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City of South Haven Releases Security and Traffic Plan for July 3 Fireworks Display

South Haven, Michigan, June 30, 2026 - The City of South Haven and the South Haven Police Department are committed to ensuring the safety and security of all residents and visitors during the annual *Light Up the Lake* fireworks celebration on July 3.

The South Haven Police Department will be partnering with several neighboring agencies to meet the increased public safety demands of this event. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Covert Police Department, Van Buren County Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Pokagon Tribal Police for their continued support and collaboration.

These partner agencies will provide additional personnel and resources throughout the day and evening. In addition, a private security company will assist in monitoring entry points at both North Beach and South Beach. Increased law enforcement presence will be visible throughout the City of South Haven and surrounding township areas.

Event Safety Measures and Restrictions

- Water Street will close to the public at **9:00 a.m.**
- Both piers will close at **9:00 a.m.** to establish the required launch safety zone during fireworks setup.
- Command posts will be located at the **North Beach Triangle** and the **South Beach parking lot west of the Water Filtration Plant.**
- All bags, coolers, and containers are subject to search prior to entry onto North and South Beaches. Prohibited items include alcohol, amplified sound devices, and glass containers.
- Alcohol and amplified sound devices are **not permitted** on any City beaches. Visitors are encouraged to plan accordingly.
- Animals are **not allowed** on City beaches.
- Smoking of any kind, including tobacco and marijuana products, is **prohibited** on all City beaches and in parks.
- Individuals involved in disturbances or fights may be subject to arrest and issued trespass notices from City property.
- Parking regulations will be **strictly enforced**. Vehicles parked illegally or creating safety hazards will be ticketed and towed. A map of temporary parking restrictions is included with this release.

Traffic and Bridge Operations

- The final Dyckman Bridge opening for marine traffic will occur at **9:30 p.m.**
- The bridge will then remain closed to marine traffic until approximately **11:15 p.m.**
- After reopening, marine traffic will resume, and vehicle traffic will be directed out of the city in accordance with the established traffic plan.
- Please be aware that traffic volumes on this day are significantly increased and may result in delays. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead, remain patient, and stay attentive while traveling throughout the area.

These measures are designed to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone attending this premier lakeshore event.

3rd of July Fireworks Detour Route - 2026
City of South Haven, Michigan

Legend

- Detour
- Closed

Map Labels:

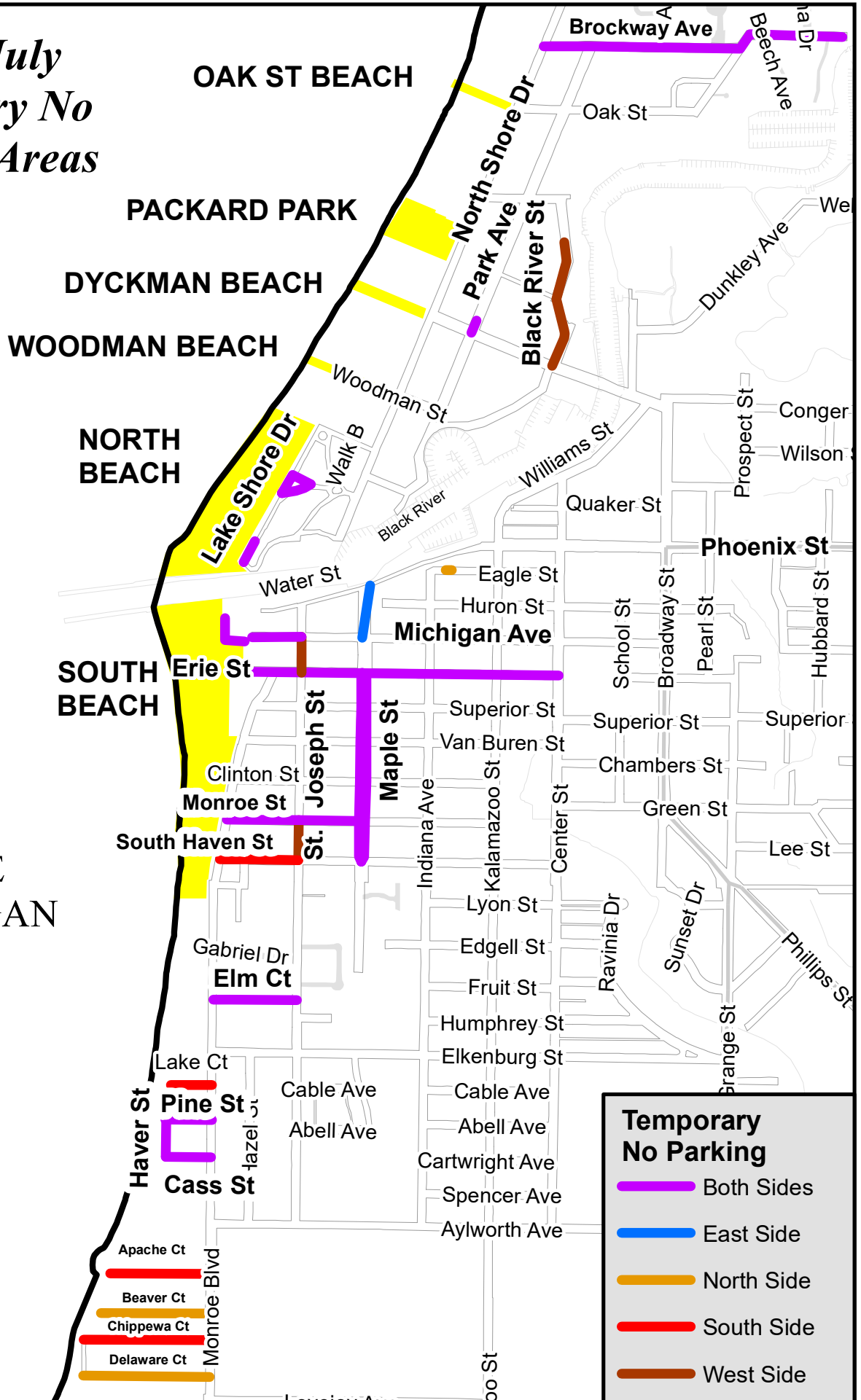
- LAKE MICHIGAN
- SOUTH BEACH
- Black River
- Streets: Avery St, Lake Shore Dr, Plaza St, Northshore Dr, South St, Grand Blvd, Water St, Michigan Ave, Erie St, Superior St, Van Buren St, Monroe Blvd, Saint Joseph St, Maple St, Indiana Ave, Kalamazoo St, Phoenix St, Eagle St, Huron St, Quaker St, William St.



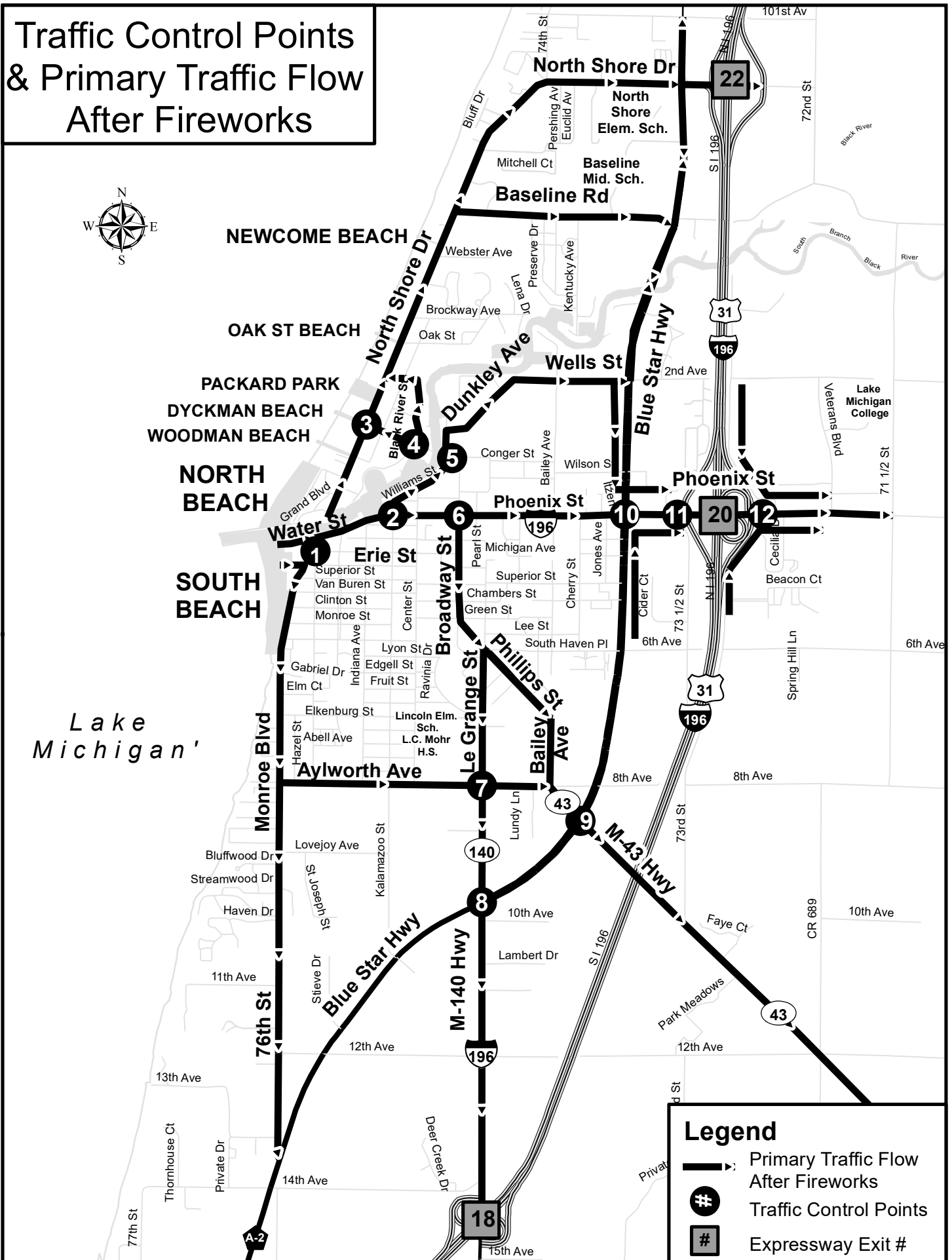
3rd of July Temporary No Parking Areas



LAKE
MICHIGAN



Traffic Control Points & Primary Traffic Flow After Fireworks



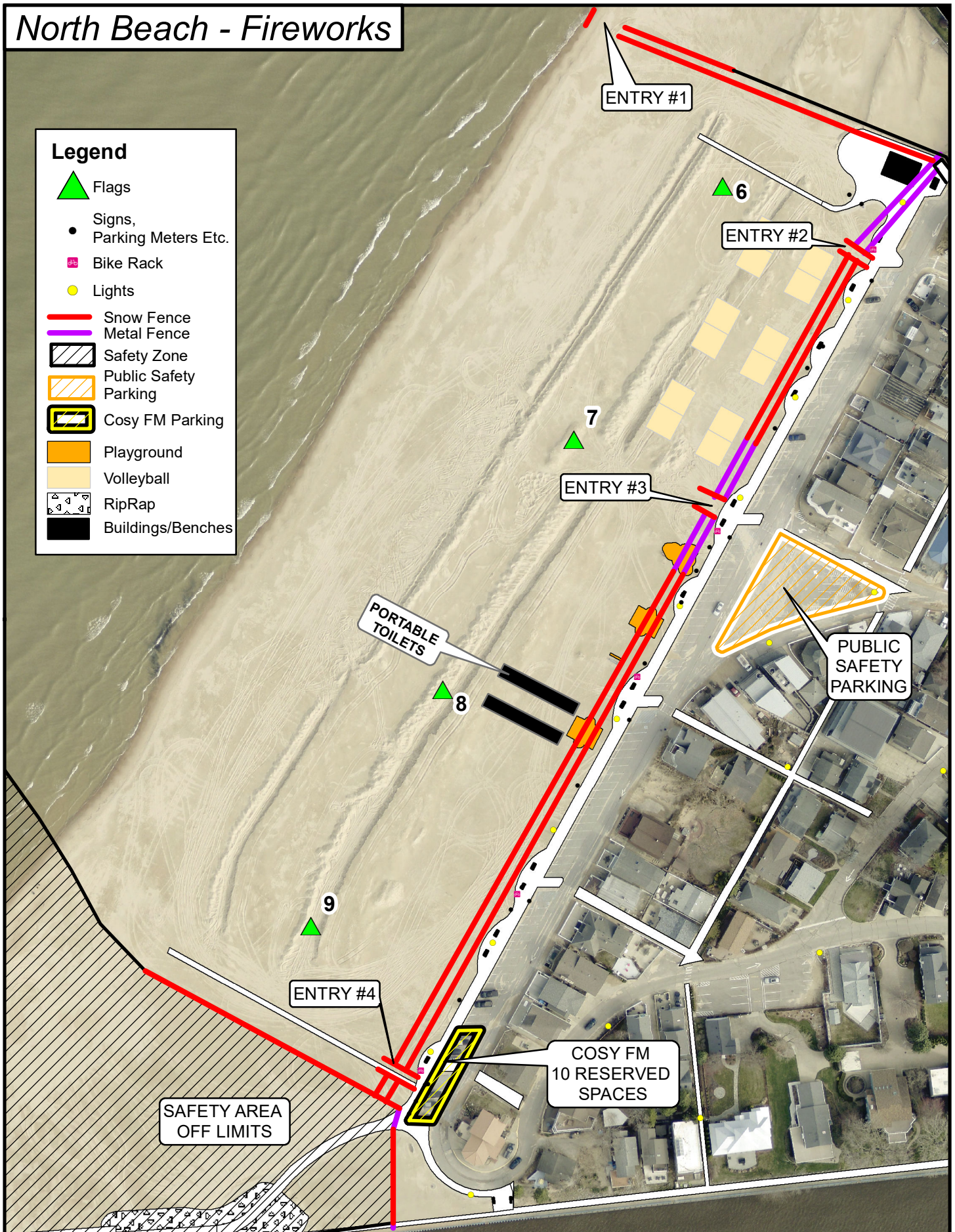
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- Primary Traffic Flow After Fireworks
- Traffic Control Points
- Expressway Exit #

North Beach - Fireworks

Legend

-  Flags
-  Signs, Parking Meters Etc.
-  Bike Rack
-  Lights
-  Snow Fence
-  Metal Fence
-  Safety Zone
-  Public Safety Parking
-  Cosy FM Parking
-  Playground
-  Volleyball
-  RipRap
-  Buildings/Benches



South Beach 4th of July Layout



SPLASH

SAFETY AREA
OFF LIMITS

WATER
FILTRATION
PLANT

RESERVED PARKING
FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

ENTRY #1

ENTRY #2

Legend

- Snow Fence
- Metal Fence
- Flags
- Lights
- Safety Zone
- Public Safety Parking
- Playground

