

Saint Joseph's fans attending Hawk basketball games at The Palestra should be advised that the South Street Bridge is now closed for construction. The bridge will be closed to all traffic including pedestrians, bicycles and cars for approximately 24 months.

(For those unfamiliar with the area, South Street Bridge connects University City to Center City, and the bridge is directly southeast of Franklin Field. South Street runs parallel and directly up against the south side of Franklin Field; it turns into Spruce Street at 33rd Street)

The closure of this important access point to University City will result in many changes to traffic patterns, signs and signals, and volume in the vicinity of campus. Obviously, this creates a huge change for people trying to gain access to athletic events at The Palestra.

The University of Pennsylvania has also developed a website with updated information at: <http://www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/ssbridge/>

The following is a list of driving recommendations for attending games at The Palestra:

From Center City:

Come westbound on Walnut Avenue; once you are over the bridge you are in the University City section of Philadelphia. You will see Franklin Field and The Palestra on your left as you come over the Walnut Street Bridge. The first street you hit after the bridge is 33rd (northbound, away from Penn's athletic facilities).

Coming eastbound on 76:

Option 1 – Exit at 30th Street Station (Exit 345), taking a right at the top of the ramp. After going around 30th Street Station, take a right onto Market Street, and follow that to 34th Street. Take a left on 34th, and at that point you will be within walking distance of Penn's athletic facilities (Palestra, Franklin Field, tennis)

Option 2 - Exit at Spring Garden Street (Exit 343): taking a right at the top of the ramp. Follow Spring Garden to 34th Street, and take a left. When you hit Market Street you will be entering University City and be within walking distance of Penn's athletic facilities (Palestra, Franklin Field, tennis).

Coming westbound on 76:

Exit at University Avenue (Exit 346B). Follow that through three sets of lights, to a left bend in the road. You will go under a railroad tressel; at the next light you can go left (Civic Center Blvd) or straight (University Avenue forks a few blocks later, you want to stay right which becomes 38th Street). Civic Center Boulevard will take you past the hospitals and eventually turns into 33rd Street right at Franklin Field. If you choose 38th Street, once you hit Spruce you are within walking distance of Penn's athletic facilities (Palestra, Franklin Field, tennis).

PARKING

Metered street parking can be found on 33rd Street (northbound), 34th Street (southbound), Walnut Avenue (westbound) and Chestnut Street (eastbound). There are other streets with relatively limited spots, as well, but as with any city street parking, is a hit-or-miss proposition.

PLEASE NOTE, if you choose to park on the metered streets you will want to be aware of the hours that the City's meters are in effect. Most streets are well marked with signage regarding metered hours.

We suggest the following pay lots and garages, all of which are safe and located within walking distance of Franklin Field, The Palestra, and the tennis facilities (lots listed in order by distance from the facilities)...

Click here for maps and information on Penn's parking lots

<http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/query.php3?keywords=parking&boolean=any&a=Search&maps=yes>

Garage/Lot 7: Located at 3220 South Street, on the corner of South and Convention Avenue (across the street from Franklin Field, also known as University Museum Garage)

http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_bldg.php3?id=90

More Information http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_map.php3?id=384

Garage/Lot 37: Located at 3335 Chestnut Street, corner of Chestnut and 34th

http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_bldg.php3?id=92

More Information http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_map.php3?id=386

Garage/Lot 26: Located at 3201 Walnut Street, corner of Walnut and 32nd

http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_bldg.php3?id=91

More Information http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_map.php3?id=385

Garage/Lot 14: Located at 3801 Spruce Street, corner of Spruce and 38th

http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_bldg.php3?id=165

More Information http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_map.php3?id=398

Garage 30/Module 6: Located at 119 South 38th Street, next to the Pottruck Center on Chestnut Street

http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_bldg.php3?id=76

More Information http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_map.php3?id=375

Garage 40: Located at 4009 Walnut Street, corner of 40th and Chestnut

http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_bldg.php3?id=167

More Information http://www.facilities.upenn.edu/mapsBldgs/view_map.php3?id=400

SEPTA OPTIONS

University City Station will remain open and accessible during the South Street Bridge reconstruction project. The station entrance on South Street will be closed; passengers must use the station entrance on Convention Avenue. For more information, visit

<http://www.septa.org/>