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**DATE: 9/16/2016**

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

**BY: Duluth Police Department Public Information Officer Ron Tinsley**

**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Media/Public Notification**

**CASE NO.:**

**INCIDENT DATE: 9/17/2016**

**INCIDENT TIME: 6:45 a.m. Start**

**INCIDENT LOCATION: Scenic Highway, East Duluth, DECC area**

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## **North Shore Inline Marathon Traffic Advisory**

The North Shore Inline Marathon will be held on Saturday, September 17th. Several area roads will be closed for this event.

This year's race includes inline skaters, roller skiers, and runners. The skate and roller ski course travels down Scenic Drive, then down London Road to 26th Avenue East where participants take South Bound I-35, exiting onto the 5th Avenue West Ramp, turning left on 5th Avenue West, down to Harbor Drive behind the DECC to the finish line on Harbor Drive near the William Irvin Tour Ship. Runners will travel up I-35 from 5th Avenue West, through the tunnels, and turn around near London Road, and then proceed back the same route.

The entire route will be closed to traffic, and parking on the route will be prohibited. Downtown Duluth and Canal Park will be completely open to traffic during this event.

Canal Park, Park Point, the Great Lakes Aquarium, and the DECC will be accessible using Lake Avenue to Railroad Street, or down 5th Avenue West to Railroad Street.

### **Road Closures:**

#### **On Friday, September 16th, starting at 4:00 p.m.**

Harbor Drive will be closed for Kid's Inline Sprint Races from Railroad Street near the Irvin, to the back ticket parking area of the DECC. The DECC ticket parking area will remain accessible from the Aquarium side of Harbor Drive. The Great Lakes Aquarium will be accessible during this event. Harbor Drive will re-open about 6:30 p.m.

#### **On Saturday, September 17th, at 5:00 a.m.**

The Scenic Highway will be closed from the Highway 61 Expressway to Two Harbors for Race Setup. Local traffic will be guided off the Scenic Highway toward the Expressway.

#### **Starting at 6:15 a.m.**

All Southbound traffic on the Hwy 61 Expressway will be diverted onto Superior Street.

60th Ave E will be closed from Tioga Street to Superior Street. Traffic will be diverted to 58th and 61st Avenues East. DTA BUSES will follow this diversion and turn down 58th Avenue East to Superior Street. London Road will be closed from 60th Avenue East to 26th Avenue East.

#### **Lakeshore Lutheran Home:**

Vehicles will be able to enter/exit their lot WITH ASSISTANCE FROM OFFICERS POSTED THERE, between skaters when it is safe.

#### **Chateau Apartments (3800 London Road)**

Residents can exit onto London Road going WEST ONLY, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE VOLUNTEER POSTED THERE, and will be sent up 36th Avenue East. Access to the Chateau will be from 40th Avenue East, with assistance from officers posted there.

**Glensheen:**

Access to the Glensheen Mansion will be from 36th Avenue East, then west on London Road, with assistance from posted officers. Exit from Glensheen will be West on London Road to 32nd Avenue East ONLY WHEN SAFE, WHEN NO SKATERS ARE PRESENT.

**DECC:**

The DECC Lot will remain open with access and exit FROM RAILROAD STREET ONLY. The 5th Avenue West exit will be closed. Exit from the DECC Lot will be from the parking ramp onto Railroad Street.

**Aquarium:**

The Aquarium will be accessible from Railroad Street and 5th Avenue West. Exit from the aquarium will be down the connector road to Railroad Street only.

**Canal Park:**

Canal Park will be accessible down Lake Avenue.

**Highway I-35:**

I-35 will be closed from 26th Avenue East to 5th Avenue West. South bound entrance ramps onto I-35 will be closed at 26th Avenue East and 21st Avenue East. North bound entrance ramps onto I-35 will be closed at Mesaba Avenue, 5th Avenue West, Lake Avenue, and 2nd Avenue East/Michigan Street. The 5th Avenue West overpass will be limited to one lane down bound., to Southbound I-35, the Aquarium, the Connector to Railroad Street, or to the DECC. The up bound lane of 5th Avenue West will be closed to vehicle traffic.

**1st Street:**

1st Street will be closed from 6th Avenue West to Mesaba Avenue. Traffic will be diverted down 6th Avenue West to Superior Street and continue west bound.

**MEDICAL/EMERGENCY VEHICLES to the RACE FINISH LINE AREA:**

Should enter the DECC north gate on Railroad Street and proceed through the lot towards the DECC East Gate (near the Irvin).

**People driving in the area of the event should use caution, slow down and be alert for heavy pedestrian traffic, closed roads, and Police Officers directing traffic.**