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*West Central Georgia...*

**Don't Get Your Tinsel Tangled:**

***Georgia DOT Suspends Lane Closures and Reminds Holiday Travelers to Plan Ahead, Expect Delays and Call 511***

THOMASTON— With Christmas Day falling on a Thursday, the Georgia Department of Transportation anticipates more travelers than usual during the holiday week. Motorists should expect congestion near malls and retail centers throughout the week.

In West Central Georgia, high congestion areas include, but are not limited to the following areas:

- I-75 in both directions in Clayton and Henry Counties
- I-75, I-16 and I-475 in Bibb County
- I-75 in Houston and Dooly Counties and
- I-85 in Coweta County

As a reminder, Georgia DOT will suspend construction-related lane closures on all interstates and major state routes from 5 a.m. Tuesday, December 23 through 10 p.m. Sunday, December 28. Incident management or emergency maintenance-related lane closures could become necessary on any route.

Also, Georgia DOT will suspend construction-related lane closures on all interstates and major state routes from 5 a.m. Wednesday, December 31 through 5 a.m. Friday, January 2, 2015 for New Year holiday travelers in anticipation of increased holiday traffic.

*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 to 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/qadepoftotrans>).*

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