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## **IDOT, Department of Agriculture Announce Traffic Pattern Changes for Illinois State Fair, New Route for Twilight Parade**

*Parking prohibited in neighborhoods near fairgrounds Aug. 11-21*

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois Department of Agriculture today announced temporary changes in traffic patterns near the Illinois State Fairgrounds, effective Thursday, Aug. 10, to accommodate the influx of vehicles.

Beginning Thursday, Aug. 10, at 5 a.m., IDOT will change the traffic flow around the fairgrounds to one way counterclockwise. In addition, both eastbound and westbound turn lanes at the intersection of Veterans Parkway and Eighth Street will be closed. Portable signs will be set up to inform motorists of the changes. Normal traffic patterns will resume by 6 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21.

### **Twilight Parade Route**

The Twilight Parade is Thursday, Aug. 10, with a new route that begins in Lincoln Park. It will head north through the park to Sangamon Avenue and then head east to the fairgrounds' Main Gate and into the fairgrounds. Staging for the parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the park.

The parade route will close to traffic at 4 p.m., and detour signs along North Grand Avenue and Veterans and J. David Jones parkways will be in place. The Parade Run begins at 5 p.m. and the parade itself at 5:30. The route is expected to remain closed until 9 p.m.

No public parking will be available for parade viewing in Lincoln Park or the Nelson Center. Patrons of the Nelson Center will be able to access the center using the intersection of Third Street and Black Avenue.

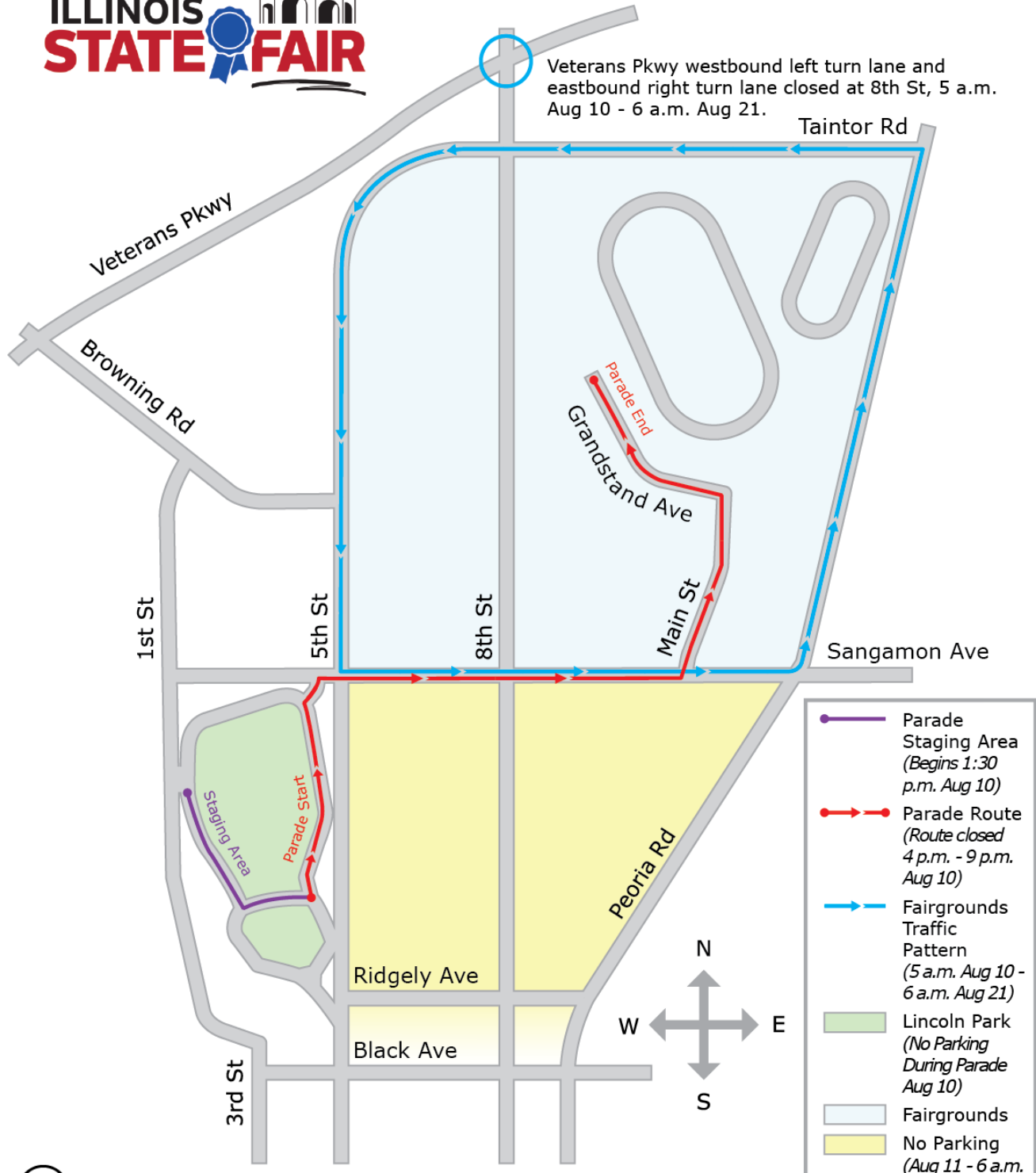
### **Parking Restrictions**

Beginning Friday, Aug. 11, parking will be prohibited on neighborhood streets south of Sangamon Avenue. These changes will remain in effect until the morning of Monday, Aug. 21.

For more information on the 2017 Illinois State Fair, visit [Illinois.gov/statefair](http://Illinois.gov/statefair).



Veterans Pkwy westbound left turn lane and eastbound right turn lane closed at 8th St, 5 a.m. Aug 10 - 6 a.m. Aug 21.



- Parade Staging Area (Begins 1:30 p.m. Aug 10)
- Parade Route (Route closed 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. Aug 10)
- Fairgrounds Traffic Pattern (5 a.m. Aug 10 - 6 a.m. Aug 21)
- Lincoln Park (No Parking During Parade Aug 10)
- Fairgrounds
- No Parking (Aug 11 - 6 a.m. Aug 21)

