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Jefferson City, Missouri - As the freezing rain, sleet and snow makes it way into Missouri over the next 24 hours, the Missouri department of Transportation reminds motorists to use caution and avoid travel if possible.

The variety of winter precipitation expected means that roads could become covered with snow and ice as this storm moves through the state. MoDOT crews are prepared for the storm, with trucks and equipment mobilized and ready to go.

Once the winter weather starts, the department works around the clock to plow and treat Missouri's most traveled roads, including interstates, U.S. highways, and other high traffic routes.

One of the smartest things motorists can do during a winter weather event is stay safely at home, avoiding any necessary travel. Should you attempt to travel, take your phone and winter survival supplies, including blankets, extra clothing and food. If you do become stranded, stay with your vehicle and call 911.

Stay informed about the weather conditions by using MoDOT's Traveler Information Map, available online at <http://www.modot.org/> or through the new

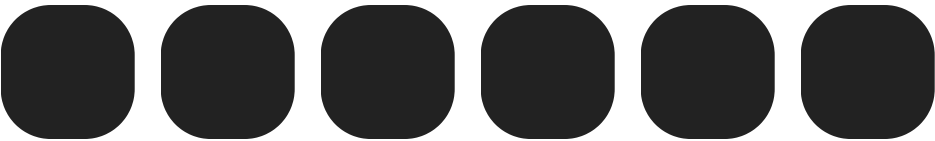
smartphone app. The map offers current views of road conditions for Missouri interstates and highways.

Motorists can also call MoDOT's customer service center for road conditions at 1-888-ASK-MODOT. The number is toll-free and is answered 24-hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

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