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PRESS RELEASE

***Enjoy Illinois 300* Departure – ALL ROADS LEAD TO AN INTERSTATE**

MADISON – The Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police, and World Wide Technology Raceway (WWTR) announces changes to the normal departure sequence for events at WWTR on Saturday and Sunday. Once WWTR was selected to host a NASCAR event, the same level of planning and review has gone into ensuring patrons have a safe, efficient departure from the events each day. Vehicles exiting each Parking location will be directed to a specific nearby Interstate. Extensive signage, electronic messaging, and traffic control will be augmented by law enforcement, dedicated parking/traffic vendors and IDOT staff to help facilitate a quick egress from each lot.

This will be a change from previous events but is crucial to ensure everyone can quickly access one of FIVE nearby Interstates. To accomplish a timely departure for each vehicle, all traffic will be directed to stay in a lane, follow all signage and traffic control, plus obey the instructions of law enforcement on site. Regardless of where each vehicle is directed when leaving the raceway, ***ALL ROADS LEAD TO AN INTERSTATE***. Signage, electronic messaging, supplemental lighting, and police will be provided should motorists need to transition to another route or direction to reach their ultimate destination.

- From **RED** and **PURPLE** (North Gate): The two right lanes from WWTR will be directed to SB IL 203, but access to all directions of I-55/70 is available.
 - The left lane will be assigned to NB IL 203. A detour will be signed to continue along IL 203 to EB IL 162 and ultimately IL 111 and I-255. Access to NB/SB IL 111 and I-255 will be available.
- From **BROWN/ADA/VIP**: ALL traffic will use the “Button Hook” (right shoulder of SB IL 203) and be designated to use WB I-55/70. [A lane closure of WB I-55/70 will be implemented to facilitate merge.]
 - For those wanting to access NB I-55, EB I-70, and/or I-64, a detour will be marked along I-70 WB to Fairmont City Blvd, Packers Avenue, back to I-70 EB with access to NB I-55, EB I-70, and/or I-64.
- From **ORANGE**: The left two lanes will turn left (east) on Collinsville Road and be provided access to all directions of I-55/70. Should this traffic become heavy, ISP will start directing traffic down Collinsville Road (East) and ultimately IL 111 and I-255. Access to NB/SB IL 111 and I-255 will be available.
 - The right lane will be directed right (west) on Collinsville Road. Access to ALL Directions of I-64, I-55/70 and IL 3 will be available. To access WB I-70, traffic will use St. Clair Avenue (north) to N 1st Street (west) and Fairmont City Blvd., and ultimately, I-70 WB.

Simply, the Raceway’s location provides quick access to many high-capacity roadways and this updated plan leverages these highways to provide the fastest and safest exit for everyone. Each “detour” route has minimal adverse travel, significantly reduces stop-and-go periods, plus enables all traffic to reach highway speeds more quickly.

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