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### **SPI issues traffic management plan for Raul Alcala Challenge/Gran Fondo**

South Padre Island, TX, Oct. 29, 2017: The third annual Raul Alcala Challenge/Gran Fondo is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017. Cyclists from all over will take on one of three routes that include a 10 mile ride, 50 mile ride and 100 mile ride from South Padre Island and back.

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 primary focus,” said Randy Smith, police chief. “Our goal is to ensure everyone stays safe while riding this great course and has a great time.”

Expect traffic delays before and after the event. The event will begin at 7 a.m. and will start at [100 Padre Blvd](#). Those participating in the 50 and 100 mile routes will travel from South Padre Island and will continue westbound across the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway. Later, participants will cross eastbound on the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway, and end the ride at [100 Padre Blvd](#). 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.

#### **Vehicles**

1. All eastbound traffic will merge into the left lane beginning at [State Hwy. 100 and Manautou Street in Port Isabel](#) and continue to travel east across the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway. A temporary lane closure for eastbound traffic crossing the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway will be in place from between 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. (estimated).
2. All westbound traffic will merge into the left lane beginning at [State Hwy. 100 and 300 Block in South Padre Island](#) and continue to travel west across the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway. A temporary lane closure for westbound

traffic crossing the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway will be in place from between 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. (estimated).

3. Traffic cones/barrels and traffic personnel will be directing all motor vehicles to the inside lane.
4. A tail-escort of emergency vehicles will be available until the end of the event.

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