

## 2016-17 New Traffic Plan

Since the AmericanAirlines Arena opened its doors on December 31, 1999, the ongoing transformation of downtown Miami has been nothing short of spectacular. Downtown Miami is one of the best urban success stories of our generation and AmericanAirlines Arena and the Miami HEAT are thrilled to be a part of the area's continued growth.

Because more and more people are living, working and playing here, we've established a new Traffic Plan designed to make leaving the area after a HEAT game or an Arena event a more organized and efficient process. We are confident this plan will help you get to where you need to go as quickly as possible.

Our new Traffic Plan offers three separate exit routes for drivers who park on Arena property:

### **Valet Parking Traffic Flow**

Guests that utilize Valet parking at AmericanAirlines Arena will follow the existing route: west along N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, then north on to Biscayne Boulevard. The approximate time to I-95 and/or State Road 836 is 10 minutes along this route.

### **P2 Traffic Flow**

Guests that park in the P2 parking garage will follow a new traffic route: east on Port Boulevard towards the Port Miami Tunnel and then west on the MacArthur Causeway (I-395). This new traffic flow provides an unobstructed route with no pedestrians or stoplight delays. It also avoids event traffic that congests downtown streets. The approximate time to I-95 and/or State Road 836 is five minutes along this route. Miami Dade Police will maintain a presence along Port Boulevard to direct drivers towards the Port Miami Tunnel. **Please adhere to the 35 MPH speed limit while driving through the Port Miami Tunnel.**

### **P3 Traffic Flow**

Guests that park in the P3 parking garage will follow the existing route: west on Port Boulevard and then south on Biscayne Boulevard. The estimated time to I-95 and/or State Road 836 is 5 to 10 minutes along this route.

Please note that estimated times are based on historic averages and are subject to changes in post-event conditions.

## **Parking and Transportation: Helpful Hints**

Road closures and eliminated parking lots are also impacting the area surrounding AmericanAirlines Arena. Advance planning is highly recommended before coming to the Arena.

Helpful options include:

**Pre-Paid Valet Parking @ AA Arena:** Limited pre-paid Valet Parking at AmericanAirlines Arena is available through [Ticketmaster](#) on a first come, first served basis.

[Plentiful public event parking](#) is available at lots and garages surrounding the Arena including:

Bayside Marketplace	401 Biscayne Boulevard
Annex Garage	255 NE 1 <sup>st</sup> Street
Miami Parking Authority's College Garage	190 NE 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street
Omni Garage	1645 Biscayne Boulevard

Event parking lots and garages remain open until the end of a game/concert/show.

We also encourage guests to consider alternative transit options to get to and from HEAT games and Arena events. These options include:

#### **HEAT Game Day Express**

HEAT fans living in Broward County can hop aboard the HEAT Game Day Express to enjoy a stress-free commute to and from every HEAT home game. The HEAT Game Day Express departs from Outdoor World just off of I-95 between Griffin and Sheridan and is priced at \$20 round trip (season ticket members save \$5). Book your ride on the HEAT Game Day Express on [Ticketmaster](#) or call 786-777-4234 for more information.

#### **Miami Trolley**

With routes servicing Biscayne Boulevard, Brickell, Coral Way and Miami's Health District among others, the [Miami Trolley](#) gets HEAT fans to AmericanAirlines Arena for free. The orange and green trolleys make stops approximately every 15 to 20 minutes and provide a comfortable and reliable transportation alternative that's 100% gratis.

#### **Metromover**

Everybody rides free on downtown Miami's 21-station [Metromover](#)! The Park West station, located at 800 N.E. Second Avenue, is just one block West of AmericanAirlines Arena.

Other viable public transportation options include [Metrobus](#) and [Metrorail](#).

### **Ridesharing**

Uber will be teaming up with the Miami HEAT and AmericanAirlines Arena to make ridesharing to and from the Arena 100% stress-free. More information on designated pick up and drop off locations will be forthcoming. Stay tuned!

### **HEAT + AmericanAirlines Arena Transportation Hub**

For more information, please visit our online transportation hub where you'll find maps, helpful links, videos and more: [HEAT.com/parking](http://HEAT.com/parking).

### **FAQ**

*I live on the beach and I park in P2. How do I get to I-395 heading east to get back to the beach?*

The P2 Traffic Flow will take you east on Port Boulevard towards the Port Miami Tunnel. The Tunnel rejoins 395 heading west, so you'll take the first exit on your RIGHT, which is Exit 2 (Biscayne Boulevard/Arena PAC). Then you'll make the very first LEFT, which is North Bayshore Drive. North Bayshore Drive loops underneath the 395 allowing you to u-turn right back on to 395 EAST.

*Is there any flexibility to choose your traffic flow? Can I choose my exit route?*

You cannot choose your exit route. However, dividing the Arena's egress routes into these three distinctive plans allows for more evenly distributed traffic patterns thereby improving the efficiency and speed of your commute.

*What about those of us who don't leave the downtown area immediately following a game or event? Which traffic pattern do we follow?*

If you're enjoying an after party inside Hyde, Dewars Clubhouse or on the XFINITY East Plaza, or some other establishment in the downtown area, be aware that approximately one hour after the end of a HEAT game or Arena concert, all guests must follow the Valet Traffic Flow (west along N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, then north on to Biscayne Boulevard).

*Both parking and traffic in downtown Miami are getting more challenging. What do you suggest?*

Here are our top four suggestions to make your trip to AmericanAirlines Arena as stress-free an experience as possible.

1. Arrive early. Grab a bite and enjoy the view from the XFINITY East Plaza, sip cocktails inside Hyde Lounge or enjoy dinner at Dewars Clubhouse. Doors to AmericanAirlines Arena open at least 60 minutes prior to game/event time (90 minutes for Premium areas) giving you plenty of time to eat, drink and be merry.
2. Use a ride-sharing service. Ditch the car and Uber it to the Arena so you have time to catch up on your social media feeds, freshen your makeup or just enjoy NOT being behind the wheel.
3. Book your parking in advance. No more circling the block searching for a spot! Book parking in advance on Ticketmaster.com (limited Valet Parking at AmericanAirlines Arena) or visit the app store to download any of several free mobile apps which allow users to locate and purchase a parking spot in advance of a HEAT game or Arena event.
4. Plan ahead. Take a few minutes to say hello to your little friends: Google Maps, Waze and/or Mapquest. They can help you identify and avoid traffic headaches before you hit the road, Jack.