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MassDOT to open HOV, Sumner Tunnel lanes for holiday weekend

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The state Department of Transportation will open high occupancy travel lanes on I-93 South and in the Sumner Tunnel for the holiday weekend.

The HOV lane on I-93 South between Boston and Quincy will be open from 5 to 10 a.m, the normal morning hours, on Thursday and Friday. It will open at 2 p.m. Thursday and 1 p.m. Friday for the afternoon commute. On Monday, the lane will be open during normal hours, 5-10 a.m. and 3-8 p.m.

The Sumner Tunnel Swing Lane will be open from 1 p.m. on Friday to 5 a.m. on Monday.

Drew Carlson, public affairs specialist for AAA Northeast, said that the best thing travelers can do to avoid heavy traffic this weekend is plan ahead.

“It’s always better to leave earlier than later. Friday will be the busiest time to leave from 4 to 6 p.m.,” Carlson said. “You can see congestion being almost double what it usually is with people leaving town ahead of the long weekend.”

The MBTA will operate on a normal weekday schedule on Monday.