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CHECK FDOT'S 511 FOR ROADWAY INFO DURING TROPICAL STORM KAREN

Florida 511 and FL511.com Updated with Road Closures during Severe Weather

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) reminds travelers in the path of Tropical Storm Karen to prepare for severe weather by checking the Florida 511 Traveler Information System for roadway conditions. Those in the affected area of the state should be prepared for heavy rainfall, gusty winds and possible flooding. The Florida 511 system provides information on traffic conditions, including road closures, traffic incidents and heavy congestion before, during and after severe weather.

The 511 System provides up-to-the-minute coverage on all of Florida's interstates, toll roads and other major metropolitan roadways. In times of severe weather and emergencies, the system also is updated with alerts on roadways not typically covered.

"We strongly urge Florida residents and visitors to prepare for severe weather before storms hit," said Dennis Feltgen, Public Affairs Officer of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

FDOT provides four convenient ways for motorists to check roadway information:

- Call 511 toll free for updates in English and Spanish
- Visit FL511.com with interactive maps, traffic camera images and severe weather information on the [Emergency Info](#) page
- Download the free Florida 511 mobile app for Android or Apple devices
- Follow one of the 12 statewide, regional or roadway-specific feeds on Twitter

FDOT reminds all travelers to check 511 before traveling, have a passenger check 511 or pull over to avoid distracted driving.

Traffic Updates on Twitter

Travelers can get updates on traffic and roadway conditions during severe weather by following the FL511 Twitter feeds:

- [FL511 Statewide](#)
- [FL511 Northeast](#)
- [FL511 Panhandle](#)
- [FL511 Central Florida](#)
- [FL511 Tampa Bay](#)
- [FL511 Southeast](#)

- [FL511 Southwest](#)
- [FL511 I-4](#)
- [FL511 I-10](#)

- [FL511 I-75](#)
- [FL511 I-95](#)
- [FL511 Florida's Turnpike](#)

Safety Tips

- Call 511 before driving or have a passenger call to avoid using a phone while driving.
- Customize your trip at [FL511.com](#) before leaving to minimize time spent on the phone.
- Drive slowly and turn on your lights in low visibility conditions including rain.
- Follow instructions by local officials and law enforcement during road closures and evacuations.
- Always wear a safety belt.
- Don't drink and drive.

Florida 511 Features

- Traffic information on all interstate highways, toll roads and many other metropolitan roadways.
- Commuter travel times and reports on crashes, congestion and construction.
- Public transit, airport and seaport information.
- AMBER, Silver and LEO Alerts (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) Alerts notify the public of the most serious child-abduction cases. Silver Alerts notify the public when law enforcement agencies are searching for missing adults or citizens with cognitive impairments, including Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Alerts notify the public when law enforcement officers are searching for an offender(s) who has seriously injured or killed a law enforcement officer.)
- FL511.com provides travel information, traffic camera views and free personalized services, including customized travel routes and e-mail, text and phone call alerts.
- Voice-activated and touch-tone navigation available when calling 511.
- The 511 phone call and FL511.com website are available in English and Spanish.

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