending construction-related lane closures on all interstate and major state system highways through Sunday to ease the 4th of July holiday traffic congestion. Beginning at noon Wednesday, July 3 and continuing until 5 a.m. Monday, July 8, 2013, there essentially will be no scheduled lane closures on any Northwest Georgia interstate highway or primary state route.

“We hope this break in construction work will allow motorists to get to and from their holiday destinations with less congestion and less aggravation,” said DeWayne Comer, district engineer at the DOT office in Cartersville. “We understand that a lot of people are hitting the road for the Independence Day holiday and we would like to make it a little easier for them to go through Northwest Georgia,”

The Department noted that some work may continue on lesser-traveled state and local system roads and that incident or emergency maintenance-related lane closures could become necessary on any route.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this maintenance operation 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. For information on the Department of Transportation, visit (www.dot.ga.gov); you also may follow Georgia DOT on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT>) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans>).

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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The Georgia Department of Transportation continues its RoadWorks 2013 construction program. Dozens of important roadway improvement projects are ongoing throughout the state this summer as we work to deliver projects on time and on budget while keeping our transportation network the nation's finest. Pardon the necessary inconvenience and please drive cautiously and safely at all times, especially in work zones.

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