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IDOT to Change Traffic Pattern for 2015 Illinois State Fair

Lane configurations will be altered to improve safety, traffic flow

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be altering the traffic pattern in the vicinity of the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield on Aug. 13-24 to accommodate the anticipated high volume of traffic and increase safety during the 2015 Illinois State Fair.

The traffic flow around the fairgrounds will be changed to a counterclockwise one-way pattern during this time. In addition, the Veterans Parkway westbound left turn lane and eastbound right turn lane will be closed at the 8th Street intersection to prevent traffic backups.

Portable message signs will be in place, advising motorists of the traffic pattern change.

The Twilight Parade, scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 13, will begin at 9th Street and North Grand Avenue and will continue into the Main Gate via Peoria Road and 11th Street. The staging area will be bounded by North Grand Avenue, 10th Street, Carpenter Street, and 8th Street with additional staging along North Grand Avenue, between 9th Street and 11th Street.

The approximate traffic pattern change dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, Aug. 13

Fairgrounds Traffic Pattern:

- The one-way counterclockwise traffic pattern around the fairgrounds will begin between 5 and 6 a.m.

Twilight Parade Traffic Pattern:

- 11:30 a.m.
 - The 9th Street staging area will be closed.
 - 9th Street will be closed between Carpenter Street and North Grand Avenue.
- 4:30 p.m.
 - 9th Street will be closed between North Grand Avenue and Peoria Road.
 - Peoria Road will be closed from 9th Street to 11th Street.

- 11th Street will be closed from Peoria Road to the Main Gate.
- 4:45 p.m.
 - The staging area will be closed along North Grand Avenue between 9th Street and 11th Street.
- Detour signs will direct motorists around the parade route. Motorists will be able to bypass the parade area to the east by using 19th Street and Carpenter Street, and to the west by using 5th Street, 6th Street, North Grand Avenue, and J. David Jones Parkway.
- The Twilight Parade is scheduled to begin at approximately 6 p.m. and is expected to end by 10 p.m. The parade route will remain closed until midnight for cleanup work to be completed.

Monday, August 24

Fairgrounds Traffic Pattern:

- The one-way counterclockwise traffic pattern will end between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m.

For more information on the 2015 Illinois State Fair, visit <http://www.illinois.gov/statefair/>.