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DATE: June 22, 2011  
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
FROM: Oceanside Police Department  
SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE, PARKING, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL PLANS FOR JULY 4, 2011**

**SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution approving temporary road closures, no-parking areas, and traffic-flow plans between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and Midnight on July 4, 2011, in various locations within the area generally bounded by The Strand to the west, Pacific Street to the east, Wisconsin Street to the south, and Harbor Drive to the north (map, attachment 1), to facilitate the movement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic during the Fourth of July festivities and enhance public safety.

**BACKGROUND**

On February 19, 2008, the City Council held a Workshop to consider Fourth of July planning recommendations for the Beachfront Area. Staff recommended restriction of vehicular access, street closures, resident parking areas, and no-parking zones in various locations. These recommendations were adopted and implemented on July 4, 2008. The measures worked extremely well. As a result, reconstitution of these measures is recommended for July 4, 2011. This report enumerates those recommendations.

**ANALYSIS**

This year's festivities are expected to attract 100,000 plus residents and visitors to the City's beaches and surrounding areas. Public safety is of the utmost importance, and staff believes a comprehensive plan for parking and traffic flow will provide a more enjoyable experience for all, as well as enhance public safety for pedestrians and facilitate the movement of emergency vehicles in the Beachfront Area. With this in mind, the following traffic plan has been developed to address roadway closures, parking restrictions and pedestrian and traffic flow throughout the event.

**July 4, 2011, Road Closures**

- Roadway closures beginning at 9:00 a.m.
  - The Strand from Wisconsin Street to Breakwater Street.
  - Pacific Street at Surfrider Way

- Pacific Street at Seagaze Drive
- Pacific Street at Wisconsin Avenue
- Harbor Drive South at Pacific Street
- Harbor Drive South at Tunnel to East Harbor Lot, Pedestrian control
- Exceptions for residents and their guests
  - If residents need to exit the closed area after the streets have been closed, they will be free to do so. If they wish to enter the area after the streets have been closed, they must be able to show proof of residency or appropriate slip reenter permit and confirm they have off-street parking available.
  - Guests of residents will be allowed into the closed area provided they have an address in the area where they have been invited.
  - Officers will be instructed to work with those who may be residents or guests of the property and be reasonable in their decision-making.
  - When pedestrian traffic in the closed area becomes so heavy that the safety of pedestrians may be compromised by vehicular traffic, no resident, employee or resort property vehicles will be allowed into the closed area. If and when this occurs, vehicles will not be allowed in the area until the zone commander has determined pedestrian traffic is at a safe level for inclusion of vehicular traffic.
  - Medical issues and caregivers will be accommodated as needed.

#### Traffic flow during the exit plan

- Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton's Firework Show Traffic.
  - Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton will still be having fireworks and a mass exodus of vehicles from the Marine Corps base at 9:30 p.m. is expected. This traffic will adversely affect vehicles exiting the Harbor at the intersection of Harbor and Santa Fe because of vehicles exiting the Del Mar Gate of Camp Pendleton. The constant flow of traffic exiting the Main Gate of Camp Pendleton westbound under the I-5 Bridge and the eastbound traffic on Harbor Dr. will converge on the intersection of Harbor Dr. at Coast Highway, which is the onramp of southbound I-5. This area will be gridlocked for about two hours. The following traffic plan will be implemented to prevent this traffic from impacting the harbor. Unlike previous years, OPD personnel will not provide traffic control on Harbor Drive outside the harbor (this is outside the city limits).
- Traffic leaving the Harbor and Harbor Beach area will be directed as follows:
  - Harbor Drive North
    - All traffic traveling on Harbor Drive North will be directed onto Harbor Drive South. No traffic will be allowed to enter or exit the harbor from the intersection of Harbor Drive at Santa Fe.

- When pedestrian traffic in the closed areas becomes congested to the point that safety may be compromised by the inclusion of other vehicles, the zone commander will shut off vehicle access to the area to all residents. The area will remain closed to vehicle traffic until the zone commander deems it safe to re-open. Public safety and pedestrian safety are the highest priority for zone commanders. Zone commanders recognize the importance of allowing as much access as is possible to residents and will take this into account in the decision making process to restrict total access.

#### Parking Lots designated for General Public's Use

- All City parking lots with the exception of Lots 26, 28, 29, and 30 will be available for public use.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Does not apply. Staff costs will be absorbed by the Police Department.

#### COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

This report will be presented to the Police and Fire Commission as an advisory item on, June 22, 2011.

#### CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

Traffic will be directed to the tunnel to the East Harbor Lot: It will be directed eastbound to Carmelo Drive. No further traffic control will occur after the entrance to the lot.

- Harbor Drive South

Traffic traveling southbound and eastbound on Harbor Drive South will be allowed to exit the harbor via the Pacific Street Bridge. It will be directed southbound on Pacific Street. No further traffic control will occur after the turn onto the bridge.

- Traffic control will be cancelled when:

- Traffic in the harbor lightens up and both pedestrian and vehicle traffic can flow smoothly without the assistance of a police presence
- Traffic on Harbor Drive at Santa Fe has lightened up to the point that opening this access point to the harbor won't negatively impact the traffic flow in the harbor.

Based upon previous years, this is projected to be between 10:30 and 11:00 p.m..

Note: Harbor residents and businesses will need to be informed by Event Coordination personnel of the road closure, and advised to use the Pacific St. Bridge to access the Harbor on July 4 between 9:00 p.m. and Midnight.

#### July 4, 2011, Parking Restrictions

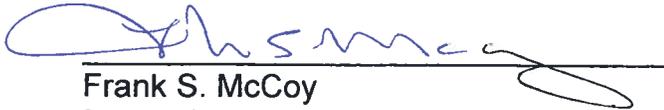
- Parking Enforcement will post the following areas with "No Parking – July 4, 2011 5:00 p.m. – Midnight" signs 72 hours in advance of the event. They will also erect barricades at the entrances to this lot. This will be done at the time the lot closes (10:00 p.m.) on July 3, 2011. Vehicles left in the "No Parking" areas will be towed at 6:00 a.m. on the day of the event – except for vehicles parked in the single aisle section at the south end of the lot.
- Municipal parking lot 26 (Forward Staging Area)
- Municipal parking lots 28, 29, 30 and Betty's Lot will be for the sole use of vendors. Parking Enforcement will post with "Restricted Parking" signs 72 hours in advance of the event. Access to these lots will be very limited after 11:00 p.m. on July 3.
- Handicapped parking
  - Available in Lot 28 (358 North The Strand) and Lot 31 (704 South The Strand)
  - Drivers with handicapped passengers will be allowed to drop off their passengers at the designated handicapped parking lots.
- Exceptions for residents
  - All other street parking is available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution approving temporary road closures, no-parking areas, and traffic-flow plans between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and Midnight on July 4, 2011, in various locations within the area generally bounded by The Strand to the west, Pacific Street to the east, Wisconsin Street to the south, and Harbor Drive to the north (map, attachment 1), to facilitate the movement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic during the Fourth of July festivities and enhance public safety.

PREPARED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

  
Frank S. McCoy  
Police Chief

  
Peter A. Weiss  
City Manager

REVIEWED BY:

Michelle Skaggs Lawrence, Deputy City Manager



**ATTACHMENTS**

Map  
Resolution



1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
3 OCEANSIDE APPROVING TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE,  
4 PARKING, AND TRAFFIC PLANS FOR JULY 4, 2011, IN THE  
5 BEACHFRONT AREA

6 WHEREAS, on February 19, 2008, the City Council held a Workshop to discuss Fourth  
7 of July planning recommendations for the Beachfront Area and directed staff to develop a  
8 comprehensive circulation plan for all areas;

9 WHEREAS, the Fourth of July planning recommendations were adopted and  
10 implemented for July 4, 2008 yielding a significant positive enhancement to public safety  
11 throughout the day of the event;

12 WHEREAS, an increased volume of traffic and large pedestrian crowds are expected in  
13 the Beachfront Area on July 4, 2011;

14 WHEREAS, the Oceanside City Code Section 30A.23, Street Closure, allows for the  
15 temporary closure of any portion of any street for a special event, when the closing is necessary  
16 for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the  
17 temporary closing; and

18 WHEREAS, the Oceanside City Council finds that it is necessary for the safety and  
19 protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the temporary closing to  
20 implement the roadway closure, parking, and traffic-flow plans as set forth herein.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

22 That the following roadway closure, parking, and traffic-flow plans be implemented for  
23 July 4, 2011:

24 July 4, 2011, Road Closures

- 25 • Roadway closures beginning at 9:00 a.m.
  - 26 – The Strand from Wisconsin Street to Breakwater Street:
  - 27 – Pacific St. @ Surfrider Way:
  - 28 – Pacific St. at Seagaze Dr.:
  - Pacific St. @ Wisconsin Ave.:

- 1       – Harbor Dr. South @ Pacific St.
- 2       – Harbor Dr. South @ Tunnel to East Harbor Lot, Ped control

3 July 4, 2011, Parking Restrictions

- 4       • Parking Lot closures beginning at 5:00 a.m.
  - 5           – Parking Lots 26, 28,29 and 30
- 6       • Handicapped parking
  - 7           – Available in Lot 28 at 358 North the Strand and Lot 31 at 704 South the Strand
  - 8           – Drivers with handicapped passengers will be allowed to drop off their passengers at
  - 9           the designated handicapped parking lots.
- 10      • Exceptions for residents
  - 11           – All other street parking is available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis
  - 12           – However, when pedestrian traffic in the closed area becomes congested to the point
  - 13           that safety may be compromised by the inclusion of other vehicles, the zone
  - 14           commander will shut off vehicle access to the area to all residents, guests and
  - 15           employees. The area will remain closed to vehicle traffic until the zone commander
  - 16           deems it safe to re-open. Public safety and pedestrian safety are the highest priority
  - 17           for zone commanders.

18 July 4, 2011, Traffic Flow During the Exit Plan

- 19      • The flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic will be monitored throughout the day by
- 20      zone commanders. Traffic control measures will be modified as needed to insure
- 21      pedestrian safety within the zones. Public safety is the highest priority consideration for
- 22      zone commanders while evaluating traffic and pedestrian flow within their zones.
- 23      • Unlike previous years, OPD personnel will not provide traffic control on Harbor Dr.
- 24      outside the Harbor (this is outside the city limits).
- 25      • Traffic leaving the harbor and harbor beach area will be directed as follows:
- 26      • Harbor Dr. North
- 27      • All traffic traveling on Harbor Dr. North will be directed onto Harbor Dr. South. No traffic
- 28      will be allowed to enter or exit the harbor from the intersection of Harbor Dr. @ Santa Fe.

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- 2 traffic will be allowed to enter or exit the harbor from the intersection of Harbor Dr. @
- 3 Santa Fe.
- 4 • Traffic will be directed to the tunnel to the East Harbor Lot: It will be directed eastbound to
- 5 Carmelo Dr. No further traffic control will occur after the entrance to the lot.
- 6 • Harbor Dr. South
- 7 • Traffic traveling southbound and eastbound on Harbor Dr. South will be allowed to exit the
- 8 harbor via the Pacific St. Bridge. It will be directed southbound on Pacific St. No further
- 9 traffic control will occur after the turn onto the bridge.

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 11 These traffic-control measures will be cancelled when traffic in the downtown lightens  
 12 up and both pedestrian and vehicle traffic can flow smoothly without the assistance of a police  
 13 presence.

14 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,  
 15 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, by the following vote:

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- 17 AYES:
- 18 NAYS:
- 19 ABSENT:
- 20 ABSTAIN:
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22 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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 24 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

25  
 26 \_\_\_\_\_  
 27 City Clerk

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 City Attorney

