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Most main highways open for Labor Day Holiday

Starting at about noon Friday (9/4), road construction crews will be packing up their equipment and pulling back orange barrels to accommodate travelers over the Labor Day weekend. While most main highways will be open for the holiday, motorists will find lane restrictions on I-90 near Tomah and west of La Crosse, and on I-43 east of Beloit. Peak travel periods are expected to occur between noon and 8 p.m. on both Friday and Monday (9/7). Motorists will still see some speed reductions, lane shifts, and possible congestion at several locations where long-term improvement projects are underway. More info can be found at:

www.dot.wisconsin.gov/opencms/export/nr/modules/news/news_1567.html_786229440.html.

Another safe, record-setting month on state roadways

According to preliminary data, the 52 traffic fatalities reported along state roadways last month make it the safest August since the end of World War II. Through the first eight months of this year, traffic crashes have claimed 350 lives in Wisconsin – down 52 over the same period a year ago and down 125 from the five-year average.

DMV offices closed Friday (9/4)

As part of the furlough implementation process for state employees, all DMV customer service centers, phone centers and central office services will be closed on Friday (9/4). DMV customers are reminded that a variety of business can be conducted on the DMV Web site at www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/online.htm. The DMV's automated phone system will remain available for road test appointments and to listen to recorded information. Titling and registration services are also offered by many third-party partners, including some police stations, grocery stores, and financial institutions.

Time to replace faded Sesquicentennial plates

If you're among the 185,000 Wisconsin residents who still have a Sesquicentennial license plate and find that the plate is fading, it's a good idea to have it replaced. More than 440,000 of the special plates were issued to celebrate Wisconsin's 150th anniversary in 1998. Regular, non-personalized Sesquicentennial plates that have become difficult to read can be ordered free of charge via the DMV's Web site: www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/vehicles/plates/replaceplate.htm (Form MV2118).

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