



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Friday, Feb. 24, 2023

City of San Diego to Close River Crossings in Mission Valley Area Ahead of Rain

SELECT ROADS THAT CROSS SAN DIEGO RIVER WILL BE CLOSED STARTING TONIGHT TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY

SAN DIEGO – In anticipation of the storm forecasted to bring up to two and a half inches of rain Friday night into Sunday morning, the City of San Diego is closing river crossings in Mission Valley starting at 9 p.m. tonight. During heavy rains, flooding typically occurs in low-lying areas around the San Diego River. Drivers and pedestrians should avoid attempting to cross flooded roads.

The following streets will be closed starting at 9 p.m. tonight:

- Camino De La Reina at Camino De La Siesta (westbound).
- Camino De La Reina west of Avenida Del Rio (eastbound).
- San Diego Mission Road between Fairmount and Caminito Yucatan (eastbound and westbound).
- Qualcomm Way and Rio San Diego Drive (southbound only).
- Mission Center Road between Hazard Center Drive and Camino De La Reina (northbound).
- Ward Road at Camino Del Rio N (southbound).
- Camino Del Este between Station Village Drive and Camino De La Reina (northbound).
- Camino Del Este between Station Village Drive and Camino De La Reina (southbound).

San Diego Fire-Rescue Department swift water rescue teams have been activated and are ready to respond. Visitors are encouraged to avoid trails in the City's <u>Open Space Parks</u> as conditions can be slippery and dangerous for hikers during the wet weather.

Additionally, The Ocean Beach Pier remains closed after being damaged during storms and high surf earlier this year. The pier will remain closed until the damage can be assessed safely after the storm season has passed.

During the storm, San Diegans can report events, such as flooding or downed trees, by using the <u>Get It</u> <u>Done</u> application or by calling 619-527-7500. If it is a life-threatening emergency, call 911. For more information and resources on how to properly prepare before a storm, please visit the <u>City's Storm Preparedness</u> page.

