



## Report to City Council

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**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Melissa Walker, Public Works Director/City Engineer

**AGENDA DATE:** April 1, 2025

**TITLE:** ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE 2025 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AIR SHOW (REPORT OF: PUBLIC WORKS)

**TITLE SUMMARY:** Authorization of Temporary Road Closures for the 2025 Southern California Air Show

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### **Recommendation(s)**

That the City Council:

1. Approve all the recommended road closures for the 2025 Southern California Air Show as outlined in this report; and
2. Authorize the Moreno Valley Police Department and the Public Works Director/City Engineer the authority to make additional changes or recommended road closures as needed for the event.

### **SUMMARY**

The following report recommends approval of the proposed temporary road closures for the 2025 Southern California Air Show, organized by the United States Air Force Reserves. The event will take place at March Field, located on the March Air Reserve Base, on Saturday, April 12, and Sunday, April 13, 2025. The gates will open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 5:30 p.m., and the show will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. The road closures will start at 6:00 a.m. and end around 8:00 p.m. on both days.

The Moreno Valley Police Department and the City Traffic Engineer recommend these closures to ensure one-way traffic flow to and from the base to allow sufficient time for safe passage before, during, and after the event for all event participants and spectators. Additionally, this report requests authorization to permit the Moreno Valley Police

Department (MVPD) and the Public Works Director/City Engineer to make any necessary changes or road closures for the event. There is no impact to the General Fund.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Southern California Air Show is a free, biannual two-day event that takes place at the March Air Reserve Base and is organized by the United States Air Force Reserve. This event features a variety of aerial performances and will take place on Saturday, April 12, and Sunday, April 13, 2025. The gates will open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 5:30 p.m., and the show will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Event organizers anticipate approximately 500,000 - 600,000 spectators for the two-day event.

Southern California Air Show spectators will enter March Air Reserve Base through three separate entrances. The primary entrance will be on Cactus Avenue and Elsworth Street, while the two additional entrances will be off Cactus Avenue and Riverside Drive and Heacock Street and Meyer Drive. The road closures will begin around 6:00 a.m. and conclude about 8:00 p.m. Barricades placed at intersections designated for one-way traffic will be removed no later than 8:00 p.m.

Based upon the success of previous years, the Moreno Valley Police Department and the City Traffic Engineer recommend the proposed closures to allow sufficient time for safe passage before, during, and after the event for all event participants and spectators.

The recommended road closures are as follows:

- a. Elsworth Street between the south side of Business Center Drive and Cactus Avenue
- b. Veterans Way between Alessandro Boulevard and Cactus Avenue
- c. Frederick Street between Alessandro Boulevard and Cactus Avenue
- d. Day Street between Alessandro Boulevard and Old 215 Frontage Road
- e. Old 215 Frontage Road between Day Street and Cactus Avenue
- f. Old 215 Frontage Road between Alessandro Boulevard and Day Street (Southbound Only)

These proposed road closures will aid in alleviating traffic congestion which will increase public safety for all motorists. Additionally, the road closure will not restrict access to commercial businesses along the road closure routes. Local traffic wishing to enter and exit the commercial businesses adjacent to the road closures will have access during the event. Additionally, the Moreno Valley Police Department will provide a contingent of officers to supplement the military security forces dedicated to spectator security and control. Officers will be dispatched on foot, bicycles, and in marked units to monitor and ensure public safety during the event.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Approve and authorize the recommended actions as presented in this staff report. *The approval will promote safe ingress and egress from the Southern California Air Show for all spectators while reducing the negative*

*impact from the heavy traffic.*

2. Do not approve and authorize the recommended actions as presented in this staff report. *This alternative will limit traffic solutions for the Air Show.*

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost associated with the requested street closures are covered in the Police Departments Fiscal Year 2024/2025 operating budget. There is no impact to the General Fund.

### **NOTIFICATION**

Publication of the agenda.

Businesses impacted by the road closures will be contacted by the Moreno Valley Police Department.

### **PREPARATION OF STAFF REPORT**

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### **CITY COUNCIL GOALS**

Public Safety: Provide a safe and secure environment for people and property in the community, control the number and severity of fire and hazardous material incidents, and provide protection for citizens who live, work and visit the City of Moreno Valley.

### **CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

1. Economic Development
2. Public Safety
3. Library
4. Infrastructure
5. Beautification, Community Engagement, and Quality of Life
6. Youth Programs

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