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Reminder: Traffic Patterns Change Aug. 10 for Illinois State Fair

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois Department of Agriculture remind motorists of changing traffic patterns around the Illinois State Fairgrounds to accommodate the influx of vehicles during the fair.

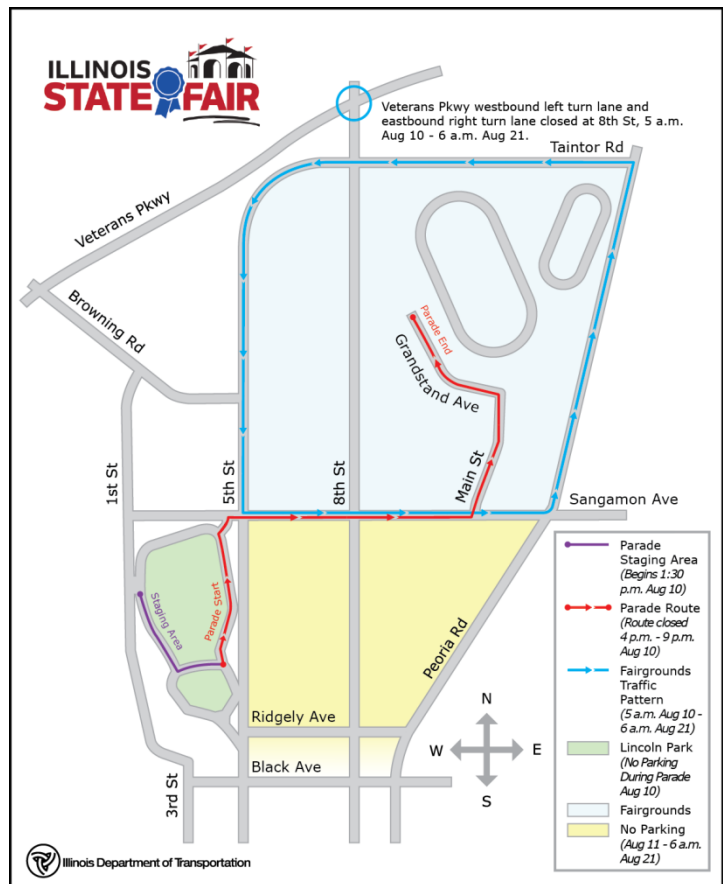
Beginning at 5 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, IDOT will change the flow of traffic to one way counter-clockwise. In addition, both the eastbound and westbound turn lanes at the intersection of Veterans Parkway and Eighth Street will be closed. Portable signs will be set up to inform motorists of the changes.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

Twilight Parade route

The fair-opening Twilight Parade has a new route this year. It begins in Lincoln Park and heads north to Sangamon Avenue, where it turns east toward the Main Gate and into the fairgrounds. The route will close to traffic at 4 p.m. Aug. 10. The annual 2-mile Parade Run begins at 5 p.m., and the parade at 5:30. The route is expected to remain closed until 9 p.m.

Parking restrictions

Parking for parade patrons is prohibited in Lincoln Park and at the Nelson Center. In addition, no parking is allowed on neighborhood streets south of Sangamon Avenue beginning Friday, Aug. 11. These changes will remain in effect until the morning of Monday, Aug. 21.



For information about the Illinois State Fair, visit Illinois.gov/statefair.

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