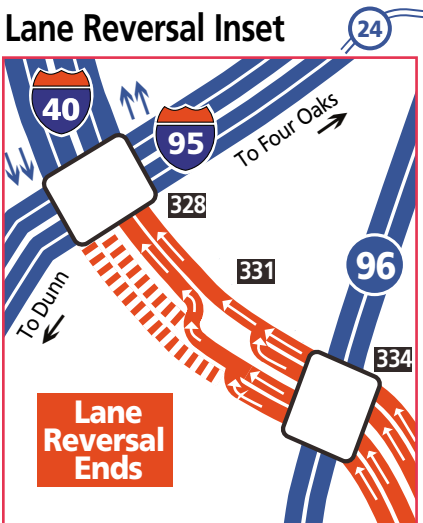
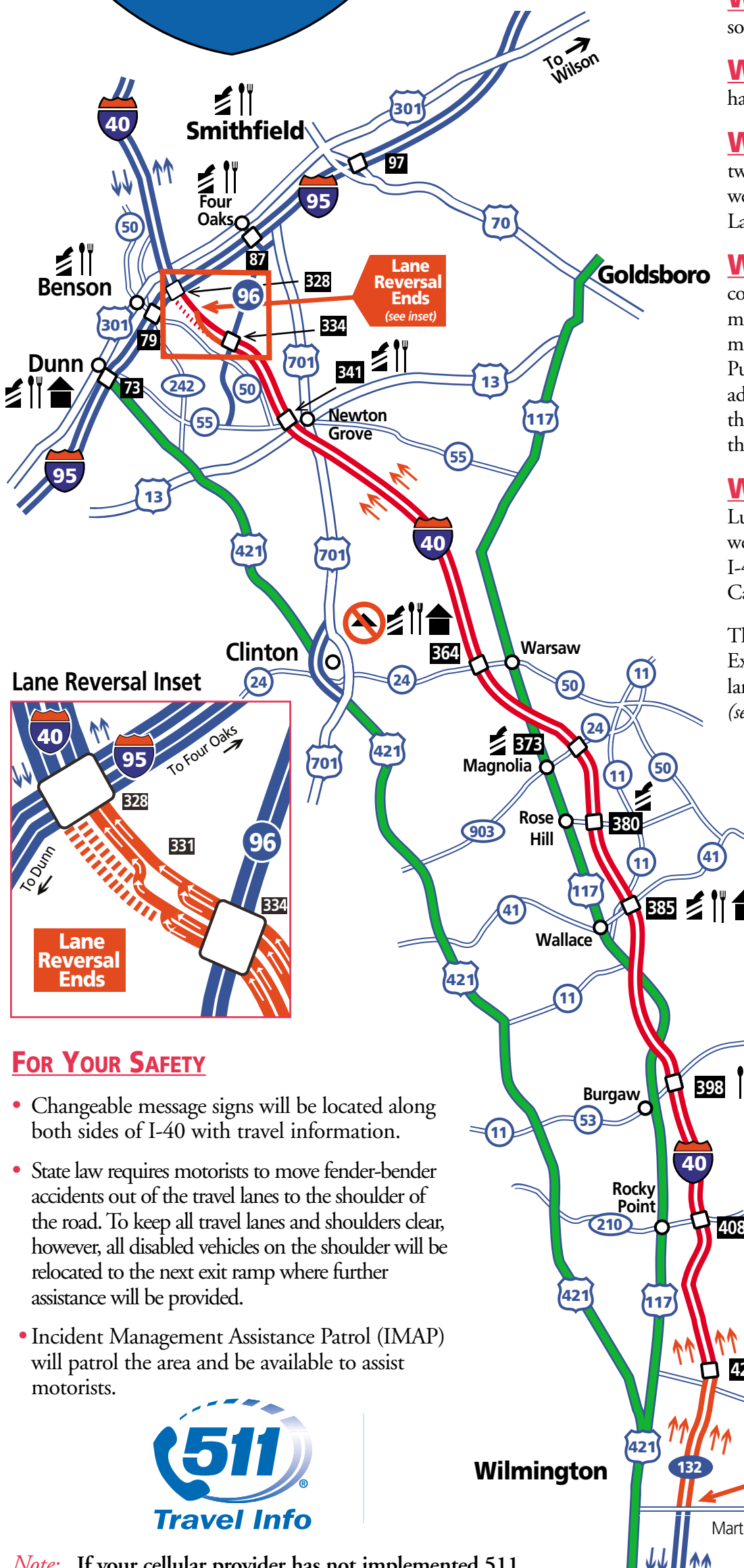




**SOUTHEASTERN COASTAL AREA
NORTH CAROLINA**

Lane Reversal Hurricane Evacuation Plan



WHO This plan will affect motorists evacuating from the southeastern coastal area of North Carolina.

WHY To help move citizens safely and efficiently out of harm's way during large-scale evacuations.

WHAT If this plan is activated, I-40 East will be reversed to carry two lanes of westbound traffic. Traffic in the reversed lanes and regular westbound lanes will be able to exit and access I-40 at most exits. Law enforcement will be posted at each exit.

WHEN The reversal will be considered only when the southeastern coast of North Carolina is threatened by a major hurricane and mandatory evacuations are issued. A decision to reverse I-40 will be made jointly by the secretaries of Transportation and Crime Control & Public Safety, in consultation with the Governor of North Carolina. In addition to the strength of the storm, other factors to be considered in the decision include projected land fall and the population remaining at the time the mandatory evacuation is ordered.

WHERE The reversal will begin in Wilmington at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway/College Road (N.C. 132) intersection. Traffic westbound on MLK, Jr. Parkway would be directed onto westbound I-40. Traffic northbound on College Road (such as from UNC-W and Carolina Beach) would be directed onto the reversed lanes of I-40.

The reversal would end near mile marker 331 between the N.C. 96 Exit (Exit 334) and I-95 Exit (Exit 328) where traffic in the reversed lanes would be directed back into the regular lanes of I-40 westbound (see inset).

- NOTE 1.** All eastbound traffic on I-40 must exit at I-95 (Exit 328). Emergency traffic can reach the Wilmington area via alternate routes such as U.S. 421 and U.S. 117.
- NOTE 2.** Due to safety and traffic flow concerns, the rest area in Warsaw at exit 364 on N.C. 24 will be closed (see map).

FOR YOUR SAFETY

- Changeable message signs will be located along both sides of I-40 with travel information.
- State law requires motorists to move fender-bender accidents out of the travel lanes to the shoulder of the road. To keep all travel lanes and shoulders clear, however, all disabled vehicles on the shoulder will be relocated to the next exit ramp where further assistance will be provided.
- Incident Management Assistance Patrol (IMAP) will patrol the area and be available to assist motorists.



Note: If your cellular provider has not implemented 511, you may call 1-877-511-INNC (4662).
For TDD-TDY, call 711 & ask for 1-877-511-4662.

LEGEND

- Gas*
- Food*
- Lodging*
- Rest Area Closed
- Lane Reversal Area
- No Traffic Zone (End of Lane Reversal)
- Interstate Lanes Open
- Eastbound Alternate Route
- U.S. and State Roads (Connecting Routes)
- 328 Exit Number
- Interchange

* Availability of services may vary during an emergency — please plan accordingly.

Map illustration not to scale

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