Important Travel Advice
for the 2003 United Way Mid-America Regional
Crossroads Conference

"Meet Me at the Crossroads" will take on a whole new meaning this June! On Memorial Day (let's be honest, immediately after the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race), construction will take place 24 hours a day 7 days per week in downtown Indianapolis. Since the Westin Hotel is right downtown, be aware of alternate routes. Significant sections of I 65 and I 70 will be closed, but only in the heart of the downtown area. Still, getting in and out may take longer than normal even if your most direct route is not under construction.

On behalf of the Crossroads Conference Planning Committee, we promise you, once you are at the Westin, and in downtown Indianapolis, you will have a fabulous time and will enjoy our city.

Please review the enclosed map. The star indicates the Westin Hotel. The **green** routes are suggested alternate routes. Our best advice at this time for getting to the Westin time from the east or south is as follows. If you are traveling on I70 from the east, pick up I65 North to Meridian Street. Take Meridian south to Michigan Street. Turn right (west) to Capital Avenue, one-way south. Take Capital to Washington Street and turn right (west, again). Immediately go to the left hand lane and either turn in to the parking garage or take the next drive to the main entrance to check in. Certainly other alternate routes will work also. An underground parking garage is immediate east of the Westin under the beautiful park-like area.

If you are traveling on I65 from the south, take the I70 West exit and then get off on West Street going north. Turn right on Maryland Street near the Convention Center. If you want to go directly to the underground parking garage, turn left immediately past the Westin entrance and take the elevator into the hotel. If you want to pull into the drive first to check in, go to Illinois Street, turn left (north), then left again (west) onto Washington Street. The Westin is on the left just after Capital Avenue and across from the state capitol.

Please log onto www.hyperfix6570.in.gov **before you leave home** and review the most up-to-date maps and travel advice. Click on "Detours & Road Closures" and then review the menu items that meet your needs. If you want to print a map and it won't print, right-click and then choose "print picture." You can also call 317-234-7065 for a Hyperfix recorded message detailing specific ramp closures and access points.

We strongly recommend that you avoid traveling during traditional rush hours. If you are traveling on roads not under construction (I65 from Chicago, for example) you might still see delays, so allow extra time.

For everyone, we want your trip to be safe and enjoyable. Put on some good music or a book-on-tape until you get close to Indy. Then you might want to listen to a local radio station for a traffic report; try AM 1070. If it does happen to be around rush hour, try 87.7 FM and turn up the volume for the local ABC affiliate station. They should have a news report also.

If you need to call our office with questions, please do so by May 30 or June 2 at the latest. Some of us will be onsite at the Westin from June 3 through the rest of the conference to June 6. We will not be able to check email after June 3 at noon.

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