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## **EPD Reminds Motorists to Prepare for Thursday's Oregon Football Game Day Traffic**

The Oregon vs. Cal home football game takes place on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and Eugene Police and other officials are expecting extra heavy traffic in the Eugene area, especially around Autzen Stadium. The game begins at 6:00 p.m. but motorists should prepare for traffic to begin building up several hours before the start of the game. Alternate traffic patterns near Autzen Stadium will be set up around 2:00 pm. So it's important to plan your route ahead of time, whether it is to the game or home from work.

Football fans who are traveling to Autzen Stadium on game day should use the same established routes as they use for all other games. Although enhancements to regular traffic patterns are set up on game days to assist with smooth travel to the stadium, fans should allow extra time for their travel in order to compensate for the increase in congestion caused by daily commuter traffic. While access to businesses and offices along Martin Luther King Boulevard, Centennial Loop, and Club Road will be open, non-game motorists wishing to drive to these locations should expect heavy congestion, some alternate routing, and possible lengthy delays. The Eugene Police Department wants to remind all motorists to obey the direction of police officers and other public safety personnel who will be directing traffic in the area around Autzen Stadium on game day. Traffic cones forming travel lanes and other traffic patterns are considered traffic control devices and motorists who disregard police officers or traffic control devices are subject to a \$262 citation.

In order to ease congestion in the Ferry Street/Coburg Road area on game day, we recommend that non-game motorists use alternate routes to access that area during their lunchtime and after work commutes. Alternate routes such as the Washington/Jefferson Street Bridge, Delta Highway, Cal Young Road, Harlow Road, Goodpasture Island Road, and Green Acres/Crescent Avenue are several ways motorists can access the Coburg Road area without competing with game traffic. Other transportation options include walking and biking to Autzen Stadium along the numerous pedestrian paths and bike lanes throughout Eugene. Since it will be getting dark at game time, cyclists are reminded to have the proper lighting equipment and it is always recommended you wear light colored or reflective clothing and an approved helmet.

Regardless of where you're trying to drive throughout the Eugene/Springfield area on game day, the Eugene Police Department is reminding all motorists that in order to make your game day commute go as smoothly as possible: plan ahead, allow extra time, be patient, follow all traffic laws, and don't drink and drive.





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Due to the game falling on a week day, LTD will not have all their regular park and ride locations open. Below is a link to the LTD web page (courtesy of Lane Transit District):

[Link to LTD Game Day Shuttles](#)

LTD is encouraging people to check out the web site because some of the regular park and ride locations will not be used for this game, departing bus locations will change and private buses and not LTD buses will be used.

Keep in mind that you can always walk or bike to the game.

**MEDIA NOTE:** Please contact the Public Information office at 541-682-5197 for any interview requests.

