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BUSY TRAVEL WEEKEND IN THE BLOOMINGTON AREA

IU football and Hilly Hundred mean more cars, lots of bikes and possible delays

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (Oct. 5, 2017) – The Indiana Department of Transportation would like to remind motorists traveling to, from, through and around Bloomington that this will be a very busy traffic weekend in the area. Residents and visitors alike are encouraged to drive safely, follow all posted speed limits and be aware of changing traffic conditions.

In addition to students and faculty returning to campus from IU's Fall Break, thousands of fans will be coming to Bloomington for football on Saturday, October 7 as the <u>IU Hoosiers</u> host the <u>Charleston Southern Buccaneers</u> at 3:30 p.m. Fans coming from the north are strongly encouraged to avoid construction on SR 37 by using the alternate routes of I-65 south to SR 46 west or SR 67 south to SR 46 east. Potentially heavy traffic could cause delays, so plan ahead, leave early and allow for extra time to reach the stadium.

Two-wheeled vehicles will be on roadways Saturday and Sunday as part of the 50th Annual Hilly Hundred Weekend, which will host more than 4,000 cyclists and the vehicles carrying them and their equipment. The ride-at-your-own-pace bike routes will follow many of the back roads east and west of SR 37 that motorists use to avoid construction, including but not limited to Maple Grove, Bottom, Burma Road, Old 37, Bethel Lane, Anderson Road and Forest Road.

Cyclists will leave Ellettsville at 8 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. Maps for the various Hilly Hundred routes can be found at https://ridewithgps.com/events/43143-hilly-hundred-2017.

Construction on SR 37 will continue throughout the weekend, but most activity will be restricted to the mainline. Because of the multiple events taking place, motorists should expect congestion and delays, and are urged to share the road with the heavier than usual bicycle traffic that will be in the Bloomington area over the weekend.

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