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511NJ begins providing real-time travel times to Shore destinations

(Trenton) - The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced that it has begun posting current travel times to various Jersey Shore destinations through NJDOT's 511NJ web page and phone system.

By visiting 511nj.org or calling 511, motorists will see or hear current trip times to Jersey Shore destinations that reflect up-to-the-minute traffic conditions. Travel-time information will be provided along three main corridors to the Shore: the Garden State Parkway, Interstate 195 and the Atlantic City Expressway.

In the future, similar information will be posted online and offered over the phone for trips along other state highways.

"Real-time trip information gives New Jersey residents and visitors the ability to avoid or at least limit exposure to roadway congestion by adjusting departure times," said Commissioner James Simpson. "This is just a first step in our plan to use technology to give motorists the tools to better manage their travel plans throughout the state."

On www.511nj.org, visitors will see an updated, dynamic list of travel times to and from the following areas:

Raritan Toll Plaza (Sayreville)
via the Garden State Parkway to:

Exit 117/Sandy Hook
Exit 98/Belmar
Exit 63/Long Beach Island
Exit 38/Atlantic City
Exit 28/Ocean City
Exit 0/Cape May

Trenton via I-195 & GSP to:

Exit 117/Sandy Hook
Exit 98/Belmar
Exit 63/Long Beach Island
Exit 38/Atlantic City
Exit 28/Ocean City
Exit 0/Cape May

Camden via the Atlantic City Exp.
and Garden State Parkway to:

Exit 63/Long Beach Island
Exit 38/Atlantic City
Exit 28/Ocean City
Exit 0/Cape May

By simply clicking the "down arrow" in the upper right hand corner of the widget, visitors can choose any one of these locations and the list will re-populate with current travel times to or from that location.

On the 511 phone system, callers will hear an additional menu option called "Shore Traffic." When a caller asks for Shore Traffic, they will hear a list of choices for travel times, in both directions, along the Garden State Parkway, I-195 and the Atlantic City Expressway.

After each travel time is played, the caller will also have the ability to request "details" about an incident or congestion that may be happening along these roadways.

NJDOT reminds motorists that using a cell phone while driving without a hands-free device is against the law and a primary offense.

For more information visit www.511NJ.org.