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UPDATE: MDOT Roadway Information Due to Flooding

JACKSON, MISS. -- The Mississippi Department of Transportation would like to inform motorists of the following roadway information regarding the Mississippi River high flood waters.

MDOT is working in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide accurate information regarding the high flood water at the Mississippi River. MDOT continuously works to update survey data along with the Corps of Engineers who are updating their inundation maps to identify the affected roadways.

“The reports we’re getting from the Corps of Engineers and MEMA indicate that the rising waters are not slowing down any time soon,” said Central District Transportation Commissioner Dick Hall. “I encourage everyone in the areas likely to flood to heed our warnings, secure your belongings, and evacuate while you can. The rising water will make many routes impassable. Please follow www.gomdot.com for the latest updates on the road closures.”

Below is a list of present road closures, probable and possible future closures, for MDOT maintained routes due to the Mississippi River flooding. This list will be updated continually and is subject to change if predicted water levels change. MDOT intends to keep all roads open until they become affected by high flood waters.

CURRENT ROAD CLOSURES

- SR 465 – Warren & Issaquena County between US 61 & Eagle Lake – CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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PROBABLE FUTURE ROAD CLOSURES

- US 61 -Warren & Claiborne Counties- South of Vicksburg, North of Port Gibson, at the Big Black River crossing – no estimated date available at this time.
- US 61 -Warren County – North of Vicksburg at the US 61/SR 3 intersection near Redwood – estimated closure date is May 14.
- US 61 -Warren County – North of Vicksburg at the US 61/SR 465 intersection north of Yazoo River Bridge near Redwood – estimated closure date is May 15.
- SR 3 -Warren County – approximately 2.3 miles north of the US 61/SR 3 intersection – estimated closure date is May 15.
- SR 3 – Yazoo County - Starting approximately 0.65 miles north of the SR 3/SR 433 intersection and continuing northward for 2 miles –near Satartia – estimated closure date is May 19.
- SR 16 / SR 149 (Old Hwy 49W) - Yazoo County – Whittington Auxiliary Channel near Wolf Lake to Yazoo River
 - Between Whittington Levee & Erickson Rd. estimated closure date is **May 12.**
 - Between Erickson Rd. and Yazoo River estimated closure date is May 14.
- US 49W - Humphreys & Yazoo Counties – Whittington Auxiliary Channel South of Silver City to Yazoo River – estimated closure date is May 16.
- SR 1 – Sharkey/Issaquena County – West of US 61 at the SR 1/SR 465 intersection – no estimated date available at this time.
- SR 16/County Road 16 – Sharkey County – in the vicinity of Delta National Forrest – no estimated date available at this time.

ROADS PREDICTED TO REMAIN OPEN

- SR 3 – Yazoo County – at Yazoo City.
- US 49E – Yazoo and Holmes County – North of Eden.
- US 49E – Yazoo County – near Mississippi Chemical.

MDOT would also like to remind the public that a portion of I-20 near Edwards is closed to wide load traffic. This information is vital due to possible critical relief efforts in case of an emergency due to flooding.

MDOT would like to remind motorists to visit the website at www.goMDOT.com for a list of road closures and probable future closures due to flooding.

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For the most up-to-date information in your area, please visit www.MSTraffic.com and sign up for your traffic alerts. Also, visit <http://www.mstraffic.com/mobile> to get the latest traffic information from MSTraffic.com on your mobile device. MDOT advises the public to pull off the road to a safe location if you need to check the MSTraffic.com website while driving. MDOT's number one concern is the safety of the traveling public. For more information, contact the MDOT Public Affairs Division at 601-359-7074.

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