



## **PARADISE IN PROGRESS**

### **Downtown Construction and Special Event E-News**

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## **February 15, 2007 – Mardi Gras Special Edition**

### **Downtown Construction**

#### **Little Italy**

#### **Breeza Concrete Pour - February 17**

All northbound lanes of Pacific Highway will be closed from Ash to Beech streets from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 17 for a concrete slab pour at Breeza, a nine-story, 158-condominium unit project that includes preservation of the historic Parron Hall building.

### **Downtown Events**

#### **Mardi Gras in the Gaslamp – February 20**

The annual Mardi Gras celebration in the Gaslamp will take place on Tuesday, February 20. from 7 p.m. until midnight. The Mardi Gras parade begins at 9 p.m. and runs down Fifth Avenue from E to K streets. The Mardi Gras celebration will encompass most of the Gaslamp. Streets will be closed to traffic in an area bounded by Broadway, Sixth Avenue, Fourth Avenue, and K Street. Fourth Avenue will be open one-way southbound between Broadway and G Street. For more information on Mardi Gras in the Gaslamp visit [www.gaslamp.org](http://www.gaslamp.org).

#### **Getting Around Downtown during Mardi Gras**

The best streets to use to get around downtown and the Mardi Gras venue are as follows:

- North and South - Use First Avenue and Front Street or Harbor Drive and Pacific Highway
- East and West - Use A and Ash streets

Broadway will be open to traffic, however it will be more congested than normal. Traffic controllers staffing the intersection at Fourth Avenue and Broadway will permit left turns from Broadway south onto Fourth.

The intersection of Harbor Drive and Fifth Avenue will be open to allow access to the Sixth and K Parkade and the Omni Hotel via L Street. However, drivers should expect heavy pedestrian traffic in the area.

#### **Access to Horton Plaza**

Access to the Horton Plaza parking garage entrance will be maintained at all times on Fourth Avenue. For this event only, left hand turns from westbound Broadway onto Fourth Avenue will be allowed and controlled by traffic officers.

## **Trolley Services**

The San Diego Trolley will be running extended "Green Line" service starting at 4:15 p.m. For more transit information contact [www.sdcommute.com](http://www.sdcommute.com).

## **Mardi Gras Street Closure Information**

The following street closures will be in effect:

### **6:00 PM – Sunday, February 18**

- Island Avenue between Fifth and Sixth avenues
- Island Avenue between Sixth and Seventh avenues up to Ballpark Storage

### **10:00 PM – 5:30 AM - Sunday, February 18**

- F Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues

### **11:00 PM – 6:00 AM – Sunday, February 18**

Temporary closures to set truss bridges on Fifth Avenue

- Start by closing Fifth Avenue between K and J streets- then re-open after bridge in place
- Close Fifth Avenue between Island and Market streets – then re-open after bridge in place
- Close Fifth Avenue Between Market and G streets – then re-open after bridge in place
- Close Fifth Avenue Between E Street and Broadway – then re-open after bridge in place

### **9:00 PM – Monday, February 19**

- K Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues to build stage

### **11:00 PM – Monday, February 19**

- Cone off one lane on Fifth Avenue between E Street and Broadway to build stage 5. Fifth Avenue still open

### **12:01 a.m. – Tuesday, February 20**

- Fifth Avenue from between Harbor and Broadway 12:01 am to 5:00 a.m. and then re-open (temporary)
- Fourth Ave. between Market and J streets (we will however have access to the Parking Garages on Fourth Avenue between J and Island)
- E Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues
- E Street between Fifth and Seventh avenues
- G Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues
- G Street between Fifth and Seventh avenues
- Island Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues
- J Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues
- J Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues
- K Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues

### **5 p.m. – Tuesday, February 20**

- No more pedestrian traffic allowed into the Mardi Gras venue
- F Street between Fourth and Seventh avenues
- Fifth Avenue completely closed between Broadway and Market
- Fifth Avenue completely closed between Market and Harbor
- First and Island avenues -No access except to resident or hotel guest

### **6 p.m. - Tuesday, February 20**

- Market Street from First to Seventh avenues

- Third Avenue from G to K streets.
- Fourth Avenue from G to Market streets
- Second Avenue from Market to Island Avenue

All streets will reopen by 6 a.m., February 21 except Island Avenue between Fifth and Sixth, which will reopen at noon on February 21.

### **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Chinese New Year Cultural Fair – February 24 – 25**

The Year of the Boar will be celebrated in Downtown February 24 and 25. There will be a children's activity area, an Asian Story Theater and traditional performances of the Lion and Dragon dances. Third Avenue between J Street and Island Avenue and J Street between Third and Fourth avenues will be closed for the event. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup> and 11 a.m. Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information go to [www.sandiegochinese.net](http://www.sandiegochinese.net).

## **Downtown Announcements**

### **Presidents' Day Holiday – February 19**

The observation of Presidents Day will be held Monday, February 19 and all city offices will be closed. All construction making excessive noise will need a permit to work on a holiday. For more information go to [www.sandiego.gov/nccd/pdf/muni5950404hours.pdf](http://www.sandiego.gov/nccd/pdf/muni5950404hours.pdf)

The CCDC offices, and the Downtown Information Center Hotline will be closed in observance of the holiday.

### **2007 *Downtown Today* Annual Project Update Now Available**

The Winter 2007 issue of *Downtown Today*, CCDC's annual project guide listing all public, residential and commercial projects underway or proposed for downtown is now available at the Downtown Information Center, 225 Broadway or online at [www.CCDC.com](http://www.CCDC.com) under publications.

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