

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:

Saturday, October 08, 2016

GDOT Contacts:

Jill Nagel - (912) 424-6643 Mobile

Jill Goldberg – (404) 357-8038 Mobile

Hurricane Matthew Forces Road Closures in Coastal Area

Multiple locations impassable as storm impacts increase

Several roadways are closed in the eastern coastal areas of Georgia and South Carolina as the rain and wind from Hurricane Matthew continues. Currently, the following closures have been reported:

- US 80 from Savannah to Tybee Island is closed due to down trees and power lines.
- I-95 is closed between exit 58 (Wiregrass Trail) and exit 67 (Ocean Highway) in Liberty County due to excessive water.
- I-95 is impassable around the Georgia and South Carolina border due to downed trees and power lines.

In addition to reported road closures and flooding, electric service is out in multiple counties in Georgia along the hurricane route. Please remain off of the roads and wait for the official announcement that roads are safe for passage.

These are current conditions in the impacted areas.

After the storm:

Statewide, 795 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 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.

Motorists are reminded of the hazards of being on the roads during inclement weather that potentially includes high winds, flash flooding, the possibility of downed trees and possible road and bridge closures. If motorists see flash flooding, trees down or other obstructions on roadways or bridges impeding travel, they are urged to call 511 and speak with an operator to report the incident.

For real-time road conditions, call 511 or visit www.511ga.org. For weather information, visit the National Weather Service in Tallahassee, Florida at <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tlh/>, or the National Weather Service in Peachtree City, Georgia at <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ffc/>.

For information about the Georgia Department of Transportation, visit www.dot.ga.gov; you also may follow Georgia DOT on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) (<http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT>) and [Twitter](http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans) (<http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans>).

###