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Traffic Pattern Change for 2016 Illinois State Fair

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation will alter the traffic pattern near the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield from Aug. 11-22 to accommodate the expected increase in traffic volume during the 2016 Illinois State Fair.

The traffic flow around the fairgrounds will change to a counterclockwise one-way pattern. Also, the Veterans Parkway westbound left turn lane and eastbound right turn lane will be closed at the 8th Street intersection. Portable message signs will be set up, with information about the traffic pattern change.

The Twilight Parade is Thursday, Aug. 11 and will begin at 9th Street and North Grand Avenue, continuing 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. Additional staging will take place along North Grand Avenue, between 9th Street and 11th Street.

Dates and times for the traffic pattern change:

Thursday, Aug. 11

Fairgrounds Traffic Pattern:

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

Twilight Parade Traffic Pattern:

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

- Detour signs will direct motorists around the parade route. Motorists can 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 will begin at approximately 6 p.m. and is expected to end by 10 p.m. The parade route will remain closed until midnight for crews to complete cleanup work.

Monday, Aug. 22

Fairgrounds Traffic Pattern:

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

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