

TRAVEL ADVISORY

In the fall of 2009, University of Minnesota football returned to campus, with the opening of TCF Bank Stadium located just adjacent to the University Aquatic Center. Gamedays will bring over 50,000 people to campus, and the Gophers are scheduled to take on South Dakota State University on Saturday, November 14th at 11:00am. This will severely impact traffic on campus and no parking will be available around the Aquatic Center for the Prelims session on Saturday. There are several options for transportation during this morning session. Please review carefully the information and options outlined below.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRANGE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION TO DROP OFF GROUPS OF ATHLETES, COACHES, AND SPECTATORS.

Shuttle Vans: The University Aquatic Center will provide a complementary shuttle with preference given to credentialed athletes and coaches from the following locations:

- Holiday Inn Metrodome - 1500 Washington Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55454
- Ramada Plaza Minneapolis - 1330 Industrial Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55413
- The Depot - 225 South 3rd Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55401

All arrangements for transportation through the University Aquatic Center must be submitted by the end of the General Meeting on Thursday night. Please email aquatics@umn.edu to reserve a place and time on the shuttle. All requests will be accommodated to the best of our ability, and final shuttle schedules will be posted after the General Meeting.

Hotel Shuttles: Transportation may also be available through your hotel. Please contact them in advance for additional information.

Shuttle Bus: A bus will be available in the parking lot of the Rosedale Shopping Center (10 Rosedale Center, Roseville, MN 55113). The bus will be located in the overflow lot across from the AMC Movie Theater. A bus schedule will be available at the coaches meeting. If you are interested in the bus option, please contact aquatics@umn.edu to reserve a space.

Directions to Rosedale Mall:

From the North

- Take I-35W South to Highway 36 East, Exit at Fairview Avenue, turn right and Rosedale Center will be on your right.

From the South

- Take I-94 East to Highway 280 North to 36 East exit at Fairview Avenue, turn right and Rosedale Center will be on your right.

From the East

- Take I-35E North to Highway 36 West, exit at Fairview Avenue, turn right and Rosedale Center will be on your right.

From the West

- Take I-394 East to Highway 169 North to I-694 North (becomes East) to Snelling Avenue South, take Rosedale Center exit.

Parking: Limited Parking will also be available on the West Bank and St. Paul Campus parking ramps. Shuttle service will be provided by the University Campus Connector. U of M Parking and Transportation Service information can be found at <http://www1.umn.edu/pts/> .

- Football shuttles will run every 15 minutes starting 4 hours before the game and increase to 5 minute service starting 2 hours before the game. The shuttles will run continuously for 1 hour after the game.
- The West Bank Shuttle will stop in the following locations: 4th Street S. between 19th and 20th Avenue S. (West Bank), Coffman Union/Northrop Mall (East Bank), and TCF Bank Stadium (East Bank).
- The St. Paul Shuttle will stop at the following locations: Lot S108 (St. Paul), Gortner Ave/Carter Ave intersection (St. Paul, for the Gortner Avenue Ramp and Lot S101), and TCF Bank Stadium (East Bank)
- In addition, the Campus Connector will be operating every 40 minutes on its regular weekend schedule.
- All Gopher Football Shuttles are low-floor buses and are ADA accessible.

Public Transit: For help planning your game-day trip by bus or train, please visit metrotransit.org or call 612-373-3333.

Metro Transit Bus:

Metro Transit operates Saturday bus service for all games. TCF Bank Stadium can be conveniently accessed on routes 2, 3, 6, 16 or 50. Purchase an Event 6-Hour Pass for \$3.50 from the bus driver for easy round trip travel.

Light Rail:

Metro Transit's Hiawatha light-rail line operates every 10-15 minutes on Saturdays. Park in one of 2,800 free Park & Ride spaces along the line and purchase an Event 6-Hour Pass for \$3.50 from the ticket machine on the rail station platform for easy round trip travel. To access TCF Bank Stadium, exit the train at Downtown East/Metrodome Station and board a bus (routes 16 or 50) on 4th Street. After the game, show your Event 6-Hour Pass to board a Route 16 or Route 50 bus to Downtown East/Metrodome Station.