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**FDOT HELPS RACE FANS, TRAVELERS NAVIGATE SPEEDWEEKS TRAFFIC
WITH 511**

Up-To-Date Speedweeks Traffic Available via Phone, Online, with Mobile App and on Twitter

TALLAHASSEE, FL – Motorists should expect additional traffic in the Daytona Beach area this weekend and the following Thursday through Sunday as hundreds of thousands of race fans make their way to Daytona International Speedway for Speedweeks.

With several races leading up to the Daytona 500, the Speedway likely will be a popular destination during the next two weekends. Drivers should be prepared for increased congestion on I-4 and I-95 in Volusia County, especially this Saturday, February 16, and next Thursday through Sunday, February 21-24, when the Speedway expects its largest crowds.

“Daytona International Speedway is excited to welcome hundreds of thousands of race fans to Daytona Beach for Speedweeks and the 55th annual Daytona 500,” said Daytona International Speedway President Joie Chitwood III. “We continue to work with the Florida Department of Transportation and Florida Highway Patrol to offer multiple routes for race fans to safely travel to and from the Speedway. We also encourage fans to use the Florida 511 Traveler information System to get up-to-the-minute information on congestion and detours around Daytona International Speedway.”

During peak Speedweeks traffic, FDOT suggests travelers not heading to the Daytona Beach area consider using S.R. 44 as detour if traveling on I-95 northbound to I-4 or I-4 eastbound to I-95 southbound.

FDOT also encourages race fans and travelers in the area to check the Florida 511 Traveler Information System before hitting the road to stay up-to-date on crashes, congestion, construction and more. The 511 system provides information on all of Florida’s interstates, toll roads and other major metropolitan roadways, including those near the Speedway, such as I-4 and I-95.

There are four convenient ways for travelers to receive traffic updates, including:

- Calling 511 toll free for updates in English and Spanish.

- Visiting FL511.com, with interactive roadway maps showing traffic congestion, travel times and crashes.
- Downloading the free Florida 511 app on [iTunes](#).
- Following one of the 12 statewide, regional or roadway-specific feeds on [Twitter](#).

For custom alerts, travelers can sign up for My Florida 511 personalized services on FL511.com. Users can register their route online to hear information on that route first when calling 511. With personalized services, travelers also can register to receive traffic alerts via phone call, text message or email.

FDOT reminds all travelers to check 511 before hitting the road, have a passenger check 511 while driving or pull over to avoid distracted driving.

Traffic Updates on Twitter

For traffic updates for the Daytona Beach area via Twitter, FDOT encourages travelers to follow the Florida 511 Twitter feeds covering Central Florida and its roadways including:

- [FL511 Statewide](#)
- [FL511 I-4](#)
- [FL511 Central](#)
- [FL511 I-95](#)

Safety Tips

- Call 511 before driving or have a passenger call to avoid using a phone while driving.
- Customize your trip at FL511.com before leaving to minimize time spent on the phone.
- Allow ample time to reach your destination if traveling to or near the Daytona Beach area during on the days when traffic is expected to be the heaviest.
- Always wear a safety belt.
- Don't drink and drive.

Florida 511 Features

- Traffic information on all interstate highways, toll roads and many other metropolitan roadways.
- Commuter travel times and reports on crashes, congestion and construction.
- Public transit, airport and seaport information.
- AMBER, Silver and LEO Alerts (Silver Alerts notify the public when law enforcement agencies are searching for missing adults or citizens with cognitive impairments, including Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Alerts notify the public when law enforcement officers are searching for an offender(s) who has seriously injured or killed a law enforcement officer.)
- FL511.com provides travel information, traffic camera views and free personalized services, including customized travel routes and e-mail, text and phone call alerts.
- Voice-activated and touch-tone navigation available when calling 511.
- The 511 phone call and FL511.com website are available in English and Spanish.

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