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**ALDOT Limits Road Construction for Thanksgiving Holiday
Urges Motorists to Drive Safely**

(Montgomery, Ala.) - Travelers on Alabama's roadways can expect higher traffic volumes as the holiday season begins. For the safety of the traveling public, construction industry workers and maintenance crews, the Alabama Department of Transportation will have no temporary lane closures on interstates after noon Wednesday, Nov. 23 through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27.

Throughout the year, ALDOT limits road construction during major holidays. Emergency lane closures may be possible, depending on specific circumstances on interstates and other state roadways.

"Thanksgiving is typically the most traveled holiday of the year," said Allison Green, Drive Safe Alabama coordinator for ALDOT. "Halting road work during this time will help alleviate congestion on Alabama highways. Drivers can do their part to make sure they get their passengers to their holiday celebration safely by focusing on their responsibilities behind the wheel."

ALDOT asks motorists to drive safely and offers the following road safety tips and information:

- 1) Do not drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
Designating a sober driver before drinking is key to preventing deadly crashes.
- 2) Buckle up, every seat, every time.
Surviving a crash is much more likely when wearing a seatbelt. More than 50 percent of people dying in crashes in Alabama are not wearing a seatbelt.
- 3) Limit distractions.
A driver who is distracted is 23 times more likely to get into a crash than someone who is driving alert.

Motorists planning their holiday travel route can find Alabama traffic and road condition information at www.ALGOtraffic.com or by downloading the ALGO Traffic app. ALDOT asks motorists to use ALGO Traffic responsibly. Drivers should never text, tweet, or use a mobile device while operating a vehicle.
