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**DATE: 9/12/2019**

**SUBJECT: Traffic Advisory: North Shore Inline Skate Marathon**

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**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Traffic Advisory**

**CASE NO.:**

**INCIDENT DATE:**

**INCIDENT TIME:**

**INCIDENT LOCATION:**

[DULUTH, MN]

**Traffic Advisories for Friday, September 13**

On Friday, September 13th, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., a portion of Harbor Drive near the Irvin slip will close to traffic for Kid's Inline Sprint Races. All DECC parking gates and lots, and 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 3:15 p.m. Roads will remain open for this event, but the parade will result in brief diversions of traffic in the Canal Park area.

**Traffic Advisory Summary for Saturday, September 14**

The North Shore Inline Skate Marathon will be held on Saturday, September 14th. 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 5:00 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](http://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 2:00 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.

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**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.

The marked detour for eastbound I-35 traffic will be 2nd Street from Mesaba Ave. to 21st Avenue East, south to Superior Street, and east on Superior Street to the Expressway.

The marked detour for westbound I-35/Hwy. 61 traffic will be Superior Street from the Highway 61 Expressway to 21st Avenue

East, north on 21st Avenue East, then west on 3rd Street to Mesaba Ave.

First Street will close from 6th Ave. W. to Mesaba Ave. to assist with traffic flow on Mesaba Ave. Westbound First Street traffic will be diverted down 6th Ave. W. to Superior St. to continue westbound.

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.

### **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:**

The Glensheen Mansion will be closed during the race and will re-open at 1:00 p.m. 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.

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