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NDOT Reminds Everyone to Travel Safe this Thanksgiving

November 21, 2018 (Lincoln, Neb.) — The holiday season brings extra warmth to our homes, but colder temperatures and winter weather can cause hazardous traveling conditions. The Nebraska Department of Transportation plans for the safety of our travelers by monitoring weather and road conditions while actively communicating potential weather threats. Although the forecast for much of the state looks decent this Thanksgiving weekend, chances of rain and snow has NDOT staff standing by to keep your journey safe.

“The holiday season is upon us, which means more vehicles on the roads as people travel to be with friends and family,” said Kyle Schneweis, director of the Nebraska Department of Transportation. “We want everyone to arrive safe. The NDOT and our partners work tirelessly to keep Nebraska’s roads clear, and drivers can help as we work to provide the safest journey possible by preparing for and staying engaged in the drive.”

No matter the forecast, NDOT will be ready to tackle whatever weather may appear. Drivers are encouraged to plan ahead, take their time and check conditions available through 511, Nebraska’s Advanced Traveler Information System. The system is available at all times via Nebraska 511’s smartphone app, online at: www.511.nebraska.gov or by dialing 511 on your mobile device within the state, or if dialing from a landline or outside Nebraska at 1-800-906-9069.

Still, weather isn’t the only safety factor drivers need to remember:

- Stay Engaged: It’s easy to get caught up in the excitement of trip; stay engaged and avoid distractions.
- Enjoy the Journey: Drive rested, take your time and enjoy the beauty of Nebraska.
- Make a Plan: If the holidays bring too much cheer, ensure you have a plan that doesn’t involve our law enforcement partners.



And remember, protect yourself and your loved ones. Always buckle up.

For more safe-driving tips, visit dot.nebraska.gov/safety/driving. As a reminder, the NSP Highway Helpline is available 24 hours per day for motorists in need of assistance. Drivers can reach NSP by dialing *55 from any cell phone. Call 911 for any emergency.

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