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*Labor Day Weekend Lane Closures Restricted*

## GDOT SUSPENDS LANE CLOSURES FOR THE LAST LONG WEEKEND OF SUMMER

*GDOT: Expect Delays, Plan Ahead and Call 511 for Holiday Weekend Travel Plans*

**ATLANTA** – So that motorists can better enjoy the Labor Day holiday, the Georgia Department of Transportation is suspending construction-related lane closures on the interstates beginning at noon, Friday, August 30, and extending until 5 a.m., Tuesday, September 3.

The Department reminds travelers to exercise caution nonetheless as heavy holiday traffic is expected throughout the state; crews may still be working in proximity to highways; and safety concerns may require some long-term lane closures remain in place. Also, incident management or emergency, maintenance-related lane closures could become necessary at any time on any route.

Motorists can access real-time, statewide, route-specific information on accidents, road work, traffic and weather conditions through **Georgia 511** - a free phone service. By dialing 511, callers also can transfer to operators 24 hours a day to report incidents or request assistance. The system can be used to access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, tourism information and 511 systems in surrounding states. Additionally, 511 is available online. Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, thereby preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information about 511, visit [511ga.org](http://511ga.org). For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov) or subscribe to our Press Release [RSS feed](#). You also may follow us on [Facebook](#) ([www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT](http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT)) and [Twitter](#) (<http://twitter.com/gadepthoftrans>).

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*Labor Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the first Monday in September which celebrates the economic and social contributions of workers. It was first nationally recognized in*

*1894 to placate unionists following the Pullman Strike. The holiday is generally viewed as a time for barbeques and the end of summer vacations.*

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Five-hundred, forty-five fewer people died on Georgia roads in 2012 than in 2005. Highway fatalities have declined in each of the seven years since 2005. The 2012 total-recently finalized in a report to federal officials-was 1,199. By comparison, 2005 deaths were a record high 1,744.

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