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mation to assist in developing a preparedness plan such as evacuation routes, contraflow information, radio coverage areas through Mississippi Public Broadcasting and important contact information from the Mississippi Highway Patrol, American Red Cross, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and bordering state DOTs and highway patrols. Individuals and families will find vital resources on shelters, pet care, lodging and travel resources.

"MDOT urges the public to take action and gather the essential items they may need to safely evacuate before a hurricane," said Melinda McGrath, P.E., MDOT executive director. "It's important to have both supplies and important documents available for when the time comes."

If a hurricane forces an evacuation along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, it's important for residents to have a plan already in place. Evacuation routes will likely see a sudden increase in traffic volume. Motorists will want to be on the road with enough time to get to their destination safely.

When a hurricane is coming:

· Shut off utilities and propane tanks

· Fill tub with water

· Unplug appliances and electronics

· Listen to advice from emergency officials

· Notify neighbors and family of your evacuation plans

· Stay with friends, relatives or at inland hotels. Go to shelters only as a last resort.

· Leave mobile homes in any case.

Along with how to secure homes for a hurricane, MDOT offers disaster kit checklists and instructional videos on how to get prepared at GoMDOT.com/hurricanes.

"A majority of hurricanes that have hit land struck the Gulf Coast," said Commissioner King. "MDOT is ready to provide support in the event of a hurricane and our workers are often the very first responders cutting the path for emergency and medical personnel to respond."

During the storm, the public can stay updated on live travel and weather information 24/7 with MDOT's free travel resources. Visit MDOTtraffic.com or download the MDOT Traffic Mobile App. Follow @MississippiDOT on social media along with the hashtag #HurricaneStrong this Hurricane Season.

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