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High Traffic Volumes Around Fairgrounds Anticipated as Fair Heads in to First Weekend

Albuquerque, NM – Opening weekend of the New Mexico State Fair is projected to be a busy one. With two sold-out concerts on Friday and Saturday nights, the State Fair Parade on Saturday morning, and the popular livestock shows getting underway, state fair officials recommend taking a little time to plan your trip to avoid traffic delays. Here are some helpful tips to help navigate traffic around the fairgrounds this weekend:

- **Get there early** – Parking fills fast and with two sold-out concerts, patrons should plan to head to the fairgrounds early to account for possible traffic delays.
- **City of Albuquerque’s “Zero Fares to the Fair”** – The City of Albuquerque is offering free rides to the Fair on the ART Bus! Fairgoers can park at the Central & Unser or Uptown Transit Centers and ride the ART Bus for free to the Fair. Visit ABQRide.com for more information.
- **Ride Share** – Fairgoers utilizing ride share apps such as Lyft and Uber may be dropped off or picked up at the Ride Share gate located at Domingo Road and California Street. The gate offers direct access to the Midway. Riders may also be dropped off or picked up outside Gate 4 located on San Pedro. Gate 4 is the Fair’s main pedestrian gate.
- **Bike Valet** – Ride your bike to the Fair! Take advantage of the Fair’s free bike valet service. Riders enter through Gate 4 on San Pedro. Bike Valet will be staffed from 10 AM – 9 PM.

*The full schedule of September 10, 2022 events is attached.

For those who prefer to drive to the Fair, parking is available in the infield via Gate 8 and preferred parking is available via Gate 1 located on Central. On-site parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Only right-hand turns are allowed around and into the fairgrounds.

Early morning traffic on Central will be impacted by the State Fair Parade occurring on Saturday. Central Avenue will be closed in both directions on Saturday, September 10 from 5 AM to 11 AM.

For more information on the 2022 New Mexico State Fair, visit statefair.exponm.com.

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