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DATE: 9/9/2020 SUBJECT: Traffic Advisory: Fitger's 5K BY: Tom Maida

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Traffic Advisory CASE NO.: INCIDENT DATE: 9/12/2020 INCIDENT TIME: 5:30 AM - 12:15 PM INCIDENT LOCATION: Superior St, London Road, South St, and Water St from 6th Ave E to 23rd Ave E

[DULUTH, MN] On Saturday, September 12, the Fitger's 5K Foot Race will affect traffic on Superior Street, London Road., South Street and 21st Ave. E. Most of the race course will consist of a coned lane on the side of the road or be on the Lakewalk. Motorists should be aware, however, of the following closures and traffic changes.

Starting at 5:00 a.m., 21st Ave. E., between London Road and Water St., will be reduced to one lane of traffic. Only local traffic will be allowed access to Water St. from London Road. Officers will be posted to direct traffic in the area. Both I-35 ramps at 21st Ave. E. will be closed. Northbound I-35 traffic will be diverted to 26th Ave. E., and motorists wanting to enter southbound I-35 can do so at 26th Ave. E.

Starting at 5:30 a.m., South Street, from 15th Ave. E. to 20th Ave. E.; and 15th Ave. E., between South St. and London Road, will be reduced to single, one-way driving lanes. All traffic must travel only westbound on South Street and only northbound on 14th Ave. E. during the race. Other avenues in the area will remain open to allow access to South St.

Also, at 5:30 a.m., London Road from 10th Ave. E. to 12th Ave. E. will close to traffic.

Traffic on Superior Street from the Fitger's Brewing Complex at 600 E. Superior St. to 10th Ave. E. will be directed through coned driving lanes, with a runner's lane coned along the lake-side of the road. Motorists should drive through this section of Superior St. slowly and with caution.

Roads will re-open and traffic flow will return to normal by approximately 12:15 p.m.

Motorists should be aware of temporary "No Parking" areas on Superior Street, London Road, 15th Ave. E., 20th Ave. E., and South St. Violators will be tagged and towed. Parking will be allowed on the north (odd) side of South St. and of London Rd. in the race area.

This year's race has been modified to reduce the size of groups gathered together, in accordance with guidelines from the State of Minnesota. Participants will run in waves of no more than 25 people at a time throughout the event. The first wave starts at 6:00 a.m. and the last wave starts at 11:30 a.m. The race starts on the east side of Fitger's, on Superior St., and will finish on the Lakewalk behind Fitger's. All runners should be done by 12:45 p.m.

Runners are encouraged to park either in the Fitger's Parking Ramp or along the streets and avenues above the racecourse.

Motorists should remain alert for officers directing traffic and increased pedestrian traffic in the area.

The Fitger's 5K is a Young Athletes Foundation event, a program of Grandma's Marathon.

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