

TRAFFIC & ATTENDEE CHANGES-FAQs

COMIC-CON INTERNATIONAL 2018

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

- **HARBOR DRIVE WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLE TRAFFIC** (including bikes, scooters and skateboards) between First Avenue and Park Boulevard during Comic-Con, with the exception of shuttle buses and emergency vehicles. Cars will be screened for Convention Center parking garage access at First Avenue. A second screening location will be at Park Boulevard.
- **ONLY BADGED MEMBERS** (attendees of Comic-Con 2018) may access the front drive, stairs and surrounding sidewalks of the San Diego Convention Center.

In order to improve safety and security, these *new security initiatives* are being introduced at the venue and surrounding streets on the front drive of the Convention Center.

WHEN IS THIS HAPPENING?

Harbor Drive will be closed to traffic on the following days and times:

- **WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 (3pm – 9pm)**
- **THURSDAY, JULY 19 (7am – 9pm)**
- **FRIDAY, JULY 20 (7am – 9pm)**
- **SATURDAY, JULY 21 (7am – 9pm)**
- **SUNDAY, JULY 22 (7am – 7pm)**

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

The San Diego Convention Center, the City of San Diego, the Port of San Diego and the organizers of Comic-Con International worked together to formulate this solution.

This is primarily a security and safety initiative designed to protect crowds and alleviate congestion issues in and around the Convention Center. We are aware in the past that non-badged members of the public have been allowed on the property surrounding the San Diego Convention Center, but that is no longer the case.

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Additionally, this plan will dedicate the front drive use for attendee and emergency vehicle traffic only. One lane of Harbor Drive will be dedicated to shuttle loading and unloading for attendees.

DO YOU HAVE **MAPS** FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND WHERE TO GO?

Yes! And we have broken them down in the following ways:

1. [Changes at the San Diego Convention Center](#)
2. [Road Closures](#)
3. [Shuttle Routes at the San Diego Convention Center](#)

WHAT IF I NEED TO **GET MY BADGE**?

As long as you have proof of your registration, you will be allowed to access the San Diego Convention Center Sails Pavilion to pick up your badges. To gain access, you will be directed to enter the Convention Center through the Hall C Lobby.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I TRY TO **DRIVE THROUGH**?

Unless you have a parking pass for the underground garage at the San Diego Convention Center, you will be asked to turn around by San Diego Police Traffic Control Officers.

IN THE PAST, I'VE WALKED THROUGH AND TAKEN **PHOTOS**. IS THAT NOT THE CASE ANYMORE?

As part of the new security initiative, anyone who is not a badged member may not enter into the area. You will see signs that state that only badged members are allowed access. We understand this is a change, but this is being done for everyone's safety.

IF YOU'RE CLOSING THE FRONT DRIVE, **HOW DO I GET MY SHUTTLE**?

The front drive will only be closed to non-attendees. If you are a badged member and need to access the Pink, Blue, Yellow or Teal Shuttles, you will be allowed to board your shuttle stop along Harbor Drive.

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All other shuttle stops will be at Petco Park. Your Comic-Con attendee guide will have the routes printed for you. Or you can visit www.comic-con.org.

WHAT IF I AM A BADGED MEMBER THAT NEEDS AN **ADA** ACCESSIBLE SHUTTLE?

Check in with the accessibility team in Lobby A during Comic-Con International for an escort to your shuttles, or you can visit www.comic-con.org.

Shuttles that are transporting attendees with accessibility needs will drop-off at approved curbside zones closest to Hall A. At the end of the event, you can check in with the accessibility team in Lobby A, where you will be directed to a line cue to board a shuttle.

WILL MY **RIDESHARE** DRIVER HAVE ACCESS TO THE SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER FRONT DRIVE?

No vehicles will have access to the front drive. Riders need to be dropped off in areas outside of the controlled traffic zone in legal, safe areas. Drivers may not block access to shuttle routes or other street closures.

WHAT IF I WANT TO RIDE A **BIKE OR SCOOTER**?

Due to the crowd sizes and road closures, there will not be any bike or scooter parking available at the San Diego Convention Center. There will be nearby drop-off areas (designated by the Port of San Diego) offsite of the Convention Center.

[Click here to view a map of approved locations to leave dockless bikes and scooters.](#)

WHAT IF I'M A MEMBER OF THE **MEDIA**?

Contact pr@comic-con.org.

WHAT IF I HAVE **CONVENTION CENTER PERMITTED PARKING**?

After 7am, the Convention Center garage may only be accessed by permit holders from the First Avenue side. Be prepared to show your parking pass.

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WHERE IS **MARRIOTT MARINA** VEHICLE ACCESS?

After 7am, the San Diego Marriott Marina may be accessed from the First Avenue or Park Boulevard side of the Convention Center. Be sure to show your parking pass.

WHERE IS **HILTON BAYFRONT** VEHICLE ACCESS?

After 7am, the Hilton Bayfront may only be accessed from the Park Boulevard side of the Convention Center. Be sure to let traffic controllers know you are a registered guest.

HOW DOES THE **PUBLIC** ACCESS THE BAY/WATERFRONT?

Members of the public will be able to access the waterfront on foot from the Harbor Drive Pedestrian Bridge. Follow the sidewalk adjacent to the Hilton Bayfront Hotel to access the waterfront promenade and parks. Convention Way is also open to vehicle traffic for members of the public going to Embarcadero Marina Park South. Marina Walkway, between the Hyatt and Marriott, is also open for public pedestrian access to and from the waterfront.

[Click here to view a map of how to access the waterfront.](#)

IF YOU HAVE **QUESTIONS** RELATED TO THE **STREET CLOSURES**:

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