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**DATE:** 7/1/2022

**SUBJECT:** Fourth Fest Celebration Traffic Advisory

**BY:** Sergeant Michael Tinsley

**NATURE OF INCIDENT:**

**CASE NO.:**

**INCIDENT DATE:**

**INCIDENT TIME:**

**INCIDENT LOCATION:**

Fourth Fest Celebration Traffic Advisory

On Monday, July 4, the City of Duluth will host the Annual Fourth Fest Celebration in the Bayfront area. Limited parking will be available at the DECC parking ramp, the Great Lakes Aquarium Lot, and in the parking lots on Railroad Street West of 5th Avenue West. Parking is also available in Downtown parking ramps.

Traffic congestion will grow in the Bayfront area as the day progresses. During the late afternoon, it is advisable to park Downtown and walk to Bayfront. Starting at approximately 6:00 p.m., Harbor Drive behind the DECC will close to traffic for the evening to accommodate the large number of pedestrians that gather to watch the display.

The Aerial Lift Bridge will remain in the down position from 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 4 to 1:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 5. The Minnesota Slip pedestrian bridge between the DECC and Canal Park will be down for pedestrians to cross from 8:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Fireworks will commence at 10:10 p.m. and last 20 to 25 minutes.

At the conclusion of the fireworks display, vehicles in the Canal Park and Park Point area should expect long delays, and access to Canal Park and Park Point areas will be restricted for approximately one hour after the fireworks have ended. If you need to get to those areas, then it is suggested you arrive there before 10:00 p.m. to avoid delay.

The Duluth Police Department will provide traffic control at the end of the fireworks to facilitate the smooth exit of vehicles and pedestrians from the area. Be aware of Officers and watch for their directions. Drivers caught going around Police barricades or cones may be cited.

Your patience is appreciated during this busy event. Cans, bottles (other than one empty water bottle per person), coolers, and pets are not allowed in Bayfront during Fourth Fest. Empty water bottles can be filled on site. There is no admission charged at Bayfront for Fourth Fest and it will be held rain or shine.

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