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Downtown Traffic Considerations for the 2010 Texas Relays

Beginning Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3, 2010 the 83rd Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays will take place in Austin. A large number of local residents along with visitors are expected for this event. In an effort to assist with the flow of traffic, alternative routes have been planned for commuters arriving in the downtown area. The APD will be working with the City Right-of-Way Management and Texas Department of Transportation to assess traffic flow throughout the weekend and make changes as necessary to assist drivers in safely reaching their destinations.

During the evenings on Friday and Saturday, pedestrian safety will require the closing of parts of the East Sixth Street area between Brazos Street and the west frontage road of IH-35. In addition, the 500 and 600 blocks of Sabine, Red River, Neches, Trinity and San Jacinto Streets may be closed. Please adhere to signs posted in these areas that will provide warning of vehicle tows.

The street closures may begin as early as 6 p.m.

The following streets may be closed when necessary for traffic safety:

- 5th and 6th Streets from the east frontage road of IH-35 to San Marcos Street.
- South bound IH-35 exit ramps at 8th -6th and Cesar Chavez Street.
- North bound 6th street exit ramp will be closed.
- 6th Street, between the east frontage road of IH-35 and San Marcos Street.
- Brushy Street, between 5th and 7th Streets.

In the event IH-35 ramps are required to be closed, the traffic will be continuously monitored and the ramps will be reopened when traffic safety will not be compromised. All streets will be monitored and will reopen when it is safe to do so.

Alternate routes to the downtown area are highly recommended to reduce the amount of traffic congestion on IH-35 in the 6th Street area. Drivers are

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encouraged to use Mopac Expressway, Congress Avenue, Martin Luther King Boulevard, Guadalupe Street, or Lamar Boulevard to get into the downtown area. Motorists are encouraged to drive with caution when in the Sixth Street Entertainment District due to high pedestrian traffic expected in the area.

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