

**JDRF NARRATIVE OF WALK ROUTE**

The walk start line will be on the north side of El Prado. Walkers will begin walking north heading toward Upas Street. They will remain on the sidewalk west of Balboa Drive until they arrive at Upas Street. Walkers will then follow the sidewalk and come back walking south on the sidewalk next to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**#1 Request for extension:**

Walkers will cross over Laurel Street proceeding on the sidewalk next to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Juniper Street. They will then follow the sidewalk on the north side of Juniper Street to the sidewalk west of Balboa Drive and follow that back up going north staying on the walk path. They will cross El Prado to the finish line where they began the Walk.

Drivers on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue would still be able to enter Balboa Park at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Upas Street, drive south on Balboa Park and make left on El Prado. This part of the route will be the beginning at the beginning of the Walk and should be done by 9:30am, so the streets would reopen.

**#2 Possible Option to extend further:**

After crossing Juniper Street walkers will follow Marston Loop keeping on the sidewalk. This will be offered to those walkers that would like to take a longer route, but it won't be mandatory for all participants.

**#3 Possible Option to extend route:**

When walkers approach the curve at Upas Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue they will cross 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue going toward 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Walkers would walk west on Upas Street, south on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue for one block, east on Thorn Street, then cross 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to get back on the sidewalk.

We would plan to close 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Upas Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Thorn Street. Drivers on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue would still be able to enter Balboa Park at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Upas Street, drive south on Balboa Park and make left on El Prado. This part of the route will be the beginning at the beginning of the Walk and should be done by 9:30am, so the streets would reopen.

We plan to have minimal impact on Balboa Park and the surrounding community with our request for an extended route. We will use JDRF volunteers/route monitors to ensure walkers stay on all sidewalk paths.

We will work with Officer Debbie Freymueller, our City Liaison to manage the intermittent closures on Laurel Street/El Prado during the Walk.

Drivers will still be able to get into the park by taking Upas Street to Balboa Drive south, then left on El Prado across the bridge.

**Disabled Parking and Transportation:**

JDRF will direct ADA parking to the open sports on Balboa Drive. JDRF will require that walkers have an ADA placard to park in this lot. JDRF will be working with the City of San Diego to develop and manage the plan in more detail.

**Parking and Shuttle Plan:**

JDRF plans to provide free shuttle service from the Inspiration Parking lot to the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Laurel Street site for the Walk. The shuttles will drop off walkers on the corner of El Prado and Balboa Drive. They will then make a left on Balboa Drive and exit the park on Juniper Street. JDRF will take responsibility of getting shuttles and coordinating the plan of action. JDRF will also encourage walkers to take public transportation – MTS busses. 