



**Date:** April 20, 2018

**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.H.W.*

**Subject:** 2018 Grand Prix Pine Avenue Opening Timeline

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Grand Prix was a great success again this year, drawing over 200,000 visitors to the City. Attendees not only enjoyed the race, but also enjoyed free entertainment associated with the event. Locals and visitors took in the sites at both the "Roar in the Shore" on 2nd Street and "Thunder Thursday" at the Pike Outlets.

For the third consecutive year, the Aquarium of the Pacific (Aquarium) remained open and operational throughout the race weekend. This was a huge undertaking, but with the help of Long Beach Transit and the Grand Prix Association, the Aquarium welcomed visitors, both those that came the race(s) and those wishing to spend the day with their families at the Aquarium.

Per the contract with Grand Prix Association, and per the City Council Street Closure Resolution, Pine Avenue must open at 7:00 p.m. each race day. I am pleased to report that this requirement was met. The Grand Prix Association, in conjunction with City staff, were able to open Pine Avenue to both Shoreline Village and Pine Avenue Circle valet operations on the following dates/times:

- Friday, April 13, 2018:  
Full-circuit racing ended at 6:15 p.m. – Pine Avenue opened at 6:59 p.m.
- Saturday, April 14, 2018:  
Full-circuit racing ended at 5:25 p.m. – Pine Avenue opened at 6:07 p.m.
- Sunday, April 15, 2018:  
Full-circuit racing ended at 4:26 p.m. – Pine Avenue opened at 5:25 p.m.

Thank you for your support in helping make this event a success.

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