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ALTERNATIVE PARKING OPTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR OLYMPIC SWIM TRIALS FANS ON JUNE 27, 28; JUNE 29, IF NECESSARY

PARKING AND TRAFFIC PLANS UNVEILED FOR OVERLAP OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES OF COLLEGE WORLD SERIES AND FIRST 2 DAYS OF U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM TRIALS -- SWIMMING

Omaha, Neb. – On Monday, June 27, 2016 and Tuesday, June 28, 2016 TD Ameritrade Park Omaha will host the Championship games of the NCAA Men’s College World Series, while CenturyLink Center Omaha will be the site of the of the U.S. Olympic Swim Trials. An estimated 38,000 people will attend the combined events each night. Officials say planning and patience will ensure everyone with a ticket has a place to park in order to make their event on time, as was the case with overlap days in 2012.

In addition to the MECA parking lots, alternative parking and traffic options have been identified by local organizers and law enforcement authorities.

- The Mutual of Omaha employee parking lots on Dodge Street between 36th -38th will once again be open for Swim Trials parking. Fans with a Swim Trials ticket can park and ride a shuttle bus to CenturyLink Center for free. Six shuttles will run continuously from Mutual to the arena from 5 – 7 p.m., and return fans to Mutual from 8 -10 p.m.
- Downtown parking garages and street parking offer thousands of additional parking spaces within easy walking distance of the arena.
- Metro offers 12 routes that provide service within walking distance of TD Ameritrade Park and CenturyLink Center Omaha. Information on bus routes, fares and times are available at www.ometro.com.

Harold Cliff, COO of the U.S. Olympic Swim Trials, said most MECA parking lots will be filled by College World Series fans, so he is urging local Swim Trials ticket holders to plan ahead.

“We encourage fans coming for the Swim Trials to select an alternative parking option that will ensure they are in CenturyLink Center Omaha for the first race at 6:45 p.m.,” Cliff said. “In 2012 we had almost no parking or traffic issues and anticipate the same positive experience this year. Thanks to the cooperation of government entities and sponsoring event organizations I know this year traffic will again flow well.”

MECA president and CEO Roger Dixon said his organization has dealt with multiple events on the property before and his staff is prepared for this unique challenge.

“It is exciting to think that two premier sports championships will take place at the same time on the same property, putting Omaha on the national sports map,” Dixon said. “We recommend CWS and Olympic Swim Trials ticket holders come down earlier than normal, get their parking situation taken care of, and then enjoy the Old Market, USA Swimming Aqua Zone or CWS Fan Fest before the sports action starts at both venues.”

Omaha Police Chief Todd Schmaderer said OPD has worked closely with MECA, Swim Trials and CWS officials and believes there are plenty of parking alternatives for fans to consider. Chief Schmaderer said, “Omaha Police will be out in force to monitor the situation and keep traffic moving. We anticipate an efficient flow of people throughout the evening as we have experienced previously when events were held simultaneously at the arena and ballpark.”

Cliff noted that there is the potential of a third overlap day on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, should the College World Series go to a third and deciding game. He said the same parking alternatives will be available should that happen, and any issues identified will be dealt with before the next evening.