



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MISSISSIPPI FAIR COMMISSION**

COMMISSIONER ANDY GIPSON
CHAIRMAN

Press Release

For Release – October 2, 2018

Contact: Steve Hutton, Executive Director
Mississippi Fair Commission
Phone: (601) 961-4000
E-mail: Steve@mdac.ms.gov

Changes to Traffic Pattern for Mississippi State Fair Announced

JACKSON, Miss. — The gates to the 159th Mississippi State Fair will officially open at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3. Those traveling around the State Fairgrounds in downtown Jackson should be aware of changes in the traffic pattern. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, East Amite Street will be closed from North Street to Jefferson Street. As has been the case in recent years, Jefferson Street will be reduced from four to two lanes at the Fairgrounds.

Security for the 2018 Mississippi State Fair will be provided by multiple agencies. The Jackson Police Department (JPD), Hinds County Sheriff's Department (HCSO), the Mississippi State Fair Commission, and the State Capitol Police will combine resources for the two-week run of the fair.

In addition, officials from the Jackson Fire Department, Mississippi Highway Patrol, Mississippi Agriculture and Livestock Theft Bureau of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Mississippi Department of Corrections, AMR, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, Hinds EOC, Mississippi State Department of Health, Department of Homeland Security, Mississippi Tort Claims Board, National Weather Service, Mississippi Fusion Center, and the State Fire Marshal's Office are working together to ensure a safe 2018 State Fair.

The Mississippi State Fair runs Wednesday, October 3 through Sunday, October 14, with a gate admission price of \$5.00 per person. Children under the age of 6 are admitted free of charge. Fairgoers can enjoy free admission on weekdays from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., with the exception of October 8. For additional information, download the Mississippi State Fair mobile app, or visit <http://www.MsStateFair.com>.

###