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

South Padre Island, TX, Oct. 31, 2018: The fourth annual Raul Alcala Challenge/Gran Fondo bike ride is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018. Cyclists from all over will take on one of two routes that include a 50-mile ride and a 70-mile ride.

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.”

Expect traffic delays before and after the event. The event will begin at 7 a.m. and will start at [33261 State Park Road 100](#). Cyclists will travel from South Padre Island and will continue westbound across the Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge. Later, participants will cross eastbound on the Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge and end the ride at [33261 State Park Road 100](#).

The City will place traffic control barrels/cones on the roadway to direct traffic movement and to minimize delays.

Vehicles

1. All westbound traffic will be held at the Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge beginning at [State Hwy. 100 and the Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge](#) on South Padre Island. A rolling closure for westbound traffic crossing the Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge will be in place from between 7:10 a.m. to 7:25 a.m. (approximate).
2. All eastbound traffic from Port Isabel to South Padre Island will be held at the Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge beginning at the intersection of [Highway 100 and South Garcia Street](#) in Port Isabel. A rolling closure for eastbound traffic crossing the Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge will be in place from between 10 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. (approximate).
3. A tail-escort of emergency vehicles will be available until the end of the event.
4. All cyclists must be within the escorted group to cross the bridge.

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