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CITY PROVIDES UPDATE ON SUPER BOWL XLVII STREET CLOSURES AND DOWNTOWN PARKING

NEW ORLEANS –Today, the City of New Orleans updated residents on traffic restrictions, downtown parking and transportation options as the final countdown to Super Bowl XLVII begins.

Starting Friday at 7 pm, road closures near the Mercedes-Benz Superdome will expand to include both the river-bound and lake-bound lanes of Poydras Street from LaSalle to Claiborne avenues. The City also reminded residents of traffic restrictions for North Rampart Street on Saturday from 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm. North Rampart will be closed from Esplanade Avenue to Saint Peter Street for traffic heading towards Canal Street and the Central Business District. Residents are encouraged to avoid these areas if possible.

A portion of interior streets in the French Quarter will be closed to all traffic from 7pm to 7 am thru Monday, February 4, 2013. Only emergency vehicles will be allowed to enter during those times. This area includes streets bounded by Canal St. to the South, Dauphine St. to the East, St. Ann to the North and Royal St. to the West.

Detailed traffic maps for the areas around the Superdome, French Quarter and Ernest N. Morial Convention Center are available online at www.nola.gov/superbowl. The maps are updated as necessary.

With an increase in visitors and pedestrian traffic in the downtown area and near the Convention Center, French Quarter and Woldenberg Park for NFL Experience and Verizon Super Bowl Boulevard, visitors should plan ahead for transportation and parking. There are numerous public parking lots and garages in the Central Business District.

In addition, the RTA has expanded regular service, so fans are encouraged to ride the bus or take the streetcar. Additionally, there will be three park and ride options from Friday morning through Sunday night. The locations are Delgado Community College near City Park, the Wilty Terminal on the West Bank and the former Lake Forest Shopping Plaza on Read Boulevard. in New Orleans East. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$1.25 each way. For more information on the RTA's expanded service and the park and ride service, visit www.norta.com.

There are also bike share and bike valet programs available to the public provided by Entergy. Through these programs, fans will be able to park a bike or share a bike at no cost at locations at the Convention Center and the World Trade Center.

The public is encouraged to be patient and prepared, and to make transportation and parking arrangements accordingly.