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GEORGIA DOT SUSPENDS CONSTRUCTION-RELATED LANE CLOSURES IN NORTHWEST GEORGIA FOR MEMORIAL HOLIDAY

CARTERSVILLE, 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 to ease Memorial Day weekend traffic congestion. Beginning at noon on Friday, May 22, and extending to 5 a.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2015, there essentially will be no construction-related scheduled lane closures on any Georgia interstate highway or primary state route.

“We hope this suspension of major 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 Memorial Day, the first holiday of the summer travel season, and we would like to make it a little easier for them to go through Northwest Georgia”.

The Department notes 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 travel conditions on Georgia’s 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 us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest) and *Twitter* (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNW>)

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