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**Subject:** Traffic Plan for Hills Alive

Good Morning,

On Wed, Tom Schoenstedt and I met in regards to a traffic plan for the upcoming Hills Alive Event at Memorial Park. The growth of this event has reached a level where traffic and pedestrian safety has become an issue that must be addressed. Tom and his staff are more than willing to work with the Traffic Section, and develop core group of people who will address traffic concerns. Here is what we identified as needing:

## **EASTSIDE**

Minimum of 4 volunteers:

2 Volunteers at the 5<sup>th</sup>/New York Intersection. (All day) *These volunteers would assist with pedestrians crossing the street, but would work more at encouraging people to use the 5<sup>th</sup> Street underpass to access the parking lot. If allowed, snow fences can be erected by the event staff to funnel pedestrian traffic to the underpass.*

2 Volunteers working the over flow lots. (All day) *These volunteers would encourage people to use the bike path underpass to access the event. They would then direct traffic out of the lots at the end of the event. Traffic would be diverted to the east out of these lots.*

With the "encouragement" to use the underpass, we would hope that the event staff would make that a "friendly" walk. They will have a large TV screen, and several announcements throughout the day. They will talk about the route to use after the event.

## **WESTSIDE**

Minimum of 4 volunteers:

One volunteer at the north Civic Center/Central Driveway. (All day) *This volunteer would be there to assist with pedestrian traffic coming over from the Central High School parking lot.*

3 Volunteers at the end of the event. *One to assist with the pedestrians, and direct traffic at the pedestrian crossing. The other two would work the southern entrance to the Civic Center lot.*

Also of note, Event Staff will work at monitoring the fire zone at the west edge of Memorial Park. There were serious violations last year. The message board, will remind people, and staff who see someone park there, will encourage them to move on. Vendors, who seemed to be the largest problem last year, will also be warned about parking in the fire lane.

The RCPD will train the volunteers who will be working this assignment. Hopefully we can have one session where officers can instruct the proper method of directing traffic. Availability of CLASS III ANSI vests (reflective) and hand held signs will need to be obtained as well. Traffic cones will also need to be obtained. If any barricade needs are identified, we should be able to obtain a few from the Street Department.

I am very pleased the event staff of Hills Alive is receptive and willing to work with us to develop and coordinate this action plan. Obviously this is a rough draft, and I am looking for input ideas. With these numbers a minimum of 8 volunteers are needed, but that is if only those 8 work all day. With breaks, scheduling etc, I am forecasting a need of 16.

Again, the Traffic Section looks forward to working with the Hills Alive Staff to address these concerns.

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