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DATE: 9/17/2021

SUBJECT: September 17 - 19 Traffic Advisories

BY: Officer David Decker, Special Events Coordinator

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Traffic Advisory

CASE NO.:

INCIDENT DATE:

INCIDENT TIME:

INCIDENT LOCATION:

Traffic Advisories for Friday, September 17

On Friday, September 17th, from 3 - 6:30 p.m., a portion of Harbor Drive between the Irvin slip and the Aquarium will close to traffic for Kid's Inline Sprint Races. The Great Lakes Aquarium lot will remain accessible during this time.

The Oktoberfestival will be conducting a short parade through the Canal Park area, from Canal Park Lodge to Bayfront Park, on Friday, beginning at 3 p.m. Roads will remain open for this event, but the parade will result in brief disruptions of traffic in the Canal Park area.

Traffic Advisory Summary for Saturday, September 18

The North Shore Inline Skate Marathon will be held on Saturday, September 18th. Several area roads will close for this event. Parking will be prohibited on the closed roads and vehicles found in violation will be subject to ticketing and towing.

Starting at 5 a.m., most avenues leading to London Road will close at London Road from 26th Avenue East to 60th Avenue East. At 5:30 a.m., Scenic Highway 61 will close. Local traffic will be directed off the Scenic Highway toward the Expressway. At 6:15 a.m., southbound traffic on the Hwy 61 Expressway will be diverted onto Superior Street and northbound I-35 traffic will be diverted to Mesaba Ave. to follow marked detours. Starting at 6:15 a.m., London Road from 26th Ave. E. to 60th Ave. E. will close, Harbor Drive will close, Interstate 35 from Mesaba Ave. to 26th Ave. E. will close, and 5th Ave. W. between Michigan St. and the Aquarium will be reduced to one lane. At approximately 6:15 a.m., 60th Ave. E. will close from Tioga St. to Superior St., with traffic being diverted to 58th and 61st Avenues East, and DTA buses diverted to 58th Ave. E.

This year's race includes inline skaters, roller skiers, and runners competing in races of varying lengths and starting at various times between 6:45 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. Further race details can be found at www.northshoreinline.com. Roads will re-open from east to west as racers near the finish area on Harbor Drive near the DECC. All roads will re-open by 2 p.m. Downtown Duluth and Canal Park will remain open to traffic during this event. Canal Park, Park Point, the Great Lakes Aquarium, and the DECC will be accessible by using Lake Avenue to Railroad Street or southbound on 5th Avenue West to Railroad Street.

Additional Closure Details and Detours

Northbound Interstate 35 will close from Mesaba Ave. to 26th Ave. East. Southbound Interstate 35 will close from 26th Ave. E. to Lake Ave. from 6:15 a.m. until approximately 1:30 p.m. Entrance ramps onto southbound I-35 will close at 26th Ave. E. and 21st Ave. E. Entrance ramps onto northbound I-35 will close at 5th Ave. West, Lake Avenue, and from Michigan St. at 2nd Avenue East.

EASTBOUND LOCAL STREETS AND NORTHBOUND I-35 DETOUR

Traffic will use 2nd Street from Mesaba Ave. to 3rd Avenue East, then proceed up 3rd Avenue East to 4th Street, then travel East on 4th Street to 10th Ave East, down 10th Avenue East to 2nd Street, then use 2nd Street to 21st Avenue East, down 21st Avenue Ave East to Superior Street, and continue east on Superior Street.

WESTBOUND LOCAL STREETS AND SOUTHBOUND I-35 DETOUR

Traffic will use Superior Street from the Highway 61 Expressway to 21st Avenue East, proceed north on 21st Avenue East, then continue west on 3rd Street to Mesaba Ave.

The 5th Avenue West Viaduct will be limited to one southbound lane with no northbound lane. The open lane on 5th Ave. W. will allow access to southbound I-35, the Aquarium, Railroad Street, and the DECC.

Ursa Minor Hill Climb Closures

The Ursa Minor Hill Climb will take place on the morning of Saturday, September 18. From 9:15 a.m. until approximately 11:30 a.m., 25th Ave West between Superior Street and 3rd Street will be closed. During the same timeframe, 3rd Street between 24th and 26th Ave West will be closed. From 9:30 a.m. until approximately 11:30 a.m., 24th Ave West between W Skyline Pkwy and W 12th St will be closed.

Additional Information on Business Access

Ecumen Lakeshore Home:

Vehicles will be able to enter or exit the Ecumen Lakeshore lot at 40th Ave. E., with the assistance of officers posted there when there are sufficient breaks between skaters.

Chateau Apartments at 3800 London Rd.:

Chateau residents can exit onto London Road going west only, with assistance from the volunteer posted there. Vehicles will be directed up 36th Avenue East from London Rd. Access to the Chateau will be from 40th Avenue East, with assistance from officers posted there. Drivers must use caution and remain alert to skaters on London Rd.

Glensheen:

If access to Glensheen is necessary during the race, access may be obtained from 36th Avenue East. Motorists should follow the direction of the officer posted at that location.

DECC:

The DECC Lot will remain open during the Marathon, with access to and exit from Railroad St. only. The DECC 5th Ave. West exit, the DECC 10-minute ticket lot, and the DECC East Gate will be closed.

Great Lakes Aquarium:

The Great Lakes Aquarium will be accessible from Railroad Street and 5th Avenue West. Exit from the Aquarium Lot will be down the Connector road to Railroad Street only.

Canal Park:

Canal Park will remain accessible from Lake Avenue or Railroad St.