



## NOTICE OF SPECIAL EVENT FESTIVAL OF WHALES PARADE

Residents and Businesses:

The City of Dana Point, in conjunction with our Harbor stake holders and the Dana Point Festival of Whales, will be bringing back the Festival of Whales Parade (Parade) to Dana Point Harbor this year. The Parade will occur on Saturday, March 4, 2022, at 10 AM. Parade staging will occur on the west end of the Dana Drive from Island Way to Dana Point Yacht Club. The Parade Route will be as follows:

1. Start at Dana Drive and Island Way,
2. Proceed north on Island Way over the bridge to Dana Point Harbor Drive,
3. Turn right on Dana Point Harbor Drive (eastbound side of street only),
4. Travel to Golden Lantern and turn right,
5. Turn right into the parking lot and disband.

Some critical information with this proposed route is as follows:

- Golden Lantern from Dana Point Harbor Drive to the Commercial Core Driveway will be closed from 9am-12 noon.
- Access to the Commercial Core parking areas typically accessed from Golden Lantern will be available from Embarcadero.
- Island Way will be unavoidably congested during the parade. **IF YOU ACCESS THE ISLAND (DANA DRIVE), REMEMBER THAT ISLAND WAY WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9:00 AM TO 12 NOON FOR THE PARADE; NO ACCESS WILL BE ALLOWED FROM EITHER DIRECTION DURING THAT TIME WITH NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Dana Point Harbor Drive westbound to Baby Beach and the Ocean Institute Area will remain open at all times.
- Eastbound traffic on Dana Point Harbor Drive from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon will have to U-turn and return to Baby Beach. If traffic wants to leave the Harbor during that time, Cove Road to Green Lantern is available.
- There will be **NO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC** allowed in the Parade Route area during the closures, nor will traffic be allowed to cross in that area.

We apologize in advance if you are impacted by any traffic delays or re-routing as a result of this annual event. We encourage you to participate in the Parade and all the other Festival of Whales events on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, please visit [www.festivalofwhales.com](http://www.festivalofwhales.com) or contact me directly at (949) 248-3574.

Sincerely,

Matthew Sinacori, P.E.  
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

