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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Husker Fans, Keep Your Cool While Driving to Memorial Stadium

November 17, 2022 (Lincoln, Neb.) — Keeping your cool isn't too difficult with plummeting temperatures making their way through the Midwest. But with bustling holiday traffic and the season's final home Husker Football game, congestion can be frustrating. Aggressive driving generally leads to increased speed and rash decisions that can put you and others in harm's way. The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) encourages drivers to keep their cool using the following tips:

- Giving yourself extra time to make it to your destination will decrease feelings of urgency and the desire to speed. Plan for unexpected traffic incidents, mechanical issues, congestion, etc.
- Although easier said than done, be understanding and forgiving of other drivers. Drivers have differing experience levels and want to get to their destination safely and efficiently, just like you.
- Always stay alert and focused on *driving* and driving alone.

Be a happy Husker fan, not a mad one. Fans and drivers should be prepared for traffic slowdowns both before and after the home game. NDOT recommends fans heading to Memorial Stadium use the following routes:

For drivers arriving in Lincoln on I-80 from the west: Take Exit 397 (south U.S. Highway 77 (US-77)) to Rosa Parks Way into downtown Lincoln.

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For drivers arriving in Lincoln on I-80 from the east: Take Exit 401 to south Interstate 180 (I-180) into downtown Lincoln.



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**Drivers should avoid Exit 409 before and after the game.** After the game, Exit 409 between Lincoln and Waverly may be closed due to safety concerns as heavy interstate traffic builds. This may significantly increase traffic on US-6 and cause slowdowns. Leaving downtown Lincoln immediately after the game can put you in heavy traffic. Spending extra time in the area before hitting the road can allow for a smoother drive.

Drivers are encouraged to plan ahead and allow extra time to get to their destination before and after Husker home football games. Remember to practice patience – check [www.511.nebraska.gov](http://www.511.nebraska.gov) for real time traffic information. Stay safe by buckling up, putting your phone down, avoiding distractions, and adjusting speed and following distance if you encounter a slowdown. If drivers are in a crash during gameday traffic, move both vehicles to the shoulder, if possible, before reporting the incident.

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