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## **PRESS RELEASE-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 07/01/15**

### **City of Naples Fireworks 2015**

The City of Naples 2015 Fireworks Display will be on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:00pm from the Naples Pier. Residents are encouraged to walk, ride bicycles, or car pool to avoid the traffic congestion following the event.

The Naples Police Department reminds everyone that strict parking enforcement will occur in marked "No Parking" areas, with particular attention given to Gulf Shore Blvd, intersections, bike lanes, and fire hydrants. **There will be no parking allowed on either side of Gulf Shore Boulevard between 20th Avenue South and 8th Avenue North (South Golf Drive). VIOLATORS WILL BE CITED AND TOWED!**

4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. will be the designated disabled parking beach end for those with proper disabled parking permits. Parking meters are enforced daily between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and no parking after 11:00 p.m. is allowed at the beach ends. Everyone is encouraged to use public parking in the downtown areas and to respect the property of others by not blocking driveways or parking on private property without the owner's consent.

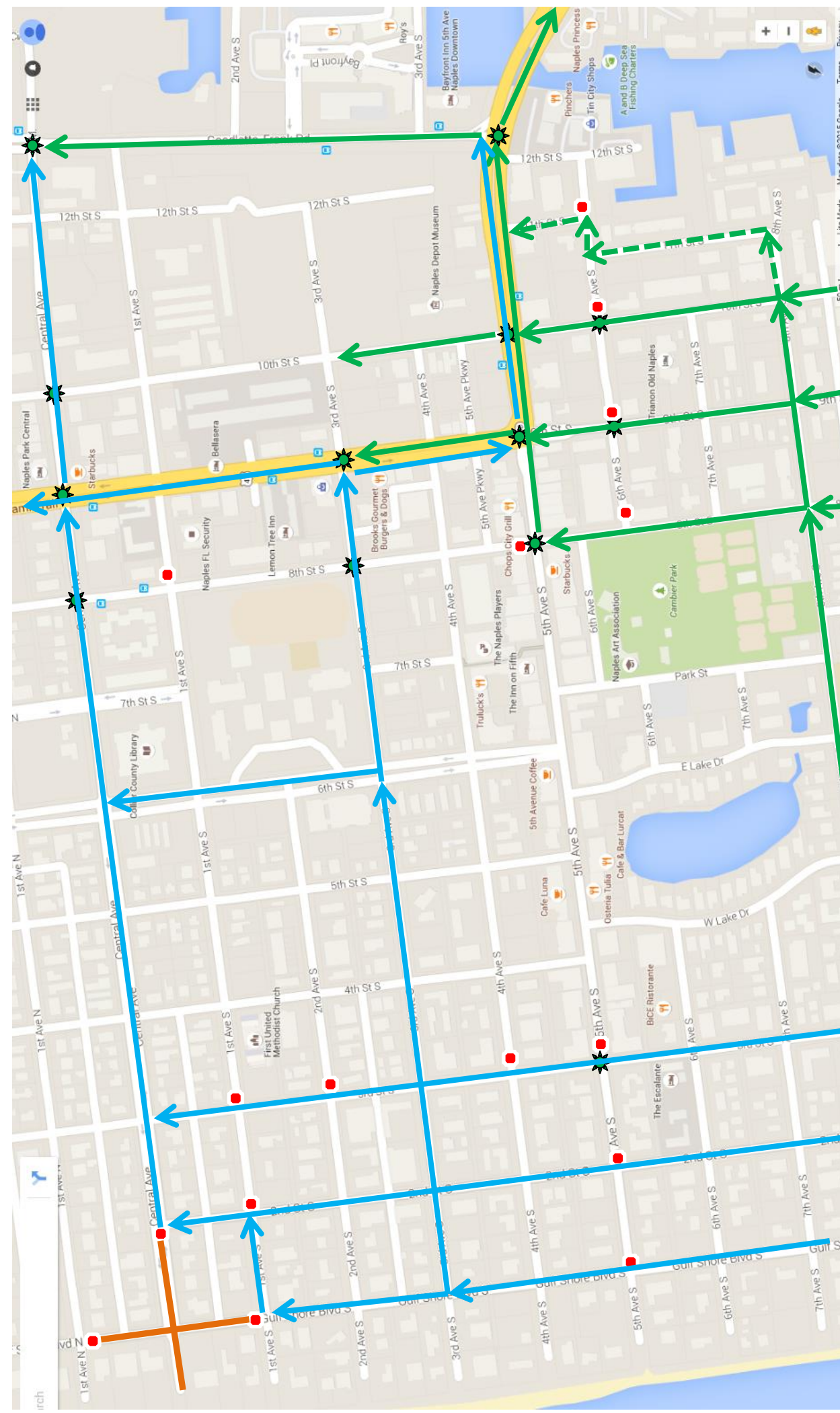
Because vehicle and pedestrian traffic congestion are expected immediately following the Fireworks, attendees traveling to US 41 North or Golden Gate Parkway may find it easier to watch the fireworks from the beaches north of 5th Ave S. and depart the City on US 41 North via 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S., Central Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., or 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. Vehicles will not be permitted to travel east on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. between 3<sup>rd</sup> St. S. and 8<sup>th</sup> St. S. Please also note that Gulf Shore Blvd. is closed for construction from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N. and no vehicular traffic will be able to transit this area. Detour signs have been posted to redirect traffic.

Officers will direct traffic at most of the major intersections, with an emphasis on moving traffic north and east to US 41 and Goodlette Rd. Please do not attempt to use alleys to bypass traffic as this will only increase congestion.

The following are a few items to ensure your evening is fun and safe:

- Do not keep valuables visible in your car
- Have a plan with your children in case your family becomes separated
- Do not take glass onto the beach
- Fireworks of any kind, including sparklers, are prohibited on City beaches and anywhere west of Gulf Shore Blvd. And remember, if it flies or explodes it is prohibited statewide!

Naples Police Department Fireworks Contact: Lt. Michael O'Reilly, Patrol Operations @ 213-4811



-Construction/Closed

-North Bound (N/B)

-East Bound (E/B)

-Blocked Lane