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GEORGIA DOT SUSPENDS LANE CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Jesup - Georgia Department of Transportation announced today that all scheduled and ongoing construction-related lane closures on state routes would be suspended for the Christmas holiday period. The suspension will begin at 5 a.m., Friday, December 23 and continue until 5 a.m., Tuesday, December 27.

“We anticipate heavy traffic beginning early Friday morning” said Georgia DOT Commissioner Keith Golden “Mall and retail center traffic will be particularly congested. Additionally, many travelers will be returning home over the weekend.”

“Emergency maintenance work in the case of traffic accidents and other unpredictable types of transportation incidents could still cause lane closures and/or delays” said Karon Ivery, district engineer at the Georgia DOT office in Jesup. “We anticipate that a lot of people will be traveling on the roadways for the holidays and we would like to make it a little easier for them to arrive at their destination in a safe and timely matter. Our number one goal is to provide motorist with a safe transportation system” Ivery explained.

Travelers are advised to visit www.511ga.org or call 511 on any phone for free, real-time traffic information. Traveler information is also available at and a toll-free number for callers from outside the state, 1-877-MYGA511.

Georgia 511 provides statewide traffic conditions, route-specific information and estimated travel times. Additionally, 511 callers can access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, Georgia tourism information and 511 systems in neighboring states.

For those preparing to fly, 511 connects callers to airports in Atlanta and Savannah for information on parking, delays or connections to carriers. An automated voice recognition system guides the service, but callers can also reach live operators to report accidents or congestion, request HERO assistance or obtain additional information.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia’s economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Georgia is the 6th fastest growing state in the nation, yet 49th in per capita spending on transportation. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov). Follow the Department on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) (<http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT>) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/gadepoftrans) (<http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans>).

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