

Papal Visit in Philadelphia on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27

Dover: The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) announces that organizers expect approximately one million visitors from all across the country during the weekend of Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27. For Delaware, there will be impacts to the Interstate system as well as to areas near Wilmington's Amtrak Station.

SEPTA will operate special trains on its Wilmington/Newark Line that will serve the Wilmington Train Station, Marcus Hook, and 30th Street Station in Philadelphia. SEPTA service will not occur from any other train station in Delaware, except the Wilmington Train Station.

From Friday, September 25 through Monday, September 28, the following roadways will be closed in the City of Wilmington:

Rosa Parks Drive
South French Street
Water Street (Partial Closure)

The City of Wilmington Police Department may have intermittent closures to roadways due to heavy volume of traffic. For further information, please contact City of Wilmington Police Department non-emergencies at (302) 654-5151.

There are no plans to close any ramps from I-95 in the Wilmington area during the weekend of the Pope's visit. There will be some road closures around the Wilmington Train Station due to the train passengers using SEPTA and AMTRAK to get to Philadelphia for the Pope Visit. The Wilmington Riverfront area will likely be impacted due to an influx of traffic from train patrons on Saturday and Sunday.

The Newark Toll Plaza on I-95 in Newark will increase staffing from Thursday, September 24 through Monday, September 28, in anticipation of increased I-95 traffic for this event.

For the upcoming Pope's visit, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PADOT) and Pennsylvania Turnpike has a website for traveler and traffic information www.papal511.com

The Benjamin Franklin Bridge between Philadelphia and New Jersey will be closed at 10 p.m. on Friday, September 25 until noon on Monday, September 28. Portions of I-76, I-676, and U.S. Route 1 will also be closed.

Motorists can adjust their routes or travel times by using DelDOT's Smartphone application. The DelDOT App is available and can be downloaded free at the Google Play and Apple store, search for "DelDOT". WTMC 1380 AM is also available through the DelDOT App.

For real-time traffic information, visit www.DelDOT.gov; follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/DelawareDOT>; and Twitter at <http://twitter.com/DelawareDOT>; the DelDOT App for updated travel-related information, or tune to WTMC 1380 AM for up-to-the-minute traffic conditions.

To get an E-ZPass account, go to www.ezpassde.com and click on “Get E-ZPass.” Customers can also register for an E-ZPass account in person at any Toll Plaza customer service center 24 hours a day, or by calling 1-888-397-2773 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

For DART information, visit www.DARTfirststate.com

For SEPTA information, visit www.septa.org

For AMTRAK visit www.amtrak.com

For additional information regarding the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, visit www.WorldMeeting2015.org

GO GROUND has partnered with the World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia 2015 to coordinate all commercial charter buses and privately owned buses coming to the World Meeting of Families Congress and the Papal Visit. For additional information, please go to wmof.goground.com