

Construction halted, drunk-driving crackdown during holiday weekend

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MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Transportation plans to freeze construction on most major highways due to heavy traffic expected during the upcoming Labor Day weekend.

Motorists will still encounter lane restrictions and possible traffic delays at the Milwaukee Zoo Interchange along with other areas where construction is in the works.

WisDOT encourages drivers to be patient and careful when driving through these areas, especially during peak travel times, which are likely to be noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Monday.

“To prevent crashes, drivers must slow down, pay attention and not tailgate when approaching and traveling through work zones,” said Don Greuel, WisDOT’s chief project services engineer.

WisDOT also plans to have a strong patrol force on the streets all weekend, given that 10 people died in 10 Wisconsin traffic crashes in Wisconsin during last year’s Labor Day weekend.

Nearly 400 law enforcement agencies throughout the state will be out in force to control traffic safety and arrest drunken drivers during the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign, according to David Pabst, director of the WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety.

The State Patrol also will be using its aircraft for aerial enforcement. The dates, times and locations of many of the aerial enforcement missions will be announced in advance on Twitter (@WisconsinDOT).

Those traveling should be aware of other delays they might encounter on Wisconsin roadways, which would include: Lane closures on Interstate 94’s north-south corridor in Kenosha County; lanes closures on the Highway 20 interchange in Racine County; the Hoan Bridge in downtown Milwaukee; the Madison Beltline in Dane County; Highway 73 in Dane County’s closures between I-39/90 and Highway 12/18; I-90 near La Crosse; Bong Bridge between Duluth and Superior; Highway 41 in Winnebago County; the Highway 141 bridge over the Wausaukee River’s closure heading southbound; and Lineville Road and Shawano Avenue interchanges closed in Brown County.

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