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**TDOT Halts Lane Closures During Thanksgiving Holiday Travel Period**

**NASHVILLE –** Thanksgiving travelers will not be delayed by construction on Tennessee roads during this holiday. TDOT will halt all lane closure activity on interstates and state highways in anticipation of higher traffic volumes across the state. All construction-related lane closures will be stopped beginning at noon on Wednesday, November 23, 2022, through 6 a.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022.

“Thanksgiving is typically the most traveled holiday of the year,” said TDOT Commissioner Butch Eley. “Halting road work during this time will provide maximum capacity on our highways and help alleviate congestion, especially during the predicted peak travel days of Wednesday and Sunday. TDOT’s regional HELP Trucks will also be working throughout the holiday weekend to assist with incidents that may occur along the interstates.”

While all lane closure activity will be stopped, workers may be on-site in some construction zones. Long-term lane closures will also remain in place on some construction projects for motorists’ safety. Motorists are reminded to drive safely and obey the posted speeds, especially in work zones. Drivers convicted of speeding in work zones where workers are present face a fine of up to $500, plus court fees and possible increased insurance premiums.

AAA predicts in Tennessee, 1.2 million will take a road trip; an increase of 12,000 people from last year’s holiday and the busiest Thanksgiving since 2019.

Get the latest construction activity and live streaming SmartWay traffic cameras from your desktop or mobile device at [www.TNSmartWay.com/Traffic](http://www.TNSmartWay.com/Traffic). Travelers can also dial 511 from any landline or cellular phone for travel information or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/TN511](http://www.twitter.com/TN511) for statewide travel. As always, drivers are reminded to use all motorist information tools wisely and *Know Before You Go!* by checking travel conditions before leaving for their destination. Drivers should never tweet, text, or talk on a cell phone while behind the wheel.

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