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TRAFFIC DELAYS EXPECTED IN ALBANY ON MARCH 4

On Wednesday March 4, 2015 a large rally in East Capitol Park coupled with events in the Empire State Plaza Convention Center and visits to the Capitol by a number of advocacy groups are expected to present traffic delays as well as parking and travel challenges. OGS is encouraging employees and visitors to plan accordingly and allow for additional travel time that day.

Approximately 500 buses from across the state will be arriving in downtown Albany area and dropping off passengers on Madison Avenue beginning at approximately 7a.m. and are expected to continue throughout the morning commute.

Buses are also expected to be picking up passengers following the event and depart the downtown area during the afternoon rush hour commute.

Please take note of the following road closures, parking restrictions, and bus route changes:

City of Albany Road Closures

- On Tuesday March 3, beginning at 6 p.m., State Street from South Swan Street to Eagle Street will be closed to all traffic. This closure will remain in effect until Wednesday March 4, 2015 at 7 p.m.
- On Wednesday March 4, from 7a.m. to 7 p.m., Madison Avenue from South Swan Street to Eagle Street will be closed to all traffic.

City of Albany Parking Restrictions

- NO PARKING – On Tuesday, March 3, beginning at 6 p.m., both sides of State Street from South Swan Street to Eagle Street. This restriction will remain in effect until Wednesday March 4, at 8 p.m.
- NO PARKING – On Wednesday, March 4, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., parking will be prohibited on both sides of Madison Avenue between South Swan Street and Eagle Street.
- NO PARKING – On Wednesday, March 4, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., parking will be prohibited on the north side of Morton Avenue between South Swan Street and Eagle Street.
- NO PARKING – On Wednesday, March 4, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., parking will be prohibited on all roadways inside Albany's Lincoln Park.
- "Emergency No Parking" signs will be in place to direct motorists where parking is prohibited.

Parking in New York State Lots

Yankee Trails:

- All Yankee Trails bus service will drop off/pick up inside the Empire State Plaza bus turnaround on Wednesday instead of the Madison Ave concourse entrance.
- Parking permit holders that use Yankee Trails bus service are advised that significant delays are anticipated. Please allow additional travel time on Wednesday.

State Parking Permit Holders:

- Cathedral and Grand St Lot permit holders are reassigned to park in the East Parking Garage on Wednesday. OGS parking will be reaching out to medical parkers directly to provide accommodations.
- East Garage permit holders should anticipate significant additional volume in the garage on Wednesday, which may cause delays.

Visitor Parking:

- Downtown agencies and tenants are advised that OGS visitor lots are likely to be unavailable on Wednesday. OGS strongly encourages agencies to make alternate arrangements for plaza visitors in advance. Agency special use passes authorizing access to the visitor lot will be redirected to the East or Sheridan garages on Wednesday where such passes will be honored.

CDTA Buses

- CDTA buses, with the exception of NX Express buses, will be allowed to access Madison Avenue. Between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., all NX EXPRESS buses will pick up at the bus turnaround on the concourse level, which is located through the glass doors across from McDonalds. NX Express buses will NOT pick up on Madison Avenue during this time period.

Should you have questions please contact either the City of Albany or CDTA directly. Questions related to Yankee Trails bus service or parking in State lots can be directed to OGS Parking Services at (518) 474-8118.

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