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## TRAFFIC & SAFETY TIPS FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

**SAN BERNARDINO** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is advising motorists that Labor Day traffic may impact your weekend. Three day holiday weekends typically bring a spike in traffic, especially when gas prices are lower than past years.

Motorists using highways through the Inland Empire and desert regions such as Interstates 10, 15, 40, and State Routes 91, and 60 will experience delays during peak travel times. Historically peak travel times are Thursday and Friday afternoons for outbound (north and eastward) directions of travel and then Sunday and Monday afternoons (south and westward) for return traffic.

Some of the heaviest delays are expected on Interstate 15 (I-15) in the Cajon Pass, through Barstow, and at the Nevada State line. Interstate 10 (I-10) westbound also experiences heavy traffic between Indio and Beaumont on Sunday and Monday afternoons. Caltrans has placed a moratorium on routine roadwork lane closures from Friday, September 2 at 6:00 a.m. to Tuesday, September 6, at 6:00 p.m.

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.
- If you get caught in heavy traffic delays, try and find detour routes to get around the traffic or find a safe place to wait for delays to subside.
- Leave early in the morning if possible to avoid peak travel times. Have a full tank of gas.
- Make sure your car is in good running condition and can withstand long periods of idling.
- Check your tires, oil, and other fluids before you leave.
- Ease up on the gas and save your cash.
- Bring a charged cell phone (with a car charger).
- Use facilities before you travel or plan ahead for rest stops. Check to see if State Roadside Rest areas are open in advance at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/maintenance/statewidera.html>.
- Turn your air conditioner **off** if you are traveling on an uphill grade and your car starts to overheat.
- Bring water – for yourself, passengers, and pets.
- Bring snacks and medications.
- **NEVER leave anyone, including pets, in a hot vehicle.**

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- Be advised that although it may be sunny, monsoonal weather continues to be active with flash flooding and road closures in desert and mountain regions. **NEVER DRIVE ACROSS RUNNING WATER – TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN!**
- Please bring your patience. **IF YOU DRINK – DON'T DRIVE!**
- **KEEP LITTER INSIDE YOUR CAR AND DISPOSE OF IT IN A TRASH RECEPTACLE.**

Be reminded that fire danger is extremely high. Never throw burning objects or cigarettes out of vehicle windows.

For traffic conditions go to the Caltrans Quick Map at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>.

Check weather at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/>.

Traffic Source: <http://newsroom.aaa.com/2016/06/aaa-americans-will-take-trips-ever-independence-day-weekend/>

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