

Tells Where Travel Will Be Heaviest

Highway Dept. Forecasts Heavy Weekend Traffic

LANSING -- Anticipating unusually heavy traffic over the Labor Day weekend, the Department of State Highways is preparing to clear all state highways of any unnecessary obstructions.

Henrik E. Stafseth, State Highway Director, has issued instructions to district and project engineers to halt all road and bridge construction projects by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 30.

They also were directed to eliminate all one-way traffic bottlenecks and to inspect temporary routes, signs and barricades where work is in progress.

EARTH-MOVING equipment or trucks carrying road construction material will not be permitted to travel on or cross highways between Friday night and Tuesday morning. Work will be permitted to proceed only on interstates and on sections of highways closed to traffic.

Construction will not be resumed until Tuesday morning, Sept. 3.

Technicians of the Department's Traffic and Safety Section estimate that motorists will travel a total of 512 million miles over Michigan's city streets and rural highways between 6 p.m., Friday and midnight Monday of the Labor Day weekend, an increase of eight percent over the same period of 1967.

Nearly 152 million miles of that total will be driven on Monday, an increase of 10 percent over the total mileage driven on Labor Day of 1967.

According to their predictions, all main routes to the north will carry heavy to extremely heavy traffic from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday. Both US-27 and Interstate 75 will carry moderate to heavy northbound traffic Saturday morning.

They also predict that all main routes in the western part of the Lower Peninsula will carry heavy concentrations of travel trailer and boat trailer traffic northbound on Friday afternoon and evening and southbound on Monday from noon to 10 p.m.

The current boom in Coho salmon fishing from Ludington, Manistee, Frankfort and other Lake Michigan ports will contribute to the concentration of boat trailers on state highways leading to the area.

FOR THE UPPER Peninsula, Department records for the first six months of 1968 show increases in traffic of 10.2 percent on the Mackinac Bridge, 18.5 percent on US-2 and 14.8 percent on Interstate 75 between St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie over the first six months of 1967.

To provide guidelines for motorists planning Labor Day weekend excursions, the State Highway Department has issued the following weekend traffic forecasts for all principal state highways in the Lower Peninsula:

NORTHBOUND

Interstate 75, Ohio state line to Detroit. No serious problems. Heaviest volume of northbound traffic will occur on Monday, with 1,200 to 1,500 vehicles per hour between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., as Detroit residents return home.

Interstate 75, Detroit to Flint. Heavy volume on Friday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., especially heavy between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., with 2,500 to 3,000 vehicles per hour and some congestion.

Interstate 75, Flint to Bay City. Heavy volume on Friday from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., very heavy between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., with 2,000 to 2,500 vehicles per hour and some congestion. Moderately heavy volume on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Interstate 75, Bay City to Standish. No serious problems. Moderately heavy volume on Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Completion of Interstate 75 in this area will relieve congestion of previous years. Motorists planning to use M-76 from the terminus of Interstate 75 at Standish should avoid Friday afternoon and evening hours.

US-10, Bay City to Clare. Heavy volume from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday.

M-76, Standish to M-55. Heavy volume from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, with 600 to 800 vehicles per hour between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. Passing will be difficult. Some congestion. In the first six months of 1968, traffic on M-76 has shown a 10 percent increase over the corresponding period of 1967.

US-23, Ohio state line to Interstate 75 at Brighton. Moderately heavy traffic on after-

noon and evening of Friday. No serious problems.

US-23, from Interstate 96 to Interstate 75 at Flint. Heavy volume from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, with 1,200 to 1,500 vehicles per hour between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. No serious problems.

US-23, from Standish north and east along Lake Huron shore. No problems. Heaviest volumes will occur in evening hours.

Interstate 69, US-27 and US-127, state line north to Lansing. No serious problems. Moderately heavy traffic in the afternoon and evening of Friday.

US-27, Lansing to Clare. Heavy northbound traffic from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday. Probable congestion in the Lansing area between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

US-27, Clare to Grayling. Heavy traffic from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday.

US-27 and Interstate 75, Grayling to the Mackinac Bridge. Moderately heavy volume from 8 p.m. to midnight on Friday. No problems.

M-66, Interstate 96 to M-46. Heavy volume from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. Passing very difficult.

US-131, Rockford north to Reed City. Volume will be very heavy with considerable congestion on Friday.

US-31. Volumes will be heavy in Ludington, Manistee and Traverse City areas from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and moderately heavy on other undivided sections of US-31.

M-37. Heavy volumes from Grand Rapids to Baldwin between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Friday.

SOUTHBOUND

Interstate 75, Standish to Bay City. Moderately heavy volume Monday afternoon. No problems.

Interstate 75, Bay City to Flint. Extremely heavy volume and congestion from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday. Volumes of 2,500 to 3,000 vehicles per hour. Heavy volumes will prevail from noon to midnight.

Interstate 75, Flint to Detroit. Very heavy volumes on Monday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

US-27, Grayling to Clare. Heavy volume from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, with peak hours from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. with volumes of 2,000 to 2,500 vehicles per hour in the Houghton Lake area.

US-27, Clare to Lansing. Heavy volume from 3 p.m.

to 6 p.m. on Monday. Probable congestion in Lansing area.

US-27, US-127 and Interstate 69, Lansing to the state line. Moderately heavy traffic on Monday afternoon and evening. No problems.

M-66, M-46 to Interstate 96. Heavy volumes from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday. Passing will be very difficult.

US-131, Reed City to Rockford. Very heavy volumes from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, with congestion, especially in the south of this area. Passing extremely difficult.

M-37, Baldwin to Grand Rapids. Very heavy volume from noon to 9 p.m., with probable congestion. Passing extremely difficult because of travel trailers and boat trailers.

US-31, Manistee to Montague. Undivided highway. Volumes will be heavy from noon to 8 p.m. on Monday. Passing very difficult. Heavy concentration of travel trailers and boat trailers.

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Below are a variety of ways to arrange marigold bouquets this summer. For massed effects, the big, buxom flowers are easy to arrange and breathtaking in their beauty. They may be regaled alone, or combined with other round flowers such as large chrysanthemums, dahlias, oriental poppies, zinnias, calendulas and chrysanthemums. These circular forms, found so frequently throughout all of nature, make a natural center of interest to the eye.

ORANGE - RED-AND-GOLD compositions can be made with marigolds, snapdragons, hardy chrysanthemums, rudbeckias, calendulas and yellow or orange cosmos, all readily available at the florist shop.

Large-flowered marigolds make bold compositions. Some species are an exuberant fifteen inches high.

If you want smaller compositions for informal tables and deep window sills, select the miniature varieties they are called French marigolds, and place in pottery jars, jars or pitchers, or metal or wooden containers of peasant design. For an outdoor barbecue, fill a copper pot with daisies and red and orange marigolds.

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