

Lincoln Ave/US40 Traffic Plan Returns for July 4 Parade

Street Closures Start Around 6:30AM & Run Through Roughly 2PM

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-June 26, 2025-The city and the Steamboat Springs Chamber are preparing for the festivities surrounding the annual Fourth of July Parade and Cowboys' Roundup Days, which will result in closing several downtown roads to accommodate the parade. The following outlines the anticipated closures for the July 4th Parade and other potential impacts.

Fourth of July Parade – Lincoln Avenue/US40 - Lincoln & Several Streets Closed 6:30am-2pm

The parade floats down Lincoln Avenue/US40 and the national highway along with several city streets between 12th to 5th Streets will be closed from 6:30AM to around 2PM. The traffic plan will use a circular configuration that sees US40 eastbound traffic diverted onto Yampa Street and US40 westbound traffic onto Oak Street. Parking will be extremely limited in the downtown area during the parade closures.



No parking signs will be put on Lincoln Avenue, alongside streets such as 11th as well as one side of Yampa and Oak Streets 24-48 hours in advance. No parking in these locations span midnight to 2pm on July 4th. Vehicles left in no parking locations will be towed.

On Friday morning, July 4, westbound traffic will turn right on 5th St, then left onto Oak St before continuing down to 12th St and US40. For easier semi-truck travel, there will be no parking around the 5th & Oak and 12th & Oak intersections. In addition, other on-street parking on Oak will be restricted. Turning left onto side streets from Oak within the parade detour zone will not be permitted.

Eastbound traffic will turn right at 12th St, then left onto Yampa St. Traffic will travel the seven-blocks down Yampa to 5th St before returning to Lincoln/US40. No parking is available on 12th Street or at the intersections of 12th & Yampa and 5th & Yampa. Like Oak St, other on-street parking on Yampa will be restricted due to the detour.

The 5th Street Bridge will remain open to northbound traffic during the parade. Vehicles accessing Howelsen Hill, the Ice Arena or Brooklyn neighborhood will be able to turn right from Yampa St to

reach those venues. Westbound traffic on US40 will NOT be able to turn left on 5th Street to reach Howelsen Park. Motorists should consider using River Road for areas south of the river.

Residential side streets approaching Oak between 5th and 12th will not be permitted to turn left on Oak but will need to follow the circular route. The city is asking lodging shuttles to use the parking lot at 3rd & Oak for drop off and pick up during the closure.

Steamboat Springs Transit

SST will take advantage of the emergency lanes during the parade closure on Yampa and Oak Streets to keep buses rolling. The temporary transit flow permits passengers to exit the bus on the curb and safely away from traffic. Temporary bus stops for eastbound Steamboat Springs Transit (SST) routes will be on Oak at 10th, 9th, 7th & 5th. Westbound SST routes will use stops on 6th, 7th, 9th & 11th on Yampa St. Buses will return to normal operations when Lincoln Avenue/US40 reopens after the event. In addition, extra buses will be running on both ends of town to assist getting people into and out of downtown.

Extra buses will run during normal operating hours to provide extra capacity and help move people to and from the parade. Buses will return to normal operations when Lincoln Avenue/US40 reopens after the parade. SST locations and times can be found at steamboatsprings.net/transit or by calling 970.879.3717.

Parade Float Staging

Float staging will take place on the riverside of 10th and 11th Streets as well as in the public parking lot in this vicinity. The parade route heads east along Lincoln Ave/US40 from 10th to 6th Streets. The parade ends at 6th Street with floats turning right onto 6th St into the alley to return to the rodeo grounds. Spectators can line up along either side of Main Street to enjoy the signature event, which features around 40 entries.

Safety First

The city encourages people to walk, bike or take the free SST bus, which will see additional buses running during the parade. If driving, parking is available at Howelsen Hill Ski Area, Howelsen Ice Complex, Rodeo Arena, Stockbridge Transit Center, or the high school. Please respect residential access and do not block driveways. With a high volume of pedestrians including many children, be patient, alert, and observe detours and closures.

The city and chamber would like to thank residents and guests in advance for their cooperation during these closures and wishes everyone a safe and wonderful Fourth of July celebration. A complete listing of events over the July 4 holiday can be found at www.steamboatchamber.com.

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