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**PUBLIC SAFETY PLANS FOR ACCESS AT AND ADJACENT TO THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE  
ROADWAY, SIDEWALKS & PARKING**

**Sunday, May 27, 2012, the 75th Anniversary**

San Francisco, CA: Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD) and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) are responsible for the coordinated public safety plans at the Golden Gate Bridge and associated sidewalks and parking areas for the Memorial Holiday weekend and specifically Sunday, May 27, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the famed icon.

To make the Memorial weekend and May 27 safe and memorable for all, the GGBHTD and CHP are also coordinating with the U.S. Park Police, Presidio Trust, and Golden Gate National Recreation Area rangers who have jurisdiction at the Presidio, Crissy Field, and Fort Point, the San Francisco Police Department who have jurisdiction at Marina Green, and the U.S. Coast Guard who have jurisdiction on the Bay.

**THE BASICS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2012**

- Sunday, May 27, Golden Gate Festival, from Fort Point to Pier 39 is expected to draw tens of thousands of people.
- **Please do not drive into or within San Francisco on May 27**, as the City is anticipating severe traffic congestion and potential gridlock. For better,
- Plan now to take public transit, walk or bike to your destination, and plot your route beforehand.
- All parking in the event vicinity will be CLOSED on May 27.
- Golden Gate Festival starts at 11 am
- Fireworks start at approx. 9:30 pm along the waterfront from Fort Point to Marina Green, where visibility is optimum.
- Fireworks ARE NOT VISIBLE from EAST of Marina Green including the area from Fisherman's Wharf to The Embarcadero.
- Before, during, and after the fireworks, the public should anticipate severe traffic congestion with long delays.
- All events specifics will be posted here when available: [www.goldengatebridge75.org](http://www.goldengatebridge75.org)
- Presidio access from 9 am to 10 pm: Non-resident vehicles WILL NOT be allowed to enter at any of the Presidio gates. Presidio residents with passes may enter at the 14th and 25th Avenue gates only.

## **SUMMARY OF IMPACTS – GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE**

*All times shown are approximate and are subject to change.*

### **Roadway**

Friday, May 25: All lanes OPEN

Saturday, May 26: All lanes OPEN

Sunday, May 27: All lanes OPEN (there will be traffic holds before, during, and after the fireworks, expect congestion and major delays, more details will be provide closer to May 27)

### **South East End Parking Lot**

Friday, May 25: CLOSED until 1 pm, OPEN after 1 pm

Saturday, May 26: OPEN all day

Sunday, May 27: CLOSED all day

### **South West End Parking Lot and Upper Merchant Road Parking Lot**

Friday, May 25: OPEN

Saturday, May 26: OPEN

Sunday, May 27: CLOSED all day

### **Vista Point Parking Lot** (north east end of GGB – Caltrans jurisdiction)

Friday, May 25: OPEN

Saturday, May 26: OPEN

Sunday, May 27: CLOSED to vehicles at 5 pm; after 5 pm public is allowed access by foot or bicycle but must then remain at Vista Point until after the fireworks, times are approximate

### **GGNRA parking lot at north west end of GGB (Dillingham Lot)**

Friday, May 25: OPEN

Saturday, May 26: OPEN

Sunday, May 27: will CLOSE when filled

### **EAST Sidewalk of GGB**

Friday, May 25: OPEN (sunrise to sunset)

Saturday, May 26: OPEN (sunrise to sunset)

Sunday, May 27: OPEN at sunrise, CLOSURE IN progress 5 pm to 6 pm, CLOSED from 6 pm to 10:15 pm, REOPEN 10:15 pm to 1 am for pedestrians only (times approximate)

### **WEST Sidewalk of GGB**

Friday, May 25: OPEN, normal hours, bikes only 3:30 pm to sunset

Saturday, May 26: OPEN normal hours for bikes only, sunrise to sunset

Sunday, May 27: OPEN at sunrise, CLOSURE IN progress 5 pm to 6 pm, OPEN to 6 pm, CLOSED 6 pm to 10:15 pm, OPEN 10:15 pm to 1 am for bikes only (times approximate)

### **Alexander Avenue at GGB north end to/from Sausalito**

Friday, May 25: OPEN

Saturday, May 26: OPEN

Sunday, May 27: OPEN to 6 pm, CLOSED 6 pm to MIDNIGHT to vehicles and remains OPEN for foot traffic and bicycles and REOPENS to vehicles once bikes and foot traffic clear at about MIDNIGHT (times approximate)

**Presidio Access (at south end of GGB under Jurisdiction of The Presidio Trust)**

9 am to 10 pm: The Presidio gates, except Marina Gate, will be **open only** to pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, taxis and shuttles. All vehicular access into The Presidio will be by pre-issued access pass only. Presidio residents with passes may enter through the 14th and 25th Avenue gates only. Taxis are welcome (except Marina Gate) and can drop off at the Main Post on Taylor Street between Lincoln Blvd. and Sheridan Ave. The PresidiGo shuttle will also provide bus service to Crissy Field.

**GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT BUS & FERRY – 511 or [www.goldengate.org](http://www.goldengate.org)**

Friday, May 25: Regular schedules and Saturday, May 26: Holiday schedules

Sunday, May 27: (1) regular Holiday schedules PLUS added service on Routes 70 and 80 to/from San Francisco; (2) added bus shuttles connecting specific Highway 101 Park & Ride Lots in Sonoma County and Marin County to/from Larkspur Ferry Terminal where added ferry service connects to San Francisco where riders then ride MUNI to access the Golden Gate Festival. Return service is provided as well.

**INFORMATION AND TRIP PLANNING/TRAFFIC UPDATES**

Call 511 (711 for TDD) and say "Golden Gate Transit," then "operator" to bypass recorded messages, or visit [www.511.org](http://www.511.org)

**EDITORS NOTE:** Events specifics for Sunday, May 27, 2012, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge are planned by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, non-profit partner of the GGBHTD, and will be available at [www.goldengatebridge75.org](http://www.goldengatebridge75.org) on May 16, 2012. The event media contact is David Shaw (808-936-9883 cell, email [dshaw@parksconservancy.org](mailto:dshaw@parksconservancy.org))

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