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OEMC REMINDS CHICAGOANS OF TRAFFIC IMPACTS FOR 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND

Grateful Dead concerts, Navy Pier Fireworks, Sox and Cubs games, Taste set-up this weekend

Chicago is the place to be this weekend with many activities and events drawing crowds and affecting travel in the city.

Grateful Dead Concerts

The "Fare Thee Well" Grateful Dead concerts at Soldier Field are expected to impact traffic on Lake Shore Drive and area expressways, as an estimated 71,000 fans per day will converge on the lakefront for the final concerts. The shows begin each night at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 3; Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. and parking lots open at 3:00 p.m.

Navy Pier Fireworks

July 4th firework show at Navy Pier on Saturday always attracts thousands, with parking garages selling out early and capacity at the Pier filling up for 9:30 p.m. display.

Chosen Few

On the south side, motorists should be aware of the closures on Hayes Drive from Lake Shore Drive to Cornell for the large crowds expected on Saturday for this event.

Chicago White Sox

The Sox host a weekend series with Baltimore at US Cellular Field with games at 7:10 p.m. on Friday (fireworks) and 1:10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Chicago Cubs

The Cubs are also in town this weekend, playing the Marlins on Friday and Sunday at 1:20 p.m. and on Saturday at 6:15 p.m. (fireworks).

Street Closures

Columbus is closed from Roosevelt to Monroe for the Taste of Chicago set-up and will remain closed through July 13. On July 3, expect additional closures on Congress from Michigan to Columbus and Jackson from Michigan to Lake Shore Drive. These closures will be in effect through July 13, except for the Jackson closure from Columbus to Lake Shore Drive, which will remain in effect until July 14.

*Please note: Due to IDOT work, the entrance ramp at Roosevelt Road to northbound I90/94 is closed; detour via Jefferson to Adams. Northbound travel is also accessible at Congress, Madison and Randolph. The southbound entrance ramp remains open.

Public Transportation

Public transportation is highly encouraged this weekend, as well as other means of getting to events, including biking. CTA will provide extra bus and rail service this weekend for venues. For additional public transportation options and service, visit the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) website at www.transitchicago.com.

Traffic Control Aides will be in place to facilitate traffic; however, motorists are urged to expect some delays and allow extra time getting to events. As always, OEMC will be monitoring events and conditions this weekend.

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