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## Traffic Issues Regarding Parade Route & Staging Area

Morning rush hour traffic on Friday, March 17, will be affected in the area of and surrounding the Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade; specifically involving the parade route and staging areas. Media outlets should make note of the following information:

### Parade Route

Access to roads along the parade route will become limited beginning at 4 a.m. as scores of workers prepare the staging areas and parade route. This activity will include the installation of hundreds of safety barricades along the route and the preparation of large balloons east of Pershing and Grand Street. Motorists are encouraged to either avoid or travel cautiously through the parade route, as well as staging areas noted below.

The parade route begins at Pershing and Main Streets, proceeds east on Pershing then north on Grand Boulevard, ending at Truman Road. The parade route will be completely closed to traffic by 8:30 a.m. Motorists will still be able to cross Grand at 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> streets.

### Staging Areas

- Main Street from 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> streets
- Pershing Road from Kessler (just west of Union Station) to Main Street.
- Pershing Road from Grand Boulevard to McGee Street

Maps of the parade route and staging area are available on the Parade website at both [www.kcirishparade.com](http://www.kcirishparade.com), [www.thekansascitychannel.com](http://www.thekansascitychannel.com) or through the following links:

#### Parade Route

<http://www.kcirishparade.com/Documents/2006%20Route.pdf>

#### Parade Staging

<http://www.kcirishparade.com/Documents/2006%20Staging.pdf>

#### Downtown Construction

[http://www.kcmo.org/cimo/map\\_march8\\_2006.pdf](http://www.kcmo.org/cimo/map_march8_2006.pdf)

#### Downtown Parking & Points of Interest

<http://www.kcirishparade.com/Documents/finalmapdpc.pdf>

### Parking

Due to downtown construction, parade attendees should not park north of Truman Road construction.

For more information on the Parade, celebrity participants and related activity, call (816) 931-7373, contact the Parade website or address email to [info@kcirishparade.com](mailto:info@kcirishparade.com).

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