

## **ODOT RNC Overview**

### **Cleveland, Ohio: July 17-July 21**

#### **Republican National Convention Overview:**

The RNC will take place Monday, July 18 through Thursday, July 21 with a “Welcome Event” on Sunday, July 17. ODOT is responsible for traffic management on the Interstate system and State Routes and U. S. Routes outside of municipalities. Traffic management will include activities that ODOT does every day to keep the traveling public moving safely from place to place. However, given the increased national attention placed on Northeast Ohio during the Republic National Convention in Cleveland, ODOT will be placing additional resources to ensure efficient operation of the freeway network.

#### **Traffic Closures/Restrictions:**

Roadways that are closed or restricted are directed by the United States Secret Service in coordination with City of Cleveland Police Department and Ohio State Highway Patrol. Known closures and restrictions were announced ahead of time by the USSS in a June 30, 2016 press release. ODOT is assisting with the restrictions and closures occurring on SR 2 (West Shore Way), I-77, I-90, and I-71. However, due to increased traffic and unforeseen incidents, other closures may occur.

#### **Known Freeway Closures/Restrictions:**

Law enforcement and Public Safety Agencies have announced the Security and Traffic Restrictions for the Republican National Convention (RNC) coming to Cleveland July 17-21, 2016. The security and transportation plans have been developed and every effort has been made to minimize impacts to the traveling public.

Below are the closures and restrictions on the interstate and highway system in the Cleveland region.

#### **Friday, July 15 at 8 p.m. through 6 a.m. Friday, July 22**

- I-77 and I-90 entrance and exit ramps at East 9th Street will be **CLOSED\***

*\* To alleviate inconveniences associated with the East 9<sup>th</sup> Street ramps, the Chester Avenue exit ramp from Interstate 90 eastbound and Interstate 71 northbound has been modified to allow for left hand turns onto westbound Chester Avenue.*

#### **Sunday, July 17 at 12:01 a.m. through 1 a.m. Monday, July 18**

- SR 2 (Cleveland Memorial Shore Way) between West 45th Street and I-90 at the Innerbelt Curve will be **CLOSED**

#### **Monday, July 18 at 9:30 a.m. through 2 a.m. Friday, July 22**

- I-90 east to access the George V. Voinovich Bridge will be **CLOSED**, *Opt for the Alt* and use I-490 and I-77

#### **Monday, July 18 at 10 a.m. through 2 a.m. Friday, July 22**

- Ontario entrance ramp to I-90 westbound will be **CLOSED**
- I-90 east and west over the George V. Voinovich Bridge will be restricted to one lane in each direction, *Opt for the Alt* and use I-490 and I-77

#### **Every night Monday, July 18 through Thursday, July 21**

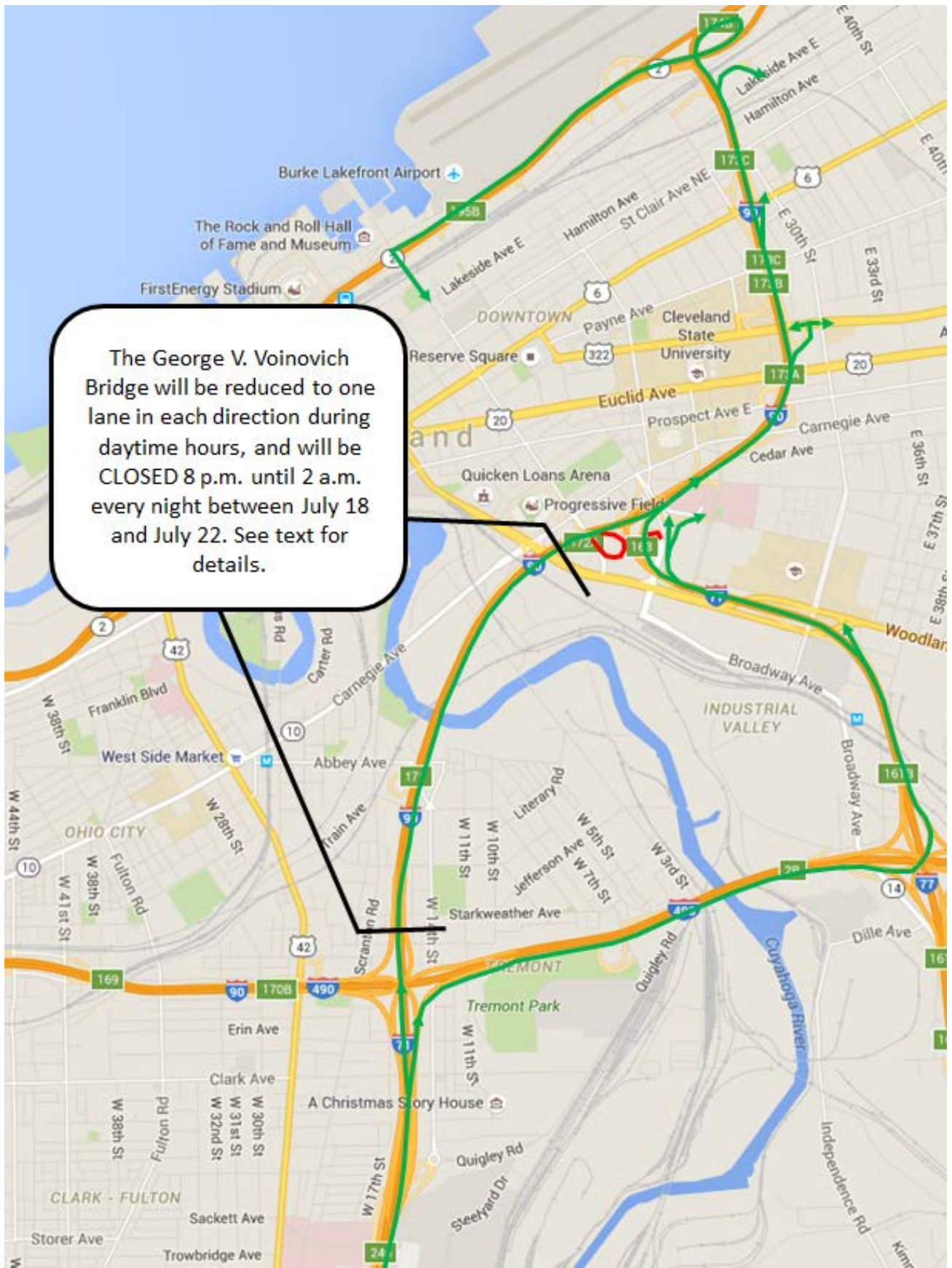
- I-71 northbound will **CLOSE** at I-490 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., *Opt for the Alt* and use I-490 and I-77
- I-77 northbound **right lane will close** near East 30th Street from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.
- I-90 east and west over the George V. Voinovich Bridge will be **CLOSED** from 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. *Opt for the Alt* and use I-490 and I-77

### **Commercial Vehicles Restrictions**

- All commercial vehicles\*\* are restricted from traveling over the George V. Voinovich Bridge from 10 a.m. Monday, July 18 through 2 a.m. Friday, July 22. *Opt for the Alt* and use I-490 and I-77

*\*\* Commercial vehicles means a motor vehicle or combination vehicle used in commerce to transport passengers or property if the motor vehicle — (1) has a gross combination weight rating or gross combination weight of 11,794 kilograms or more (26,001 pounds or more) whichever is greater, inclusive of a towed unit(s) with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) whichever is greater; or (2) has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of 11,794 or more kilograms (26,001 pounds or more), whichever is greater; or (3) is designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or 4) is of any size and is transporting material that has been designated as hazardous under 49 U.S.C. 5103 and is required to be placarded under subpart F of 49 CFR Part 172 or is transporting any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 CFR Part 73. 49 CFR 383.5*

The George V. Voinovich Bridge will be reduced to one lane in each direction during daytime hours, and will be CLOSED 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. every night between July 18 and July 22. See text for details.



### **Further Information on Freeway Closures/Restrictions:**

#### U.S. Secret Service:

- Web: <http://www.secretservice.gov>
- Twitter: @secretsservice
- United States Secret Service Office of Government and Public Affairs: 202-406-5708

#### City of Cleveland:

- Web: <http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/>
- Twitter: @CityofCleveland
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofCleveland>

#### Cleveland Division of Police:

- Wordpress: [Clevelandpolice.wordpress.com](http://Clevelandpolice.wordpress.com)
- Twitter: @Clepolice
- Facebook: [Clevelandpolicedepartment](https://www.facebook.com/Clevelandpolicedepartment)

#### Ohio Department of Transportation:

- Twitter: @ODOT\_Cleveland
- OHGO Live Traffic: <http://ohgo.com/dashboard/cleveland>

### **Issuing of Oversize/Overweight Permits:**

The Special Hauling Permit Section has closed all State Routes within the OHPASS system north of I-480, west of I-271 and East of SR 83 in Cuyahoga County during the RNC convention. With this closure no permit application will be system issued but will require that the hauler acknowledge the closure and contact the ODOT Permit office for an override of the OHPASS system:

ODOT Special Hauling Permit Section is issuing overweight permits for the period during the RNC. However ODOT is requiring carrier acknowledgment that if any portion of the permit authorized route is closed during the RNC use of the permit will be automatically revoked. Should that event occur, the shipper should contact the ODOT Special Hauling Permit Section for re-routing.

For security reasons the route restrictions will not be known until the day of the closure. However the south bound routes used by manufacturing that resides north of I480 and south of I90 are unlikely to be restricted unless an emergency were to occur requiring evacuations. Carriers should proceed to secure permits for the RNC period but comply with the request for acknowledgment of the possible last minute route restrictions.

For further information please contact the ODOT Special Hauling Permit Section: **(614) 351-2300**