



COMMUTER ALERT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOTORISTS ADVISED OF HEAVY TRAFFIC DELAYS FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

SAN BERNARDINO – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is informing motorists that the Auto Club of America (AAA) is predicting that an estimated 38 million Americans will travel over the Memorial Day weekend, an increase of 1.8 percent over 2015.

Caltrans expects lengthy delays on Interstate 15 (I-15) at various locations from Temecula to the Nevada State Line (especially in the Cajon Pass), Interstate 10 (I-10) from Beaumont to Indio, Interstate 40 (I-40) between Barstow and Needles, and heavier than normal delays on State Route's 91, 60, 215, and 210, beginning Thursday afternoon through Monday evening, May 27 through 30.

Caltrans anticipates heaviest delays on northbound I-15 between Rancho Cucamonga and Hesperia (Cajon Pass) on Thursday and Friday afternoons and again on southbound I-15 on Sunday and Monday afternoons. It is also historical that delays are heaviest on westbound I-10 between Indio and Beaumont on Sunday and Monday afternoons into the evening hours.

If you get caught in heavy traffic delays, try and find detour routes to get around the delay or find a safe place to wait for delays to subside. Below are some helpful tips that will assist you in making this a safe and fun travel weekend for everyone.

- ***FIRST – plan ahead and know before you go!*** Monitor traffic and weather reports via social media, television, and radio. Use the Caltrans Quickmap <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/> to monitor traffic and CHP incidents.
- Travel in early morning hours if possible – try to leave Thursday before noon.
- Have a full tank of gas.
- Make sure your car is in good running condition.
 - Check your tires, oil, and windshield washer fluid.
 - Ease up on the gas and save your cash.
- 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.
- Weekend weather is projected to be cooler than normal so layer clothing and bring walking shoes and a coat in case you break down or there is an emergency while driving.
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/>
- ***BRING WATER!*** Also bring snacks and necessary medication
- Please bring your patience and ***IF YOU DRINK – DON'T DRIVE!***

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