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UPDATES TO PARKING PLAN FOR KENNY CHESNEY

SYRACUSE, NY – Onondaga County and SMG are working with area partners to expedite parking arrangements in response to feedback from Tuesday evening's Dave Matthews concert.

"We are pleased to successfully work out arrangements with Marcy Construction, NYS DOT & NYS Fair and will reopen the Pedestrian Bridge over I-690," said Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney. "A designated pedestrian walkway throughout the Orange Lot will be established prior to tomorrow night's Kenny Chesney concert to provide a safe pathway for those who choose to walk to the amphitheater's main gate from the Pink & Brown Lots."

Additional adjustments for Thursday evening include early access to the parking lots which will open four hours prior to the slated show time of 7:30pm and a significant increase in on-site shuttling. "In order to accommodate our patrons and give them an ample amount of time to access the venue, we will open the parking lots at 3:30pm tomorrow. After evaluating last night's event, we have worked with our partners at Centro to significantly increase the number of shuttles for both the entry and exit of the facility," said Matt Hollander, General Manager of the St. Joseph's Health Amphitheater at Lakeview. "Shuttles will begin moving patrons from the Pink Lot to the amphitheater's main gate at 4:30pm. We are expecting a very large crowd tomorrow and encourage guests to utilize the shuttle service well in advance of the show to avoid long waits in the shuttle and security lines."

Updates/Recommendations for Thursday evening include the following:

- Early Lots:** Parking lots will now open FOUR (4) hours prior to the scheduled show time at 3:30pm in an effort to allow ample time for Kenny Chesney attendees to arrive, park and access shuttle buses well in advance of the 7:30pm show.
- Pedestrian Bridge to Reopen:** The pedestrian bridge over 690 will be reopened to those who prefer to walk from the Pink/Brown Lots to the amphitheater
- Pedestrian Walkway within Orange Lot:** A designated pedestrian walkway through the Orange Lot will be established to provide safety for those who choose to walk to the Amphitheater after parking in the Brown/Pink Lots.
- Increased On-Site Shuttling:** There will be a significant increase to on-site shuttling for both ingress & egress to expedite shuttling. We encourage patrons to utilize the shuttles well in advance of the slated show time as they will need to clear security at the main gate as well.
- Shuttles from Downtown Syracuse:** Centro will continue to provide shuttles from their downtown hub (corner of Warren St.

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& East Adams) to the amphitheater's main gate for \$4 roundtrip. More information on this recommended service is provided at https://www.centro.org/service_schedules/service-area-onondaga-county/st-josephs-health-amphitheater-at-lakeview

About St. Joseph's Health Amphitheater at Lakeview: The beautiful and picturesque St. Joseph's Health Amphitheater at Lakeview is Central New York's premier destination to see today's biggest stars in a world-class, outdoor amphitheater. Located along the shore of Onondaga Lake in Syracuse, NY, this all-new state-of-the-art facility comfortably seats 17,500 avid music lovers. The venue opened its gates September 3rd, 2015 with Miranda Lambert's Roadside Bars and Pink Guitars tour. The amphitheater is a SMG-managed and Live Nation-promoted facility. For more information, visit <http://sjhamphitheater.com>.

About SMG: Founded in 1977, SMG provides management services to more than 230 public assembly facilities including convention and exhibition centers, arenas, stadiums, theaters, performing arts centers, amphitheaters, equestrian facilities, science centers and a variety of other venues. With facilities across the globe, SMG manages more than 20 million square feet of exhibition space and more than 1.5 million sports and entertainment seats. As the recognized global industry leader, SMG provides venue management, sales, marketing, event booking and programming; construction and design consulting; and pre-opening services for such landmark facilities as McCormick Place & Soldier Field in Chicago, Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco, Houston's NRG Park and the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. SMG also offers food and beverage operations through its Savor and Premier brands, currently serving more than 140 culinary accounts worldwide. For more information visit www.smgworld.com.

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