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Olympia Odos: Two Years of Operation

For the past two years, Olympia Odos has been making your trips safer, more reliable and more comfortable. The new Elefsina–Korinthos–Patras Motorway, part of the TransEuropean Network since April 11, 2017, dramatically improved road safety levels while reducing serious road accidents by 60%.

In coming years, we will engage in three projects: Road safety/drivers' service, innovation and local communities.

We see to the maintenance of the infrastructure using modern and in many cases innovative tools, so that Olympia Odos will always be a fully sustained and reliable infrastructure. The engineers who have undertaken this project, although not seen by drivers, are part of a large mechanism offering road safety services, together with the people on the front line, the patrols, the Traffic Management Centers and the intervention teams.

No solitary trips anymore. The entire Olympia Odos mechanism is at the service of the drivers in order for them to enjoy safe, quick and comfortable trips.

We open up new horizons in trips by exploiting modern technologies and smart systems installed on the motorway. One of these is the Traffic Prediction application for Elefsina – Korinthos section, which helps you better plan your trips by avoiding peak traffic periods.

Because human error remains the primary cause of road accidents, our focus will continue to be on upgrading the driving experience, including advice on best driving behaviors.

We wish everyone a **Happy Easter** and a safe and pleasant trip!

Optimal Time to Return to Athens



You can consult our Traffic Prediction application for the next three days, as well as Actual Traffic at the toll stations of Isthmos and Elefsina, by visiting:
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and plan your trips so as to avoid peak hours.



Road Safety: Tips for the trip

The rules of safe driving apply to all roads and all trips!

Before starting your trip:



Check the air pressure in your tires, the oil level, the coolant in the radiator and the windscreen washer reservoir.



Do not drink any alcohol.



Always wear your seatbelt, in both the front and back seats.

During your trip:



Use your mobile phone only with a hands-free or Bluetooth device.



Adapt your driving to prevailing conditions. Adopt a different driving technique in case of rainfall or increased traffic conditions.



Keep a safe distance from vehicles in front of you.



When inside tunnels, switch on headlights and take off sunglasses.



Never drive in the Emergency Lane!



Adapt your driving to prevailing conditions. You may need to adopt a different technique in case of frost, rainfall or increased traffic conditions.

In case of an incident:

- Turn on the hazard lights and try to pull over into the Emergency Lane.
- Call 1025 and inform the center about your location, your traffic direction and whether there are any injured persons. Follow the advice you will be given on the phone.
- Leave your vehicle and wait for assistance on the footpath and in front of your vehicle.
- It is better to wear a reflective jacket.
- Pay close attention (do not speak on the cell phone, do not smoke, etc.) and always look towards the oncoming traffic.
- If the vehicle is immobilized in a tunnel, turn on the hazard lights, turn off the engine and leave the key in the ignition, and head to the closest emergency exit.
- Keep a close eye on the Variable Message Signs (VMS). The Traffic Management Centers use the VMS to inform you about the route ahead or about what to in your current location.

HEAVY MOTORWAY MAINTENANCE

INSPECTION OF THE ISTHMOS BRIDGE

Innovative Method used to Monitor Technical Infrastructure

The infrastructure inspection and maintenance aims at keeping the motorway in the best possible condition, ensuring a high level of safety for drivers. A properly maintained infrastructure means both safety and as well as a speedy and comfortable journey.

The engineers of the Concession Company conduct regular preventive inspections on bridges, tunnels and the 2,200 large structures of the motorway, both to identify wear and tear issues and whenever it is considered necessary, for example after specific natural phenomena such as earthquakes or extreme weather.

To date, the engineers have inspected and assessed the condition of 110 bridges on existing sections of Elefsina–Korinthos and the Patras Bypass, elaborating a comprehensive intervention plan.

It was within this framework that the preventive inspection of the Isthmos Bridge was carried out (*see photo*). The results for this bridge, which is a vital connection between the Peloponnese and Central Greece, are reassuring, as they showed no important structural defects.

With the Help of Technology

To efficiently manage so many structures, Olympia Odos has developed a comprehensive monitoring and assessment system based on state-of-the-art methodologies. In addition to the traditional visual inspections carried out every three years, a special inspection of the behavior of the structural elements of each structure is undertaken, as well as their instrumentation and detailed inspection every six years.

The special software developed by Olympia Odos is a detailed database which includes as-built drawings, inspection data, quality documents and measurements particularly important for making decisions and for better planning these heavy maintenance regimes.



Planting Trees in Mandra

Students from the American College of Greece, with the support of Olympia Odos and the cooperation of both the Forest Service of Egaleo and the Municipality of Mandra, organized a tree planting in the area of Mandra, which had been hit by extremely destructive floods in November 2017.

The students planted about 200 saplings, mainly Judas trees, schinus shrubs and oak trees. Volunteers from “Let’s do it Greece” also participated in the action and spoke to the children about the values of volunteering and the protection of the environment.



Health & Safety Awards 2019

Olympia Odos received the 2019 Golden Award in the category of “Activities for Building Health & Safety Corporate Culture” for “Reducing Occupational Road Risk”.

The motorway undertakes to ensure the safe traffic of the patrol and intervention vehicles and to minimize the incidents on the motorway involving its staff, both by observing procedures certified by the international standards (ISO 39001:2012 / OHSAS 18001:2007) and by continuously training its staff on Road Safety issues.

As a result of the intensive efforts in this direction, no road accident with injuries was recorded in 2018, while during the year the staff and the vehicles covered more than 5.1 million kilometers.

◀ Mr. Christos Karadimas, Operation Manager, and Ms. Maria Palla, Safety Officer of Olympia Odos Operation S.A., received the award.



Let's Do It, Greece!

For the fourth consecutive year, Olympia Odos joined forces with “Let’s do it Greece”, the largest volunteering action in Greece, and participated in the action for spreading the message of environmental awareness raising worldwide.

This year, the cleaning actions organized along the entire country culminated on **Sunday 7/4/2019**. Olympia Odos, as National Supporter, has made its mechanism available to the volunteering movement. Within this framework, from 5 to 7 April, it distributed more than 50,000 biodegradable bags at the toll stations, while messages about this year’s actions were posted on the Variable Message Signs of the motorway.



International Distinction for Olympia Odos

The only European project that received a merit award by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) in 2019



Olympia Odos is one of the five top projects that received a merit award during the Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement (OCEA) Award ceremony organized by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) held in Washington.

This merit award is a worldwide recognition for the employees of the company as well as for the entire technical world of Greece, since Olympia Odos was a finalist among 100 nominations from all over the world and was the only European project among those awarded.

Officials of Olympia Odos, the competent Ministry (MIT), VINCI Group and the technical advisors of the Project attended the ceremony held in Washington, USA, in March 2019.



Receiving the award, Mr. Panayiotis Papanikolas, CEO of Olympia Odos SA, underlined that: “This distinction vindicates a great effort made by a large number of people. It proves how difficult this Project was both in managerial and technical terms. But it mainly incites us to dynamically progress and set new objectives for the service of the drivers and all the beneficiaries of this motorway.”

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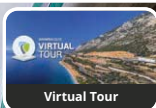
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