

# CITY OF LONG BEACH

**RES-22** 

Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

SUBJECT:

A Resolution to Temporarily Close and Remove From Public Use Certain Streets, Alleys, The Promenade and Downtown Shoreline Bike Path in the City of Long Beach in Connection With the Conduct of the 2005 Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach (District 2)

## DISCUSSION

On April 8, 9 and 10, 2005, the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach will be held on the streets of Long Beach. This event will attract over 300,000 people to the city and receive national and international media coverage. In order to allow for the staging of this event, a resolution has been prepared which provides for the temporary closure of certain streets, alleys, the Promenade and the downtown shoreline bike path, so that the race may be held on city streets.

As has been the case during the last 20 years, the race will not use Ocean Boulevard, leaving it open to both eastbound and westbound traffic, at all times. The proposed schedule, included in the attached resolution for temporary closure of certain streets, alleys, the Promenade and downtown shoreline bike path, is the same as last year. The bike path, beginning at Seaside Way and Chestnut Place and continuing to a point approximately 400 feet east of beach parking, must be closed during the race to allow fire trucks and medical vehicles continual access to the back side of the bleachers situated on the north and south sides of Shoreline Drive.

This schedule has been reviewed by the Departments of Fire, Energy, Water, Police, Public Works, Parks, Recreation and Marine, and by Long Beach Transit.

Traffic rerouting plans will be forwarded to neighborhood associations and newspapers serving Long Beach, asking their cooperation to publicize these plans as a public service during the weeks before the race.

Deputy City Attorney J. Charles Parkin reviewed this letter and prepared the attached resolution on December 22, 2004.

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# TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Construction for the 2005 Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach will begin February 7, 2005.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact in the recommended action below.

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the temporary closure of certain streets, alleys, the Promenade and downtown shoreline bike path in connection with the conduct of the 2005 Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach.

Respectfully submitted,

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