



**Date:** May 12, 2016

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

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

**Subject:** 2016 Grand Prix Pine Avenue Opening Timeline

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Grand Prix was a great success this year, drawing over 182,000 people. 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" Pine Avenue.

For the first time in several years, the Aquarium of the Pacific (Aquarium) remained open throughout the race weekend. This was a huge undertaking. With the help of Long Beach Transit and the Grand Prix Association, the Aquarium welcomed visitors, both those that came for the race(s) and those just wishing to spend the day at the Aquarium.

You may have been contacted regarding the timing of the opening of Pine Avenue each evening. The City and Grand Prix Association worked diligently with the waterfront stakeholders to lessen the impact on the area. For the 2016 race, the City Council Street Closure Resolution required that Pine Avenue re-open at 7:00 p.m. each race day. I am pleased to report that this requirement was met. Pine Avenue, to both Shoreline Village and Pine Avenue Circle valet operations, was opened at the following dates/times:

- Friday, April 15, 2016:  
Full-circuit racing ended at 6:30 p.m. – Pine Avenue opened at 6:56 p.m.
- Saturday, April 16, 2016:  
Full-circuit racing ended at 5:45 p.m. – Pine Avenue opened at 6:16 p.m.
- Sunday, April 17, 2016:  
Full-circuit racing ended at 4:35 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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