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Georgia DOT mobilizing for Hurricane Matthew damage response

ATLANTA– Statewide, nearly 800 Georgia DOT personnel are prepared to activate and deploy to address residual damage from Hurricane Matthew.

After the storm, once power companies have addressed downed lines, water has receded, bridges have been inspected and it is safe to enter damaged areas, Georgia DOT crews in collaboration with multiple state agency partners will remove trees and clear roadways. In the event of a bridge closing, GDOT crews must wait until waters recede before they can safely inspect the bridge.

Motorists should avoid downed power lines, do not drive through flood waters; do not drive around barricades that are in place for safety; and to a treat non-operational signal as a four-way stop. Please obey law enforcement personnel; and be patient with the process.

It will take time to do inspections and repair damages. Our citizens shouldn't expect to return immediately as there are many unknowns associated with damages.

“We urge motorists to pay attention to warnings and advisories to stay off the roads due to the potential for flash flooding and downed trees,” said Georgia DOT Maintenance Engineer Dale Brantley. “Our crews will work quickly to remove any dangers from the roadway, but we need to be able to get to trouble spots quickly.”

The public should monitor local radio and TV stations for the latest details on weather and roadway conditions.

- GEMHSA.ga.gov for emergency information
- Dot.ga.gov for roadway information
- 511ga.org or call 511 for roadway conditions or to report roadway conditions
- Redcross.org for shelter information

- **GPBnews.org for news alerts and information about evacuation routes and shelter information throughout the state**
- **Overhead changeable message signs and electronic billboards will provide up to the minute information**