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Winter Weather Congestion Alert

NJDOT recommends avoiding unnecessary travel on Thursday Winter weather expected to effect the morning and afternoon commutes

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today issued a **Winter Weather Congestion Alert** based on the forecast for heavy snow throughout the state tomorrow, Thursday, February 18, which may result in difficult driving conditions for the morning and afternoon commutes.

Snow is expected to begin overnight before the morning commute, with periods of heavy snow forecast during the day. Precipitation is expected to continue through the afternoon commute and into Friday.

Motorists are advised to work from home if possible and avoid unnecessary travel tomorrow as road conditions may be challenging.

NJDOT will be deploying the necessary resources in advance of the storm, and is coordinating with the NJ State Police, NJ Transit and the toll road authorities to ensure the most effective response to the storm.

In order for NJDOT and our regional and local transportation partners to safely and efficiently clear roadways of snow and ice, motorists should avoid driving unless you are an essential employee needed for emergency response. If you must drive, motorists are advised to:

- **SLOW DOWN**, and obey posted speed limits
 - Always STAY CLEAR of plowing and spreading trucks. If they are behind you, let them pass
 - DO NOT pass between trucks that are in a plow formation
 - Leave early and allow extra time
 - Leave a safe following distance between vehicles
 - Use caution on bridges and ramps
 - If you are driving and road conditions deteriorate, PULL OFF somewhere safe and wait it out
 - Be patient and use caution
 - Keep an emergency kit in your car with a cell phone charger, water, snacks and other items.
- See the NJ Office of Emergency Managements web site for more information:

<http://ready.nj.gov/plan-prepare/winter.shtml>

NJDOT will be using Variable Message Signs throughout the storm to provide updates. Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news and updates follow us on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#) or on Twitter [@NewJerseyDOT](#).

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