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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Holiday Travel Tips for the Inland Empire

**Inland Empire** – Caltrans is placing a moratorium on lane closures over the Thanksgiving holiday. There are no *planned* lane closures from Wednesday, November 24 at 6:00 a.m. through Monday, November 29, at 6:00 p.m. Be advised that closures may take place on state highways in the event of emergency work, weather related issues, or other unforeseen events.

To make your trip an enjoyable one, please take a moment to note the following:

- Never drink and drive and always use seatbelts and child restraints.
- Bring chains if you are traveling to mountain areas – it is recommended to have chains in your vehicle during winter months. Make sure your gas tank is full before going up the hill. Go to our website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/trucks/ops-guide/chains.html> for more chain information.
- Chain installers are available on most mountain routes during chain control – please use the Caltrans *approved installers with authorized bibs* – for your safety and to protect your vehicle. Unauthorized vendors are subject to prosecution.
- For long trips – bring water, warm clothing/blankets, medications, snacks, and other necessary items.
- Listen to local radio stations or check traffic reports on television for traffic conditions on the routes you plan to travel.
- Don't go around road closure signs in the event of inclement weather conditions. Never drive through running water or flooded roadways.
- Be a safe and courteous driver. It only adds a few minutes to your travel time and makes it a better drive for everyone.

For traffic information you may go to our website at [www.caltrans8.info](http://www.caltrans8.info) or call "511" from Riverside or San Bernardino. You may also go to [www.IE511.org](http://www.IE511.org).

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