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UPDATE: MDOT Roadway Information Due to Flooding

CLINTON, Miss.—The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) would like to notify motorists of the following roadway information update.

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

“Motorists in and around the Eagle Lake community will be happy to hear that water has finally receded from the pavement along Highway 465,” said Central District Transportation Commissioner Dick Hall. “MDOT crews are working diligently to expedite the cleanup process, and we expect the roadway to reopen mid to late June. Again, I would like to thank residents for their patience during this process and encourage them to continue checking www.gomdot.com for the latest updates on re-openings.”

Flooded Highway Status Report (6-13-2011)

A BRIEF WORD ABOUT RE-OPENING HIGHWAYS—MDOT crews have been busy opening roads and preparing others for re-opening. We will continue to monitor floodwater levels on roadways that remain inundated to estimate when they may be re-opened. These estimates will be revisited on a regular basis and revised as needed. These dates are merely estimates based on the most current information and should be used for planning purposes only. Be sure to check www.gomdot.com for updates.

- SR 465 – Warren & Issaquena County between US 61 & Eagle Lake (10 miles). Estimated opening date: mid to late June.
 - Floodwaters have completely receded from the pavement on this section of highway. MDOT crews are busy inspecting roadways and bridges. Cleanup efforts have begun as well. Inspections have revealed several areas that are in need of repair before this segment can be reopened.

Re-Opened Highways

(Extreme caution should be used due to soft shoulders and standing water in adjacent areas)

- SR 16 / SR 149 (Old Hwy 49W)—Yazoo County—Whittington Auxiliary Channel to Erickson Road (2.0 miles). Opened June 10.

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- US 61—Warren and Claiborne Counties—South of Vicksburg at the Big Black River (4.5 miles). Opened June 3.
- US 49W—Humphreys and Yazoo Counties—Whittington Channel south of Silver City to Yazoo River (10 miles). Opened June 1.
- US 61/SR 3—Warren County—North of Vicksburg at the US 61/SR 3 intersection near Redwood to Backwater Levee (4.5 miles). Opened June 1.
- SR 16 / SR 149 (Old Hwy 49W)—Yazoo County—Erickson Road to Yazoo River (7 miles). Opened June 1.
 - This segment is open to local traffic only until the remaining segment near the Whittington Channel is re-opened at a later date.
- SR 24—Wilkinson County near Fort Adams. Opened June 1.

GRAND GULF EVACUATION ROUTE CHANGES:

- US 61 - Claiborne County—Due to flooding on US 61, Sectors 1, 2A and 2B will use SR 462 to SR 27.

MDOT would also like to remind the public that a portion of I-20 near Edwards is closed to wide load traffic, and Highway 27 has a width restriction of 12 feet between Utica and Vicksburg.

MDOT reminds motorists to visit the website at www.goMDOT.com for a list of road closures and highway reopening dates. Call (866) 521-6368 or (601) 359-7074 for roadway information.

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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