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MOTORISTS ADVISED OF HEAVY TRAFFIC DELAYS FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

SAN BERNARDINO – Caltrans, District 8 is advising motorists that experts are predicting a 4.7% increase in travel nationwide. Memorial Day is traditionally the highest travel day in the Inland Empire region besides Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Caltrans expects lengthy delays on Interstate 15 (I-15) in the Cajon Pass and also State Route's 60, 91, Interstates 10, 210, and 215, beginning Thursday afternoon through Monday evening, May 21 through 25. The projected storm for Thursday and Friday will not make driving any easier!

AAA Highlights from 2015 Memorial Day Travel Forecast

<http://newsroom.aaa.com/2015/05/aaa-37-2-million-americans-kick-summer-memorial-day-getaway/>

- The 2015 Memorial Day forecast is expected to mark the highest travel volume for the holiday in 10 years, since 2005.
- The 4.7 percent increase over Memorial Day 2014 is the highest forecast growth rate for any of the holidays tracked by AAA since Independence Day 2012.
- More than 88 percent of travelers (33 million) will travel by automobile, an increase of 5.3 percent over last Memorial Day.

Caltrans has reviewed traffic volumes from previous Memorial Day Weekends and predicts volumes could increase as much as 1,500 vehicles per hour this Friday on northbound I-15 between Rancho Cucamonga and Hesperia. Delays will be heaviest through Cajon Pass on northbound I-15 Thursday and Friday afternoons and on southbound I-15 Sunday and Monday afternoons.

Also be advised that I-10 travelers to Arizona and back will also experience some travel delays between Indio and Beaumont, more likely westbound I-10 returning on Sunday and Monday.

To accommodate peak travel times on I-15 through the construction zones in the Cajon Pass, Caltrans is adjusting the **crossover lanes** as follows:

- Friday, May 22: 4 lanes southbound I-15 until 9:00 AM, then switch to 4 lanes northbound I-15
- Saturday, May 23: 4 lanes northbound I-15
- Sunday, May 24 @ 6:00 a.m.: 4 lanes southbound I-15
- Monday, May 25: 4 lanes southbound I-15

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If you plan to hit the road this Memorial Day weekend below are some helpful tips:

- Travel in early morning hours if possible – try to leave Thursday -
- BRING WATER! Also bring snacks and necessary medication.
- Have a full tank of gas.
- Make sure your car is in good running condition.
- Bring a charged cell phone (with a car charger).
- Use the restroom before you get on the road – you don't know where you may get stopped for long periods of time.
- Bring patience, please.
- Bring chains if traveling to mountain areas.
- Follow traffic on Caltrans Quickmap <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>
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Know before you go and check local traffic conditions on television, phones, and radio stations. Plan ahead and add extra time before you travel. Have a positive attitude -- relax and enjoy the ride! Follow us on Twitter at caltrans8 or go to www.caltrans8.info and sign up for commuter alerts.

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