



MAJOR STREET CLOSING WILL AFFECT QWEST CENTER OMAHA TRAFFIC Drivers Advised to Use Alternate Routes

Omaha, NE – Qwest Center Omaha and City of Omaha officials want to alert guests that as a result of the upcoming closure of Cuming Street by the City of Omaha for sewer work, traffic flow will be significantly impacted in the North Downtown area. Beginning Monday, March 30, 2009, Cuming Street will be closed in various sections between 20th and 27th Streets for sewer work. This stretch of Cuming Street will remain closed for most of the year.

Signs leading drivers to Qwest Center Omaha via the Cuming Street exit will be covered and drivers will be directed to exit I-480 prior to the North Freeway interchange. Qwest Center Omaha, the City of Omaha Public Works Department and the Omaha Police Department have been working together on the traffic situation and encourage drivers to take one of several different traffic routes when traveling to Qwest Center Omaha events:

Cuming Street Closure Detours

- **Drivers heading to Qwest Center Omaha should exit I-480 at:**
 - Ø **20th Street Exit**
 - Ø **14th Street Exit**
- **Drivers may also find it convenient to exit I-480 earlier at:**
 - Ø **Leavenworth Street Exit**
 - Ø **Harney/Farnam Street Exit**

Guests taking any of these exits will then be able to access the Qwest Center Omaha parking lots by driving north on 19th, 17th, 13th or 12th streets, or east on Capitol Avenue. Additional directional signage has been placed along downtown streets, and additional police control will be located at key intersections on these routes during major events at Qwest Center Omaha.

As weather improves drivers also can use downtown parking facilities and walk to the 10th & Capitol arena entrance. Drivers coming from the north can access Lot D by entering Cuming at Florence Boulevard and driving east, or driving south from Abbott Drive.

A detour route has been posted for outbound traffic traditionally using Cuming Street, directing motorists to downtown streets with access to I-480.