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**Amgen Tour of California Bicycle Race to Ride through the city of Ventura on
May 16; Motorists are Advised to Expect Road Closures**

On Thursday, May 16, 2019, the Women's start and Men's Stage 5 finish will bring 19 men's teams and 16 women's, totaling 285 bicycle riders and their support caravan vehicles through the city of Ventura. The start and finish line – as well as the free public festival – will take place on Shoreline Drive and the Ventura County Fairgrounds property. The tour, the largest professional cycling race in the country, will be broadcast live on NBC sports and over 200 countries and territories worldwide.

Road closures will be in effect from approximately 11:55 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The race moves at 25-30 mph and will likely pass by any given point in less than 5 minutes. The entire race caravan is approximately 1 mile in length. The California Highway Patrol will accompany the race and make efforts to minimize the impact on residents, businesses and traffic.

The public is encouraged to cheer on the riders as they ride through the streets of Ventura or at recommended viewing locations including Kellogg Park, Summit Drive atop Grant Park (walk-in only, no vehicles) and at the free, all-ages Amgen Tour of California hospitality and lifestyle festival starting at 10:45 a.m. at the start/finish line off Shoreline Dr. The public is also invited to volunteer as Course Marshall's to keep the course clear of pedestrians, spectators, and cars. Interested volunteers can register before May 13, 2019 at: <https://www.amgentourofcalifornia.com/forum/volunteer>

Race Route: The race route through the city of Ventura includes the following streets: Shoreline Dr., Figueroa St., Santa Clara St., Oak St., Poli St., Cedar St., Kellogg St., N. Ventura Ave., Ferro Dr., Brakey Rd., Summit Dr., N. Kalorama St., Hemlock St., E. Thompson Blvd., Sanjon Rd., Harbor Blvd.

The women's race begins at 12:10 p.m. from the start line on Shoreline Dr. Women racers will ride as a group at a 'neutral', uniform speed via Figueroa St., Santa Clara St., Oak St., Poli St., Cedar St., Kellogg St., and then head north on Ventura Ave, clearing Dakota Dr. by approximately 12:17 p.m.

The women's race is expected to return to the City limits at Dakota Dr. at 2:42 p.m. Riders will head south on Ventura Ave. to Kellogg St., Cedar St., Ferro Dr., Brakey Rd., Summit Dr., N. Kalorama St., Poli St., Hemlock St., E. Thompson Blvd., Sanjon Rd., Harbor Blvd. to Shoreline Dr.

The men's Stage 5 finish race, which starts in Pismo Beach, is expected to reach the City limits at Dakota Dr. at approximately 3:30 p.m. but could be as early as 2:43 p.m. depending on the speed of the riders. The men's route will follow the same finish route as the women's race, ending at Shoreline Dr. for a joint presentation and awards ceremony around 3:45pm.

[View the map here.](#)

Minimum Day Schedule for Schools on Race Route: Elementary and middle schools and boundary students along the race route will be subject to a minimum day schedule on May 16th. The affected schools include E. P. Foster, Sheridan Way, Lincoln, and Will Rodgers Elementary Schools, Cabrillo Middle School, De Anza Academy of Technology & the Arts (DATA), and Sunset Elementary in Oak View. The Ventura Charter School has implemented a non-student day.

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