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**NEW YEARS EVE ROAD CLOSURES  
FOR VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC**

In addition to the normal closure of Las Vegas Boulevard to vehicular traffic during the New Years Eve celebration, this year a portion of the Strip will also be completely closed to both vehicle and pedestrian traffic for a short period.

**NORMAL STRIP CLOSURE:**

As in years past, at some time during the evening of December 31<sup>st</sup>, the Las Vegas Strip will be shut down to **vehicular traffic** between **Russell Road and Sahara Boulevard.**

Additionally, the following east bound and west bound on and off ramps from I-15 will be closed by the Nevada Highway Patrol: **Tropicana Avenue, Flamingo Road, Spring Mountain Road, and the Harmon overpass.**

It is anticipated the off ramp closures will begin at **approximately 5:00 p.m.**, however that time may be adjusted based on such factors as the volume of vehicular traffic, the weather, and other similar variables. Normally, the Strip closures begin approximately 60 minutes following the initiation of the ramp closures.

Because of anticipated heavy traffic caused by the employees of strip hotels and businesses, and the construction generated traffic congestion in the area, Frank Sinatra Drive **IS NOT** suggested as an effective alternate route.

All motorists are encouraged to find alternate routes, such as the I-215 beltway, during this time period.

**ADDITIONAL PEDESTRIAN CLOSURE:**

In addition to the closure of Las Vegas Boulevard to vehicular traffic as explained above, a portion of Las Vegas Boulevard and the adjacent sidewalks beginning at Spring Mountain Road and

extending south to the southern end of the Mirage property, will be closed to all pedestrian traffic from 8:30 p.m. until approximately 9:30 p.m..

This closure is necessary due to the planned, nationally televised, motorcycle jump which will take place on and in front of the Mirage property at approximately 9:10 p.m. Following the conclusion of the jump, Las Vegas Boulevard will be re-opened to pedestrian traffic.

A second planned, nationally televised, motorcycle jump to take place on the property of the Paris Hotel / Casino at approximately the same time is not expected to significantly impact pedestrian or vehicular traffic on adjacent sidewalks and roadways.

Since these two events are primarily designed for National Television, there are no large scale viewing areas provided for spectators. For any additional information concerning these events, please contact the appropriate host resort.

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