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DATE: 06/15/2012
NATURE OF INCIDENT: Special Event
CASE NO.:
INCIDENT DATE :06/15/2012
INCIDENT TIME: Friday evening and Saturday day
INCIDENT LOCATION: Downtown and East Duluth
SUBJECT: Traffic Advisory William Irvin 5K & Grandma's Marathon
BY: Officer Bill Stovern (218) 390-2297

GRANDMA'S MARATHON RACE WEEKEND

19th ANNUAL WILLIAM IRVIN 5K
FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2012, 6:00 P.M. START

MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HALF MARATHON
SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH 2012, 06:15 A.M. START

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HALF MARATHON
SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH 2012, 06:25 A.M. START

22nd ANNUAL GARRY BJORKLUND HALF MARATHON
SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2012, 6:45 A.M. START

GRANDMA'S WHEELCHAIR MARATHON
SATURDAY, JUNE 16th 2012, 7:40 START

36th ANNUAL GRANDMA'S MARATHON:
SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2012, 7:45 A.M. START

TRAFFIC ADVISORY FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2012 - William A. Irvin 5K

- The race will begin at 6:00 P.M. Traffic on Harbor Drive behind the DECC will be closed at 3:00 pm, and at 5:45 pm traffic will be diverted off Railroad Street for the duration of the race.
- Motorists should obey temporary "No Parking" areas on Railroad Street and Harbor Drive. Violators will be tagged and towed.
- Traffic delays will occur for approximately one hour as Railroad Street is closed from Garfield

Avenue to the DECC Entrance. No Southbound traffic on 5th Avenue West will be allowed past the I-35 ramps, and the 5th Ave W Connector to Railroad St will be closed. Harbor Drive behind the DECC will also be closed to traffic.

-Access to the DECC will be through the North Gate (on Railroad Street), from Lake Avenue, and the only exit will be through the Ramp onto Railroad St.

-Traffic should return to normal by 7:30 pm.

-Please watch for no parking signs, barricades, and Officers directing traffic when driving in the area of this event.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2012 - Marathon, Half Marathon, & National Championships

-At 12 noon on Friday, June 15, Canal Park Drive from Railroad Street to Buchanan Street will be closed for Grandma's finish line set up. This roadway will remain closed to automobile traffic until after the Grandma's Marathon Finish on Saturday June 16th.

On Saturday June 16th =

-Scenic Highway 61, along the lake, will be closed to traffic at 4:15 A.M., between Duluth and Two Harbors

-Lakewood, Homestead, Ryan, and McQuade Roads will be closed from the Highway 61 Expressway to Scenic Highway 61 at 4:15 A.M.

-London Road will be closed at 5:45 A.M.

-Superior Street from 12th Avenue East to 5th Avenue West, will be closed at 6:00 a.m.

-Harbor Drive, Commerce Street, Lake Place Drive and Canal Park closed at 6:00 a.m.

PARKING IS NOT ALLOWED ON THE RACE COURSE. Please observe the posted "No Parking" Signs. Violators will be towed.

In the Canal Park area parking is encouraged at the Bayfront Park lots, which are accessible from Railroad Street. Railroad Street may be accessed by either by 5th Avenue West or Garfield Avenue.

Traffic to and from Park Point will encounter long delays Friday evening and Saturday. On Saturday, during the Marathon, the only way motorists will be able to reach Park Point and the Canal Park area will be from 5th Avenue West to Railroad Street or Garfield Avenue to Railroad Street. An officer there will then direct them along the detour route to reach the Park Point and the Canal Park area without crossing the Race Course.

-Northbound traffic on I-35 will be diverted up Mesaba Avenue to 2nd Street.

-EAST DETOUR-East bound traffic will use 2nd street to 21st Avenue East, then south to Superior Street, and continuing East. This detour will take effect 05:45 a.m.

-WEST DETOUR-West bound traffic on Superior Street will turn North onto 21st Avenue East, then continue West on 3rd Street. This detour will take effect at 05:45 a.m.

-The northbound lane of I-35 will be closed at 05:45 a.m. from Mesaba Avenue to 26th Avenue East. -The southbound lane of I-35 from 21st and 26th Avenues East will be closed at 4:15 a.m.

-The freeway, and other roadways closed for the Marathon will reopen at approximately 2:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

Motorists should slow down and be alert to special signing and lane closures on Highway 61 Expressway just south of Two Harbors.

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