



City of Tacoma, Metro Parks Tacoma & Tacoma Events Commission

June 6, 2016

Subject: **Road Closure Information for 2016 Freedom Fair**

Dear Tacoma Business Owner or Resident,

The City of Tacoma's Special Events Office is pleased to announce Freedom Fair, to be held once again along Ruston Way on Monday, July 4, 2016, from 10:00 AM until 10:30 PM. Freedom Fair is presented by the City of Tacoma, Metro Parks Tacoma and Tacoma Events Commission. This letter is to inform you of road closures during this event. Ruston Way will be closed to regular traffic beginning at 5:00 AM on Monday, and will reopen to regular traffic after 1:00 AM on Tuesday morning. Road closure signage and marked detours will be in place throughout the area. A general map of the area accompanies this letter. Detailed diagrams and traffic detour descriptions can be found at <http://www.freedomfair.com>.

Closing roads during this event is required for the greatest public safety. Event coordinators are required to instruct participants to follow all applicable City, State and Federal laws. Access to private driveways, parking lots/garages, sidewalks, walkways and/or alley ways may be delayed during the event. Emergency vehicles will always have access during events.

This letter has been mailed to the general surrounding area as part of our public notification process. However, if you wish, please feel free to share with others in your neighborhood. If you have an urgent request prior to the event date, please contact the event coordinator above or Tacoma Police Special Event Sgt. Gretchen Aguirre at (253) 591-5915.

For general event information, go to www.cityoftacoma.org/specialevents and select "Stay Informed." You may call me at the number below if you have general special event questions. For questions about Freedom Fair, see the back of this letter for contact information.

Thank you.

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City of Tacoma Special Events Office

This event is hosted by the City of Tacoma, co-sponsored by Metro Parks Tacoma, and produced by the Tacoma Events Commission staff. Please contact the appropriate staff with questions or concerns:

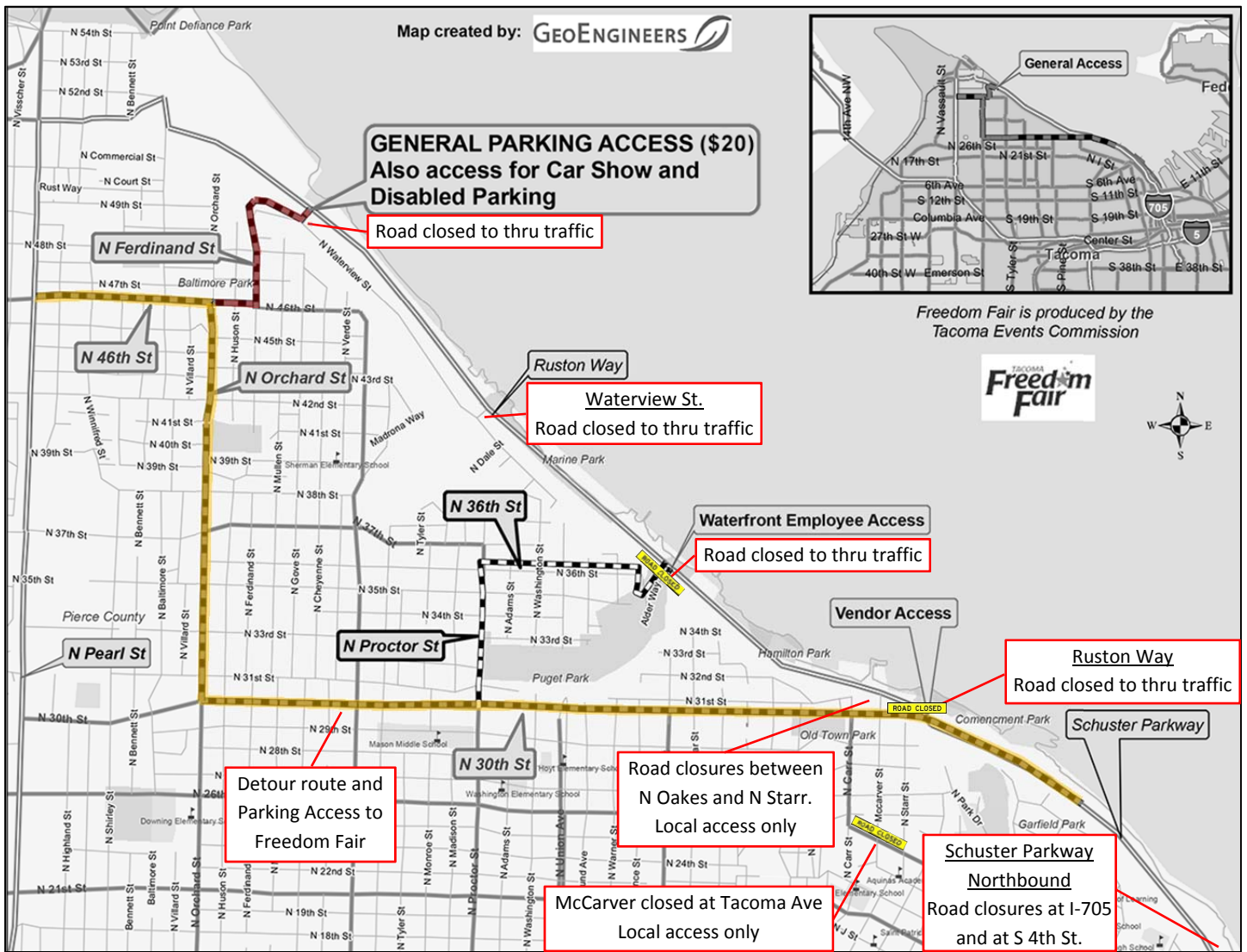
Tacoma Events Commission Freedom Fair Staff
 Gary Grape (253) 230-6851 Lori Linenko (253) 359-8844

City of Tacoma Police Department Staff
 Sgt. Gretchen Aguirre: (253) 591-5915, gaguirre@cityoftacoma.org

Freedom Fair Parking from website: <http://www.freedomfair.com/directions.php>.

To get to the public parking area, go to North 46th Street, and turn onto Ferdinand Street. Follow Ferdinand down the hill to where North 46th Street intersects with Ruston Way Waterfront. Police Explorer Scout volunteers will be selling parking passes for \$20 per car to the dirt strip located over the curb on Ruston Way just below Waterview Street. The \$20 Disability Parking is in a paved lot on the water side of the street, next to the sidewalk, for vehicles displaying proper State issued credentials.

Below is a route map to Freedom Fair and access to General Public Parking.



Ride for FREE! Park for FREE! Catch a Freedom Fair Express bus from Tacoma Community College at 19th & Mildred, or at Tacoma Dome Station at 610 Puyallup Avenue; parking is FREE at both locations. Service runs every 30 minutes from 10 AM until 8 PM sharp, then resumes after the fireworks to return festival-goers to their vehicles. You can find out more about bus service at <http://www.freedomfair.com/bus-service.php>.

Thank you and have a safe and sane 4th of July!