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NDDOT urges motorists to drive safely this July Fourth holiday weekend

This weekend is a busy travel weekend for many North Dakotans. The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) urges motorists to use caution this holiday weekend while traveling as road construction projects may still affect travel.

“It’s important for motorists to drive carefully this weekend and allow extra time to reach their destination as there may be delays due to construction and increased traffic,” says Grant Levi, NDDOT Director. “Motorists can get state roadway information including construction projects, by going to www.dot.nd.gov, calling 511 or checking the NDRoads app on your smartphone.”

NDDOT has highway improvement projects in all parts of the state and while a majority of them will be closed during the holiday weekend, NDDOT advises drivers to use caution through the work zones which will still include lane closures, narrow lanes or different driving surfaces.

To ensure the safety of motorists and workers, motorists should follow a few basic tips:

- Don’t speed: Obey posted speed limit at all times, even when workers aren’t present. Pavement conditions may exist that require reduced speeds.
- Be patient: Work zones aren’t present to inconvenience drivers, they’re an important part in maintaining and rebuilding our state’s infrastructure.
- Minimize distractions: Don’t talk on your cell phone, change the radio stations, or do anything that takes your eyes off the road.

NDDOT encourages everyone to have a happy and safe holiday weekend by designating a sober driver and wearing your seat belt.