

Press Release On Lincoln Field Parking

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City and Eagles Announce Traffic and Parking Advisory As Eagles Kick off Inaugural Game at Lincoln Financial Field

Additional Parking Spaces and Other Parking Improvements Bring Total to Over 20,000

PHILADELPHIA-Today, City Managing Director, Phil Goldsmith, Eagles President, Joe Banner, **Sports Complex Special Services District** Executive Director Shawn Jalosinski, and other officials announced a traffic and parking plan for the Inaugural Game at Lincoln Financial Field, Monday, September 8. The Eagles start their new season before a national audience playing current NFL Champions, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, on Monday Night Football.

Managing Director Phil Goldsmith said, "Monday night, we're prime-time when we unveil our stadium to the world. The city continues to work together with the Eagles, the Sports Complex Services District and others to increase parking and find the best solutions to make it easier for fans to access the stadium. For 30 years, fans have become accustomed to driving the same way and parking in the same places. The new field and current construction brings a lot of changes. We believe that when fans become familiar with routes and if they arrive early, carpool and utilize public transportation, we will greatly improve the experience of going to the game."

The old stadium and current construction of the new Citizens Bank Park limits parking in customary areas. Fans are encouraged to arrive early and to take public transportation on Monday. Those who drive to the sports complex should carpool and consult with the Eagles website for parking instructions and driving instructions. Although kickoff of the match-up with Tampa Bay is slated for 9:00 p.m., the team will be opening the gates to the both The HeadHouse Plaza (located at the north end of the stadium, adjacent to Pattison Avenue) and the stadium's seating areas at 6:00 p.m. For Eagles and Lincoln Financial Field Information and directions to the stadium, fans can visit www.lincolffinancialfield.com.

"We are kicking off a new era in Philadelphia history and in the history of the Philadelphia Eagles," said team President Joe Banner, "and we want everyone to be able to enjoy the evening from start to finish. We understand the challenges that we will be facing throughout this season with regard to parking. We are very pleased to have the City, the managing director's office, the police and others working together on the issue of parking and traffic. Once again we are strongly urging fans coming to the game on Monday to take public transportation. And for those who have to drive we are certainly asking them to carpool and to arrive earlier than they might otherwise. We'll be kicking things off with a dramatic, 35-minute pre-game show at 8:30 p.m. It's a show people won't want to miss so we are asking them to plan to be in their seats by 8:15."

City departments officials, police and Eagles have been on-site at the two pre-season games monitoring traffic flow and making adjustments. The Sysco lot, still under construction, on Pattison Ave has been temporarily added for game parking bringing 800 new parking spaces to the complex. In addition, FDR Park has been reconfigured to add additional parking spaces. The total number of parking spots now reaches 20,290. This includes 14,490 cash only parking spots and 5,800 reserved parking spots.

The City is continuing to work on other improvements, which include:

- * Installing traffic signals at Darien and Pattison (will be completed by Monday) and the intersection of 7th and Pattison (for the second home game);
- * Increased directional signage including portable vehicle message signs at strategic locations to help traffic flow and to help sort cash customers and reserved ticket holders;
- * Increased parking at FDR Park. City adding temporary lighting for night game under I-95 for increased safety;
- * Opening an additional lane in each direction on Pattison Avenue to help alleviate the congestion and allowing turning movements along with through traffic.
- * New line-stripping (weather permitting)
- * Additional crosswalks have been designed for pedestrian traffic.

"We all have a common goal of ensuring a safe, hassle-free experience for Eagles fans as well as members of the surrounding community. We have a world-class stadium complex. Our combined efforts working together with the city and the Eagles and other partners will ensure that it continues to reflect positively on the city," said Shawn Jalosinski, Executive Director of the **Sports Complex Special Services District**.

SEPTA "Sports Express" trains will be in service to accommodate additional passengers for all Eagles regular season home games. These express trains - which will run in addition to normally scheduled trains - will begin at Fern Rock Station and will stop only at the Olney Transportation Center, Erie, Girard, Race-Vine, City Hall and Walnut-Locust Stations en route to the Pattison Avenue Station and Lincoln Financial Field. According to SEPTA officials, the express trip from City Hall Station to the stadium takes approximately eight minutes and just 27-minutes from Fern Rock. Local Broad Street Line trains will also be in service approximately every 12 minutes with local trains taking about 11 minutes to travel to Pattison Station from City Hall Station. Similarly, SEPTA officials have said after the game fans will find northbound trains standing by to provide express and local service northbound to Fern Rock. For additional SEPTA information, fans can call the SEPTA Travel Information Center at (215) 580-7800 or visit www.septa.org. For Eagles and Lincoln Financial Field Information and directions to the stadium, fans can visit www.lincolffinancialfield.com.

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