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Drivers Urged to Plan Ahead for Different Routes, Heavy Traffic for First Husker Home Game

Sept. 1, 2026 (Lincoln, Neb.) — Nebraska football returns to Memorial Stadium Saturday, Sept. 5, for the first home game of the season. As thousands of fans make their way to Lincoln, the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT), Nebraska State Patrol (NSP), Lincoln Transportation and Utilities (LTU), and the Lincoln Police Department (LPD) are reminding drivers to plan ahead, allow extra time for travel, and to be prepared to take a different route than in previous years.

Game day traffic patterns will be different this year due to ongoing construction projects in and around the Lincoln area, particularly for drivers traveling from Omaha and eastern Nebraska. Drivers should plan ahead, allow an additional 30 minutes to an hour for their trip and know which exit and route they plan to take before leaving.

Drivers will need to allow more time to get to their destination due to construction in the following areas in and around Lincoln:

- Construction on I-80, west of Lincoln from the Pleasant Dale exit (Exit 388) to Exit 399.
- Adams Street is closed in both directions between N 1st Street and N 11th Street for reconstruction of the Adams Street bridge over I-180.
- I-80 between Exits 399 and 403 is impacted by bridge construction, with some sections reduced to two lanes, and reduced speed limits through the work zone.
- I-180 between US-34 and Exit 1 to Superior Street is in a head-to-head traffic configuration with one lane of travel in each direction and reduced speeds for bridge construction.
- US-6 is closed in both directions between Charleston Street and Oak Street for reconstruction of the US-6 bridge.
- I-180 between Exit 2 to Cornhusker Highway and US-34 is two lanes in each direction, with concrete barriers on the shoulders and in the median around the Adams Street bridge for construction.
- Access to northbound I-180/westbound US-34 from eastbound I-80 is closed.
- Access to southbound I-180 from westbound I-80 is closed.
- Construction on US-77, south of Lincoln between Yankee Hill and Old Cheney.

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Drivers coming in from Omaha and eastern Nebraska are asked to avoid using Interstate 180 (I-180) to enter Lincoln and instead use one of the route options below.

From Omaha (northeast):

- I-80 to Exit 409 for Waverly/US-6 and follow US-6 west to Cornhusker Highway.
- I-80 to Exit 405 to 56th Street.
- I-80 to Exit 403 at 27th Street to Salt Creek Roadway.
- If you miss the recommended exits above, take I-80 to the Lincoln Airport Exit 399 to NW 12th Street that turns into Cornhusker Highway, to I-180 south into downtown Lincoln.



(larger image attached)

Drivers are encouraged to use Nebraska 511 to plan their route on I-80 and other state highways and check for current traffic conditions and construction impacts. Once in Lincoln, use the WAZE navigation app for real-time traffic information and to navigate around local street closures and construction.

Increased traffic and pedestrian activity should be expected as kickoff approaches. Motorists should remain alert, follow posted signs and traffic control, watch for pedestrians and avoid distractions. Fans are also reminded to designate a sober driver or arrange for a sober ride if game day activities include drinking.

Out-of-town visitors should download the Nebraska 511 app or check 511.nebraska.gov to view real-time traffic updates, active work zones, live traffic camera feeds, and winter road conditions across state highways.

To avoid traffic and parking challenges, City of Lincoln officials recommend visiting lincoln.ne.gov/closures or using the [Waze mobile app](#) for maps and street construction information. For information regarding the football game, visit the [Huskers' website](#).

FOR MEDIA USE: View and download video of today's press conference [here](#).

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 Traffic from Omaha

 Avoid/Expect Significant Delays

