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### **Traffic management plan for 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Longest Causeway Run & Fitness Walk announced**

**South Padre Island, TX, June 2, 2017:** South Padre Island is excited to welcome back the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 2017 Summer Longest Causeway Run & Fitness Walk. The Summer Longest Causeway Run & Fitness Walk is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2017.

The South Padre Island Police Department along with other City departments will be working together to manage crowds and traffic control. Barrels and cones will be placed in areas to enhance the flow of traffic.

“Public Safety is our number one priority,” said Randy Smith, police chief. “We want to ensure the participants and visitors enjoy this event.”

Expect traffic delays before and after the event. The run/walk will begin at 8 a.m. Participants will travel northbound from Schlitterbahn along Padre Boulevard and will continue across the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway, ending at the Port Isabel Event and Cultural Center. The tail-escort emergency vehicle will be available until the end of the event.

The City will place traffic control barrels/cones on the roadway to direct traffic movement and to minimize delays. The locations of the traffic control barrels/cones are as follows:

#### **Participants**

1. The race will begin from the parking lot of Schlitterbahn, and continue along Park Road 100, and then head south against traffic on the outside lane.
2. Racers will enter Chapel by the Sea Church Drive and exit on the south side of the parking lot.
3. Racers will enter Gulf View Loop on the outside lane and head south until they enter Channel View Loop, running around Isla Blanca Park, then exiting at the toll booth entrance/exit.
4. Racers will continue on the outside lane running against traffic south bound until they turn onto the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway. The racers will continue on the outside lane against traffic on the east bound lane.
5. Upon exiting the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway, racers will make a left turn on Garcia Street and continue on the race route.
6. The finish line will be at the Port Isabel Event and Cultural Center.

## Vehicles

1. All north bound traffic will be directed to the inside lane using cones/barrels and traffic personnel from the Isla Blanca Park toll booth entrance/exit on Park Road 100. All north bound traffic exiting Sea Ranch Marina will be directed to the inside lane.
2. All east bound traffic will be directed to the inside lane beginning at Garcia Street and State Hwy. 100, Port Isabel. Traffic cones/barrels and traffic personnel will be directing all motor vehicles to the inside lane. The speed limit on the Queen Isabella Causeway will be reduced to 20 miles per hour.
3. All traffic exiting the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway will continue to be directed to the inside lane headed south toward the Cameron County toll booth entrance/exit.
4. Electronic signage will inform motorists of the race in progress.
5. Estimated time for the temporary lane closures: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.
6. A tail-escort of emergency vehicles will be available until the end of the event.



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