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Florida 511 Helps Motorists Go Forth on Independence Day

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TALLAHASSEE — Florida residents and visitors heading to Fourth of July activities can use the Florida Department of Transportation's [Florida 511 Traveler Information System](#) to arrive safely and with fewer delays.

Fourth of July is expected to be a very busy holiday for travelers. Indeed, it's shaping up to be the busiest ever. AAA forecasts that more Americans will be on the road, on the rails or in the air during this Independence Day holiday than on any previous July Fourth.

More than 44 million Americans, including 2.3 million Floridians, will be on their way to celebrations, family gatherings, vacations and other activities. That's an increase of 2.9 percent nationally and an increase of nearly 5 percent for Floridians, according to AAA's 2017 Independence Day forecast.

Fortunately, Florida 511 can help. The free service that provides real-time traffic information in English and Spanish about interstates, most toll roads and many major roadways in Florida. Visitors and residents can check the statewide interactive road map on FL511.com or by downloading the free Florida 511 mobile app, available on [Google Play](#) or the [Apple App Store](#).

Users also can register on the website or mobile app for a [My Florida 511](#) personalized services account to create and save door-to-door routes to the beach, theme parks, hotels, entertainment venues, restaurants and other favorite destinations. Each route includes travel time estimates, traffic incident information and the ability to set up custom email or text alerts.

Additional ways to receive traffic information from the Florida 511 system include calling 511 toll-free from any phone within the state, and following one or more of the statewide, regional, roadway-specific or Spanish language [Twitter](#) feeds ([#FL511](#)).

FDOT encourages all drivers to visit the Florida 511 website before leaving or have a passenger check the mobile app to avoid using a phone while driving.

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